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40th Anniversary Issue



Happy New Year Hundon! and Happy 40th Anniversary to the Hundon Herald, with apologies to the deliverers who faced heavier bags this issue!

There's no walk in this issue, but the next one is a doozy, and introduces a road name that I suspect very few have heard about, or used since the 18th century.

In this issue you'll find some of your usuals (bit of a quiet month after the festivities), along with a celebration of the Hundon Herald and 40 years of Hundon life, featuring brief histories and news from some of the groups that formed in the past 40 years, an (incomplete) timeline of memorable events, snippets from previous Heralds, and a selection of photos. Many thanks to all those who sent in information and photos, with extra thanks to Jai, Geoff Spooner, Janet Burrows, Martin and Barbara Waldron, Gill Shepstone, the 2000 Hundon parish study by Leonard Caton, and the Hundon Herald archives, for information, photos, help and support.

Happy reading!

Gillie

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## Deadline for the February issue is : 21st January (12 Noon)

Early submissions are very welcome, and are advised to avoid disappointment.

The editor reserves the right to edit, and also the right not to include submissions.

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# Happy 40th



The Hundon Herald is 40 this year! So we've a special bumper issue (40 pages for 40 years) this month stuffed full of curiosities and news from the last 40 years - and throughout the rest of 2026 you can expect little snippets and moments scattered through your regular pages, giving you plenty of time to send in more photos, memories, and "you didn't mention \_!"

So, please get in touch (contact details to the left) and keep the party going!

The main **Hundon Herald at 40** pages are to be found between pages 9 and 29.

As always, please send in your letters, photos, news, events, reviews, recipes, doodles, poems and short stories, requests, and articles. This is YOUR Hundon Herald - what do you want to see/read next?

A polite reminder for walkers to stick to footpaths and permissible routes and to avoid stomping straight across fields.



The Hundon Walks series will return next month. If you've missed one, you can find back issues of the Hundon Herald online : [www.hundon.org/herald](http://www.hundon.org/herald) Or contact the Gillie, the editor.

**NIGHT SKY EVENTS** Jupiter takes centre stage as it reaches opposition on January 10. It will appear slightly brighter and larger than usual on both January 9 and 10. It won't get this bold again until 2027.

To find it, head out around sunset and gaze eastward. It will remain above the horizon throughout the night, forming a makeshift triangle with Sirius and Orion's Belt.

## MOON PHASES FOR JANUARY 2026

Full Moon Jan 3rd 10:02 Wolf Moon	Last Quarter Jan 10th 15:48	New Moon Jan 18th 19:52	First Quarter Jan 26th 04:47

## WEEKLY SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES FOR HUNDON

Mon 5th Rise : 08:05 Set : 15:58	Mon 12th Rise : 08:01 Set : 16:10	Mon 19th Rise : 07:55 Set : 16:22	Mon 26th Rise : 07:47 Set : 16:34
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\*All times are in GMT / UT.

# MOBILE LIBRARY VAN

Bury St Edmunds Mobile Library Route 18.  
Calling in at Hundon (Village Hall car park)  
usually every four weeks on a Wednesday afternoon  
between 14:55 and 15:50.

Next Visit : **January 21st**

[suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/mobile-libraries](http://suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/mobile-libraries)



"For last year's words belong to last year's language...and to make an end is to make a beginning,"

- T. S. Eliot. *Thomas Stearns Eliot (26 September 1888 – 4 January 1965) was a poet, essayist and playwright.*

## • JANUARY 2026 MARKETS •

**WEEKLY**  
**Brandon** : Thursdays 8:30am to 1:30pm  
**Bury St Edmunds** : Weds and Sats - 9am to 4pm  
**Haverhill** : Fridays and Saturdays - 9am to 3pm  
**Sudbury** : Thursdays and Saturdays - 8am to 4pm  
**Mildenhall** : Fridays 9am to 2:30pm  
**Newmarket** : Tuesdays and Saturdays 9am to 3pm

For more info : [www.westsuffolkmarkets.co.uk](http://www.westsuffolkmarkets.co.uk)

### **Kedington Community Centre Market**

Saturday 10th January. 9am to 11.30pm  
(Please note : Saturday this month, but usually first Sunday of the month)

### **Wickhambrook Farmers Market**

Sunday 11th January. 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

### **Clare Monthly Market**

Saturday 17th January. 8:30am to 1:30pm

### **Lavenham Farmers Market**

Sunday 25th January. 10am to 1:30pm. Lavenham Village Hall. CO10 9QT

### **Sudbury Market**

Friday 30th January. Last Friday of every month, 9:30am - 2pm on Market Hill.

## **HUNDON SHOP & POST OFFICE REGULAR OPENING TIMES**

### **SHOP**

Monday to Saturday 8am – 1pm  
Sunday 10am – 12pm

### **POST OFFICE**

Monday to Saturday 9am – 1pm

Telephone : 01440 786223

# HUNDON VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE



**Wishing all of our customers, staff and volunteers  
a happy and healthy New Year**

As the Hundon Herald celebrates 40 years of fantastic communication with everyone in the village, all of us at The Village Shop and Post Office would like to thank everyone who has been involved in this publication from its early beginnings in 1986 through to today. As we recognise this milestone, we also remember that your Village Shop was 25 years old last year and we think of and thank everyone who has been involved in developing, managing and keeping the shop going. Many are no longer with us, some have moved away or simply retired from volunteering and of course some are still with us now, helping us to keep the shop open 7 days a week, 363 days of the year. To all of them, our heartfelt thanks.

Talking of volunteers, we are always in need of new people to join our team. Maybe you are new to the village. Maybe newly retired or maybe just never thought of it before. If you could offer a couple of hours a week in a friendly environment, then please do contact our shop manager Julie at the shop or on [julieo19@btinternet.com](mailto:julieo19@btinternet.com) or contact via our Facebook page on Hundon Village Shop and Post Office.

As another year passes and we move into 2026 it's business as usual at your village shop with all your needs covered.

Frozen foods, fresh foods a wide range of groceries and non-foods, bread and cake, stationary, alcohol, tobacco, medicines and newspapers and magazines. And of course, our marvellous Post Office with its huge range of services is looking forward to serving you again in 2026. In these days of banks disappearing from the high streets and cash machines often not working, your post office offers most of the services that you would have got from the bank. And of course, it's right here, no need to travel anywhere!

After all the bank holidays and changes to opening hours over Christmas and the New Year its back to normal hours in the shop from Friday 2nd January. A reminder if you are reading this before the New Year that on New Years Day, Thursday January 1st the Shop is open 10am-12pm and the Post Office is closed.

- Stewart Alderman

3 Chairman – Hundon Village Shop Committee

## Rector's Ramblings – January 2026 (A Light for the New Year : Stepping Out in Hope)



Happy New Year!

As the echo of Christmas carols fades and the sparkle of New Year celebrations subsides, we find ourselves on the threshold of January 2026. The calendar pages turn, offering us a fresh start—a clean slate.

This time of year often brings a mix of feelings: perhaps a little weariness after the festive rush, but also a palpable sense of opportunity and hope for the months ahead.

From a Christian perspective, this hope is far more than mere optimism; it is rooted in the continuous revelation of God's love. Just six days into the beginning of the year we celebrate Epiphany. This is the moment the Church remembers the Magi, the wise men from the East, who followed a star to find the Christ-child.

The story of Epiphany is, quite simply, a story of journey and discovery. It reminds us that Christ is a light not just for the people who were near him, but for all nations. The wise men had to step out in faith, leave their comfort zone, and follow the light they were given.

So I wonder what light are you being called to follow this year? Perhaps it's a quiet prompting to mend a relationship, to dedicate time to a neighbour, or to deepen your own prayer life. The Magi teach us to keep our eyes open, to be willing to embark on a new direction, knowing that the light of Christ will guide us. The New Year is an invitation to begin that journey.

Following the busy start, we move toward a lesser-known but equally profound marker: Candlemas (February 2nd). Candlemas gets its name from the tradition of blessing candles for the year ahead. This feast also commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple, forty days after his birth.

As we look ahead into 2026, let us resolve to be bearers of that light. In a world that can often feel dark, uncertain, or fragmented, our calling is to reflect the hope, peace, and love of God in our daily lives.

This might mean committing to a new resolution—perhaps to worry less, or to offer grace more freely. It could mean seeing the opportunity in the everyday

routine: a chance to smile at the postman, to listen patiently to a friend, or to offer a warm welcome to someone new in the community.

As your Rector, I pray that 2026 will be a year of profound blessing and purpose for all of us. So, let us take the lessons of Epiphany and Candlemas to heart: step out in faith, following the light we have been given, and then become a light for others.

May the peace of God be with you all in the New Year.

With every blessing,

*Mark*  
The Revd Mark Woodrow (Rector)



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH JANUARY 2026 SERVICES

**Sunday 11th January  
9am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 25th January  
Evensong 4pm**

Followed by refreshments  
[www.stourvalley.org.uk](http://www.stourvalley.org.uk)



*In Memoriam - Judith Tabor*  
- by her son, John



Judith Tabor lived at The Lodge, Hundon Hall for 45 years, where my brother and I grew up.

She was born in Long Melford to Francis and Mildred Brown in 1940. Following the end of the war, her family moved to Bocking, Braintree. Over this period her two younger sisters, Sheila and Margaret were born.

She attended Braintree Grammar School where she excelled in English and French, but as the family could not afford to send her away to university she began work in the family business in Black Notley, Braintree.

Despite never venturing outside the British Isles, Judith was an avid traveller, driving all over the UK with her Friend Maureen and Sister Margaret from the highlands of Scotland to the Welsh coast. I have a fond memory of her recounting having to reverse her Austin 10 over the Hard Knott pass in Cumbria because it would not go up the slope forwards! Later she managed to traverse the same route in an Austin A35 in the more conventional direction.

Judith was an avid bird watcher and through her membership of the Essex Wildlife Trust she met her husband, Ray Tabor. Judith and Ray married in 1978 when she moved to The Lodge, Hundon Hall, which he had recently purchased and was renovating.

Her sons John and Richard were born and grew up in Hundon, attending the village Primary School where Judith was an active PTA member and for many years running the office/book keeping for a local farm in Cowlinge.

Judith also took an active role in All Saints Church, including as treasurer for some time. Later as a staunch supporter of Hundon Village Shop, with a regular Thursday morning shift which she enjoyed and valued hugely, continuing even when caring for my father Ray at home following his diagnosis with Parkinsons disease.

She retained a keen interest in nature, feeding and recording birds and other wildlife in her garden at the Lodge, noting any interesting sightings in a special notebook, and taking a daily walk in the surrounding countryside, whatever the weather. She loved nothing more than to share these walks (and a Werthers Original toffee) with her three grandchildren who either visited her in Hundon, or who she'd drive to Essex to visit at the weekend. In 2024 she moved to Shalford, Essex to be closer to her Family, where she taught her granddaughter Emily knitting techniques.

Earlier in 2025 Judith was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease, and passed away peacefully at home in Shalford, Essex on 29<sup>th</sup> October, with her family close at hand. Her memorial service was held at All Saints Church, Hundon on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and her ashes buried with her husband Ray in the same, peaceful churchyard. She's fondly remembered by her Grandchildren, Sons and Sisters.





# Hundon Gardening Club

## Newsletter January 2026

### 2025 Review

Looking back at our programme I'm wondering where the year has gone! We've had visits to see snowdrops and bluebells in their masses, free entry to RHS Hyde Hall, to see their Flower Show. Unfortunately two visits had to be cancelled due to the extreme heat, decimating the flowers and plants we were going to see, but we have rescheduled to 2026 so fingers crossed we will make it then. We had our Free Taster Evening, learning about Clematis, The Queen of the Climbers. We've learnt about acid loving plants, pruning, wasps, garden birds and finishing last month with an amusing foray into stories about fruit and vegetables.

Our successful Annual Show in September saw 6 trophies going to non members and 3 going to members.



On a lovely Saturday afternoon in August we invited members to a 'Thank you for supporting us' afternoon tea in the church. It was such a success that we will be repeating it again in 2026.

### Looking forward to 2026

**Thursday 15th January** - AGM and Fun Social with a bite to eat, of course!

**Friday 6th February** visit is to Anglesey Abbey to see the wonderful sight of Snowdrops. **If you are a National Trust or Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) member entrance is free.** Hopefully we will be travelling by the CLASP Minibus. Entry to Anglesey Abbey for non-members of the NT or RHS is £18 per adult. They offer a Snowdrops: The Specialist Collection Tour for £5 extra. We will put out a sign-up sheet in January.

**Thursday 19th February** - is our annual **FREE TASTER EVENING** - Everyone is welcome to come along to hear Dr Ian Bedford, an entomologist, talking about **Butterflies in a Changing Environment.**

*Hundon Gardening Club wishes you all a Peaceful New Year!*

*- Janet Burrows*



Please remember to slow down and avoid making loud noises while passing horses.

Vehicles should pass horses at no more than 10mph and must allow at least 2 metres of space when passing.

Riders, Walkers and Cyclists are advised to wear something hi-vis that can be seen from front, side, above and behind.

Be polite - make eye contact with drivers and thank those who make any effort to accommodate you.

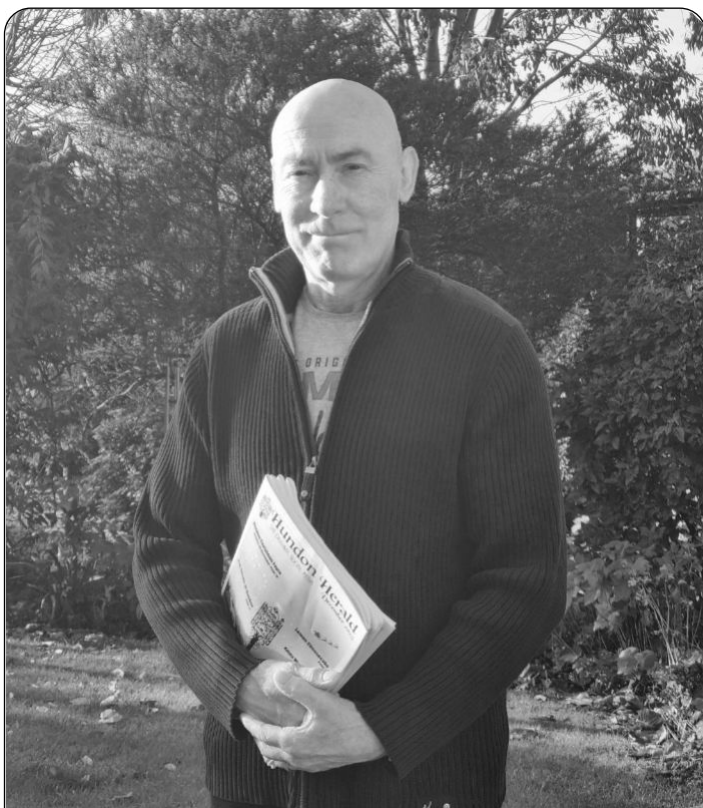
**DON'T LEAVE IT ON THE GROUND, YOU KNOW IT'S A SIN, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DOGGY'S DOO-DOO IN THE DOGGY-DO BIN!**



## Meet Your Hundon Herald Deliverers

Scattered through the 2026 issues of the Hundon Herald will be little intros from some of our volunteer deliverers. Turns out they're quite a shy bunch, so you might not see/hear from some of them - but, much like the air we breathe, though you may not see them, thankfully they're very much there, in all weathers, covering 13+ routes, and making sure Hundon residents receive their latest HH. I hope you'll join me in extending thanks to the wonderful HH Deliverers and wishing them all a very Happy New Year!

This month we meet one of our most recent deliverers :



“ My wife and I moved to Hundon in July this year from Grays in Essex, although I was born and bred in North London.

After 47 years working for Royal Mail, starting out as a messenger delivering telegrams, (who remembers them!!!!) through to postman and eventually manager, I finally took retirement.

We moved to Hundon looking for a quiet life and have found it here.

Delivering the Herald has brought me full circle as my first job, aged 14, was as a paperboy.

Loving our new home and village life. ”

- Dave Tillett

**HH Deliverer**

On behalf of all the children and parents at The Ballet Shoe Workshop we would like to congratulate the Hundon Herald on celebrating being 40 and thank you for all your support over the years.

- The Ballet Shoe Workshop

## How Lord Russel Met His Lady

Lord Russel de Were was competing at the Lists one day, when a messenger came to his castle, he was requested to go to his brother John de Were's castle as it was being attacked, and he had a wife and children.

So this worthy knight gathered his men and arms, and they set forth.

Several more men were gathered on the way.

Lord Russel was a well liked man, he had brought about law and order to the land, since his father died a year ago, even though he was still only twenty four.

They arrived at John de Were's castle in time, they fought a very fine battle, but won the day.

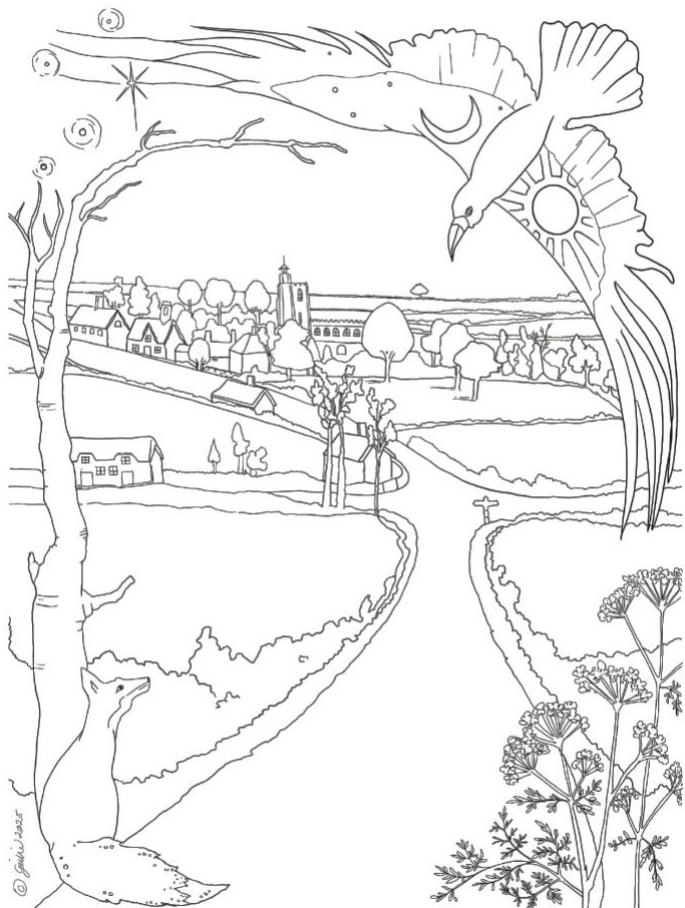
The next evening there was feasting and dancing.

Russel de Were had noticed a lovely lady, and asked his brother who she was. "That's the Lady Eleanor" said John, she is the daughter of a friend of mine.

And that is how Lord Russel met his Lady.

- by Yvonne Elizabeth Hicks.

# COLOUR ME



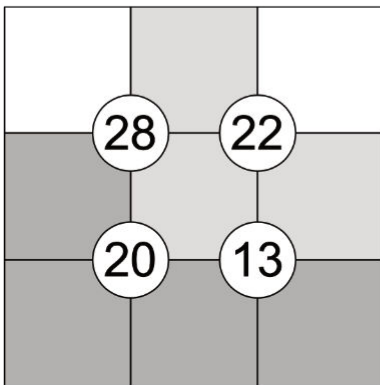
# Kobayaashi's Puzzle Page!



Puzzle solutions can be found on page 36

## SUKO®

“Place the numbers 1-9 in the spaces, so that the number in each circle is equal to the sum of the four surrounding spaces, and the totals for each coloured area are correct.”



## ParseWords®



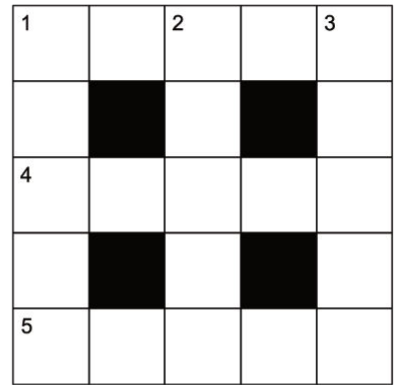
Make as many six-letter words as you can, by using one letter from each of the six columns, in the order shown.

One word for free : EATING.

20 : Good | 25 : Great | 30+ : Genius

## Five by Five

Mini Crossword Puzzle



Across :

1. Ingrained dirt
4. Command
5. Single digital dot

Down :

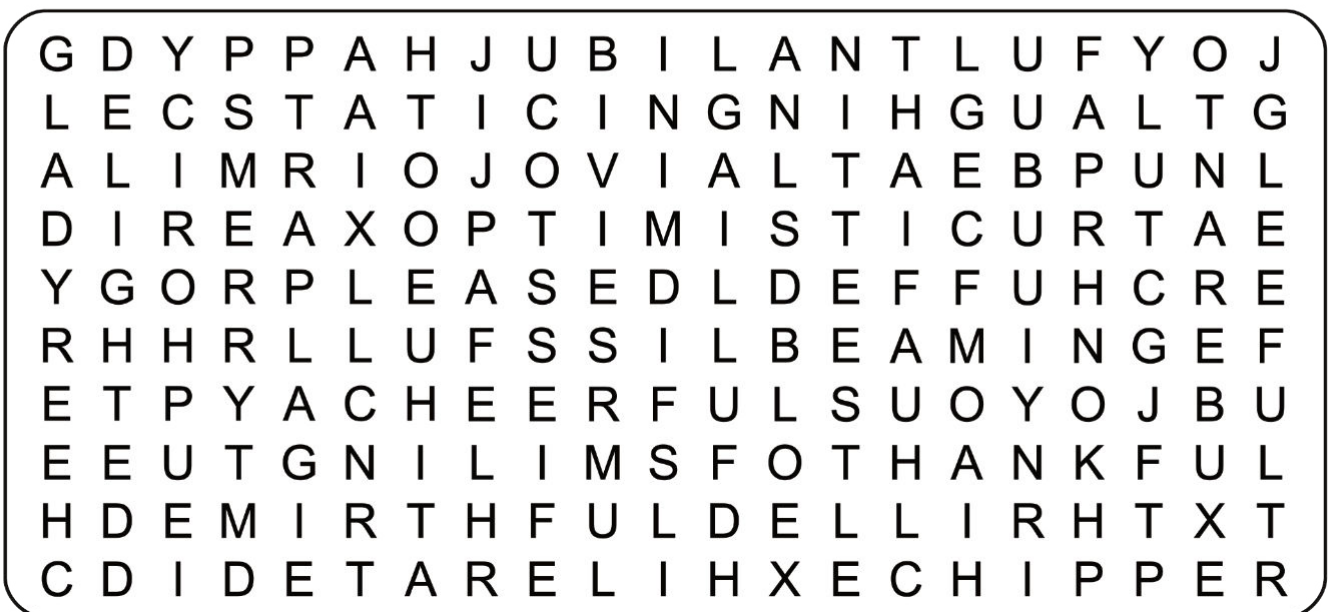
1. A set of things
2. Alphabetical list in book
3. Register



More exclusive puzzles from the twisted mind of Mr Kobayaashi can be found on Amazon.

## HAPPYTIME!!!

Can you find the 28 Happiness-related words hidden in the grid below? Answers may be written forward, backwards or diagonally...



Belated greetings from Beatie Wright of 20 Galley Road (Tel 543) for a very Happy New Year. We have now returned from our three-month holiday in Australia and New Zealand and although we have enjoyed ourselves immensely, visiting one of our sons and one of our daughters, also my brother, all with their respective families, we are glad to be back and are gradually recovering from jet-lag, but finding it difficult to adjust from scorching summer to arctic winter! The countries we visited are very conscious of the 'litter-bug' and their streets and public places compare very favourably with those of Britain which, indeed, must shock foreign visitors. This is something we must consider, not only in towns, but in villages. If bins are provided, they must be regularly emptied and that is the concern of council employees. \* (See David Newman's contribution).

We welcome newcomers to this lively village which has many organisations to suit all tastes and ages. May I, as producer of this monthly letter, suggest that you keep this first one for reference to organisations, telephone numbers, etc and that if at any time you have new neighbours, you pass on to them the details here published.

Here is a contribution from Father Jeremy Cooper, Vicar of Hundon and Barnadiston. He says: "We wish you good luck in the Name of the Lord" which would seem to be an appropriate text for the first issue of the 'Hundon Herald'. I hope to have the opportunity of commenting on different matters from time to time (and not always be concerned with money, as in the gift day letter). So your attention is drawn to the notice in the Church porch, available for inspection during daylight hours, regarding a complaint received about artificial flowers in the churchyard. If these are so placed on graves, the Parochial Church Council may remove them. Any query should be referred to: J.D.Mitson Diocesan Registrar, 22/28 Museum St. IPSWICH, Suffolk, IP1 1HZ, Tel: 213221). Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 12th February and five Radio broadcasts can be heard on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock. This is an ecumenical venture and the dates concerned are 20th & 27th February, 6th, 13th & 20th March. Respectively, the titles are: 'Why believe in God?', 'What did Jesus come for?', 'Why did the Church begin?', 'Why different Churches?' and 'What now?'. Radio Orwell: 257 m M.W.1170 kHz, or 97.1 F.M. Stereo: also Saxon Radio: 240 m M.W.1251 kHz or 96.4 F.M. Stereo. Further details about group meetings in this village on Friday evenings can be obtained from Chapel or Church."

From the Registers: Deaths

- 8th January : Jack Carvell (66) of Farmerie Road - funeral held in Church on the 16th - followed by private cremation. Burial of Ashes at Hundon later.
- 10th January : Arthur Jones (62) of Mill Lane - funeral held in Church on 21st - followed by cremation at Cambridge.

HUNDON PARISH COUNCIL which meets every month in the Village Hall, and is presided over by Mr. David Newman, consists of a committee of six, namely Messrs. V.Hart, J.Hinson, R.Ling, H.Norman, D.Notley and Mrs.J.Wilkin. The Clerk is Mrs. J.Dean. Following is a letter from Mr. Newman:-

It is with a great deal of admiration for Mrs.Wright that I write enclosing details of your Parish Council for inclusion in the Herald. Though Parish meetings may be attended by the public it is indeed rare for them to do so, usually only if an item is on the Agenda to which they wish to reply or to approach the Council. There are two major problems that come to us and with which you may be able to help.

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First, the council owns the football meadow and leases it to your local Football team. They have a problem because some in the village are allowing their pets to foul the area; could we ask that this be reduced, please. Secondly, your money will have to be used to pay for the cleansing of the bus shelter; vandalism is an insidious item in our society and the money could be used for other more essential items. Finally, we would like to enter the Village competition but unless we can count on your help with such things as litter and vandalism, there is little point. \*(See Editor's note). Should you feel strongly about any of the above or, indeed, any particular item within the scope of the Parish Council, please give me a ring anytime - HUNDON 463 - DAVE NEWMAN."

ORGANISATIONS, LEADERS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, &C. (if any omitted, please let me know.

HALL CARETAKER - Pam Andrews - Tel.671

YOUTH CLUB Mr. & Mrs. Wall: Tel: 516 - meets in Hall on Monday evenings

EVERGREEN CLUB Mr. H. Fisher: Tel: 464 - " " " on alternate Monday afternoons - next meeting 3rd February.

SUDBURY TABLE

TENNIS LEAGUE Mr. Terry McGerty: Tel: 410

LADIES' KEEP-FIT CLASS Mrs Doreen Palmer-Randle Tel: ? - Tues.8-9 pm.

MOTHER & TODDLER - Mrs. Sharon Bambridge: Tel: 385 - Tuesday afternoons.

PLAYGROUP Monday, Wednesday & Thursday - 9.00 am to noon.

HUNDON SINGERS - David Hart: Tel 260 - meet at Bachelors Hall, mostly on Thursdays. New singers of all voices would be welcomed.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - meets on second Thursday of each month. President is Mrs. Carole Weston, Tel: 569; Secretary, Mrs. M. Notley, Treasurer, Mrs. D. Daly, Press Correspondent, Mrs. B. Doble. Committee members: Mesdames V. Scanlon, M. Thomas, N. Savage, M. Ince, I. Howard and F. Hurcombe. Next meeting Thursday 13th February - members reminded to bring No.8 knitting needles and double-knitting wool to make articles for the new Hospice in Bury, St. Edmunds. Please bring favourite recipe. Competition is for a Valentine's gift. Jumble Sale on Saturday 15th February. Watch shops for notice of Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race:

UPHOLSTERY CLASS - Mrs. Hipkin, of the Old White House, Upper North Street, runs a class for this art, under the auspices of the W.I.

CHURCH FLOWERS - Mrs. Molly Claydon would welcome some more ladies to join the Flower Circle for arranging the flowers.

The Doctors serving Hundon both practise from Clare Surgeries. They are:-  
Dr. J. Carter: Clare 523 and Dr. R. Chase : Clare 314. Dentists are to be found in Haverhill only.

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT. This is Mrs. Joy Sard and any news item, forthcoming event or action from a meeting or from all organisations in Hundon, can be used in local newspapers. Just ring her on 312 or put the information through the door of 1 Clare Road (house on the crossroads).

VILLAGE AMENITIES.

There is a Bus service (Bury, Wednesdays; Sudbury, Thursdays; Haverhill, Fridays)  
10 am 11 am 12.45 pm  
from Post Office Stores and other points.

There is a Bakery delivery on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays the Fish man delivers on Wednesdays only, and refuse is collected on Wednesday morning.

Quite a few Hundon ladies bake, and make craft to sell at the W.I. market on Fridays at Clare Town Hall - 10 am to noon. This is worth a visit for home-grown flowers, vegetables, as well as cakes and craft.

Mobile Library - Monday afternoon at Village Hall.

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BUSINESSES IN HUNDON?

Two new ones have been formed. Marion Howes has started a business called Floral Design and she takes orders for all events. She can provide flowers fresh and in silk. Phone her on 203. Her next-door neighbour, Sancha Turner, has just become a qualified Chiropodist and will call at people's homes. Phone 361. Tim Coad is also a one man business and Alf Letch at the Farm Shop on the Clare Road, can be useful to new residents as his fruit and vegetables, and new-laid eggs, are very reasonably priced. (May I humbly mention my typing business?). Good luck to them all!

FOR SALE: Vanguard Buttonholer attachment can be used on any electric sewing machine. £5. Contact Mrs.J.Sard (Hundon 312).  
Chest freezer 14 cubic feet - £25 + high-back arm chair - £5.  
Contact Mrs.B.Wright (Hundon 543)

There has been much in the media lately regarding Sunday trading and a campaign to persuade MPs to oppose government plans has been launched by a coalition of opponents to shop-hours reform. These include Church leaders, retailers, trade unionists and social organisations. The campaign is called 'Keep Sunday Special'. There is, indeed, some amendment needed regarding the anomalies of Britain's archaic laws on shop opening hours and none of us, I believe, is against the small local shops opening for a few hours on a Sunday morning, but the vision of High Streets thronged with crowds as we see during weekdays is appalling and would not really appeal to those who have always appreciated the quietness and the 'feeling' of its being Sunday. Many of us have signed a 'Keep Sunday Special' petition. The Vicar has a sheet for signatures and will be glad for those who care about this to approach him.

I trust I have covered all the material I have been given, but I feel sure there must be others who would like their activities mentioned ... WHAT ABOUT THE SCHOOL? My deadline for the next edition is 18th February and I must stick to that. As Editor, I also reserve the right to condense material. If you remember to keep this first copy, perhaps making notes in your diaries of names and telephone numbers, the next letter can be much reduced in size.

FOR YOUR AMUSEMENT

From the letters below see how many words of four or more letters you can make, up to and including the whole word consisting of the ten letters. Every word must use the single letter on the right of the downstroke but in no word must a letter appear more times than shown for instance, there is only one 'T'.

MNE |  
TYE | E  
RLA |

This is no competition but I should be happy to hear from any who achieve 46 (good), 49 (very good) or 54 (excellent).

FINALLY, will all contributors please put all items in writing and drop the notes through my letter box. Please don't forget - 18th February deadline.



## The Hundon Herald

The Hundon Herald was started in January 1986 by Mrs. Beatrice (Beattie) Wright of Galley Road and was delivered with the 'Echo' free newspaper or could be collected at the Post Office or shop. Its aim was to provide local news and notice of events.

In September 1991 Mrs. Jean Evans of The Green, North Street, took over as the Editor and it was expanded to a larger format.

After producing it monthly for seven years, Mrs. Evans handed over to Mr. Knight and he became the Editor in November 1998.

In November 2001 Gill Shepstone took over the role of editor, initially with her son, James. Incredibly, Gill carried on as editor for over 22 years (!!) before handing the Herald on (with a sigh of relief) to the current editor, Gillie Robson, in January 2024.

The Herald now has a colour cover, with occasional colour centre spreads (thanks to additional funding from the Broxton Solar Community Fund), and includes news and events from the village groups, along with photos, puzzle page and colouring in, recipes, letters, local walks, articles of interest and 'Faces of Hundon', and pretty much anything residents and friends of Hundon wish to send in.

Now printed by RedSideUp, at least 550 paper copies of this informative magazine are delivered each month, with a growing number of digital copies being requested for those who have moved away from Hundon, or who just prefer a digital copy.

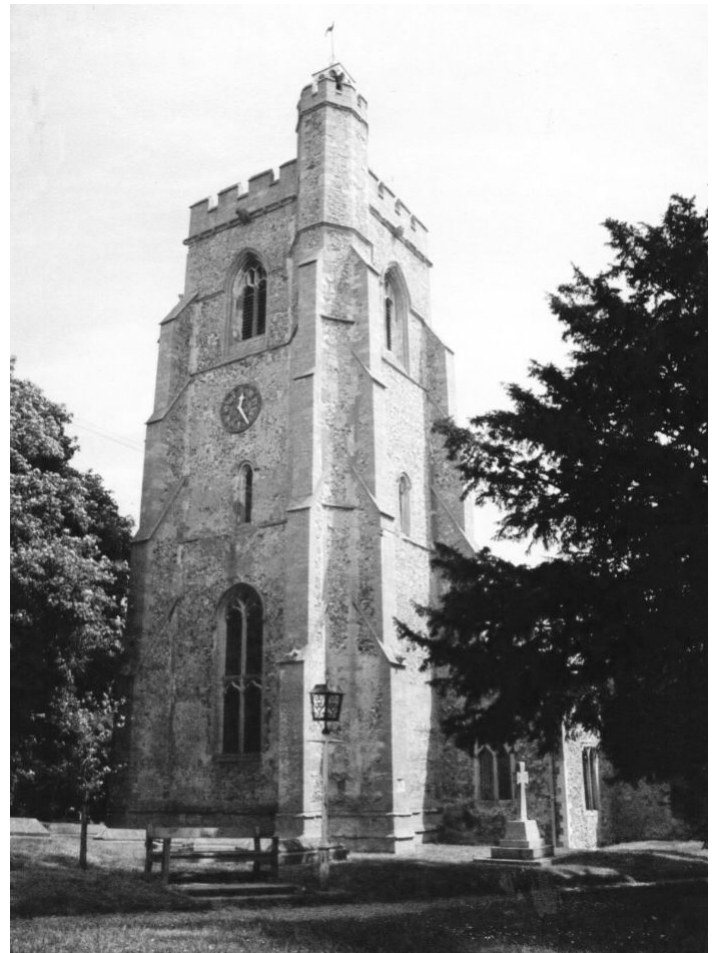
Over the following pages you'll find brief introductions to some of the village groups which have formed during the last 40 years, followed by a selection of 'snippets' from previous Hundon Heralds, and an (incomplete) timeline of some of the memorable events Hundon has seen over the last 40 years, along with some scattered among the words, and some stunning colour views of Hundon on the centre pages.

As we celebrate 40 years of this community paper, I guess the question now is... *got a story to share?*

### MEMORIES

Several years after my Dad, Jeremy became Vicar of Hundon in 1982, a retired couple, Beatrice (Beattie) and Len Wright relocated to Hundon, moving into a bungalow on Galley Road. Beattie was a Lay Reader and Len a church organist, and both became involved in church and village life. Beattie approached Dad to ask if she could start a monthly church magazine/newsletter. Dad offered to write a monthly article as Vicar. I think Beattie initially typed the Herald on a typewriter and then used an old-fashioned duplicator to print it. I can't believe that's now 40 years ago, and I'm delighted that the Herald continues to go from strength to strength.

- Martin Cooper  
Southwell, Nottinghamshire



View of Hundon All Saints Church taken in 1989, showing where the War Memorial stood before it was moved to its current location on North Street in 2000.

The War Memorial was originally located on North Street, (towards the south end) but was moved to the Churchyard when the Farmerie Road estate was built in the 1970s. Unveiling of the War Memorial c.1921 :



The War Memorial now stands on the grassy patch in front of the Village Hall :



## Hundon Village Hall & Social Club



Hundon Village Hall, the community building at the heart of the village, was almost 30 years old by the time the Hundon Herald first put ink to paper.

The Village Hall was very much a community project, conceived and started in 1955 and completed in 1957.

## Hundon Art Club

The Hundon Art Club kicked off in October 2025 following a successful submission for funding support via the Hundon Broxted Community fund. The sessions were originally funded to run for 6 months from October to March and are currently heavily subsidised at £5 including all materials and running once per month on a Sunday morning in the village hall.



The first sessions in October and November focused on getting creating a safe space, having fun and getting familiar with acrylic paint, experimentation and play. I was very impressed at the noticeable improvement and willingness to experiment by participants by the end of the second session - there were lots of smiles and people were relaxed and happy with what they had produced! The December session had a shift back to basics and focused on working in black and white with charcoal, chalk and black acrylic exploring mark making on paper. Future sessions will explore more new areas each month and I am pleased to confirm that the sessions will continue to be offered after March at a price of £10 per session which will continue to include all materials and also included a tea/coffee and biscuit - a bargain!! It is a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, very encouraging and you need not have any prior art experience at all, just come ready to play! There are currently 20 places and we are quite full but if you are interested in joining a session please contact me.

- Libby Brooks

## The Ballet Shoe Workshop

The Ballet Shoe Workshop has been teaching dance in Hundon since 1992. We started with just 10 students and have grown to just over 80. During this time we have nurtured budding ballerinas from the age of 3 up to 19 years of age with many of them staying with us for the full 15/16 years. We have trained some to be dance teachers themselves but the majority just attending for fun, exercise and the social aspect of making new friends.



The highlight of our calendar is always our Christmas performance which has over the years gone from a small budget with home made costumes and a little dance for each group to what it is now an explosion of sequins, feathers, glitter, tutus and sparkles and a different story each year for the children to bring to life on stage.

Though we haven't been going as long as the Hundon Herald's 40 years we are close with almost 34 years behind us and it has truly been a privilege to be a part of so many children's lives for so long.

- Alison Law



## Hundon Carpet Bowls Club

Hundon Carpet Bowls Club was first formed as a social club for the people of Hundon in 1989 by the late Wilf Minshull, having about 50 members. Starting with 1 carpet and 1 set of woods, members taking turns to bowl, while other played cards and darts, etc, socialising with their own brought bevis.

As members became more serious about bowling, another mat and woods were purchased and we got a grant from The National Lottery for the roller to put the mats on, organised by Mick and Ann Hathaway.

We then started entering into the Bury and Suffolk bowls leagues matches. Ralph and Linda Sadgrove, and Neil and Mary O'Donoghue, were some of the first members, and are still bowling at 80-90 years of age! Many members have sadly passed away, and we now have members from surrounding villages.

A few years ago we had our own yearly dinner and dances in the village hall. After the dinner was over, people came from the villages to enjoy the music and dancing.

Some members play in Sunday competitions, with money being raised for different charities. Some have played for the county.

- Mary O'Donoghue.



Photo taken after an In Club competition. Wilf Minshull is 1st left, top row.



Photo taken at Needham Market having won the Suffolk Bowls Chairmans Plate.

## Hundon Community Café

The Community Café started in 2010, with Jan McLardy doing all the groundwork. Jan based the prices on a cafe run by a church in Haverhill (the one just over the road from the Haverhill Clinic, just up from the library). It was priced so that anyone could afford it.

Occasionally Tom McLardy would compose a quiz, and the café had books, cds and dvds to borrow. Community police would pop in (just to say hi!), and the Rural Coffee Caravan would call, offering advice and leaflets. Some of those attending the café belonged to the village singing group, so at Christmas time they would treat us to Carol Singing. Once a year, usually between September and Christmas, the village school would contact us to ask if the latest year group of children could come up to experience taking part in a village activity, which of course everybody enjoyed.

Following the school children experiencing the cafe many of them became regulars, coming with mums, dads, grans, grandads, carers etc, they played in the side room with games that parents stored at the hall. Many were regulars until they graduated to middle school even then they still came, straight off the bus!

We had a regular band of helpers - in the kitchen on a rota, and to help with setting up. These included, Ivan Cook, Tom Huke, Julie Starling, Chris Fish, Janet Jennaway, Jeane Douglas, Melody Gosling, Rosemary, Rosalyn Robinson, Jan Fallaize, Joan Cook, Ann Eaton, Brenda Robinson, Joy Sard, Barbara Waldron.

Occasionally we put on an afternoon tea for The Evergreens, supplying cake and tea for their afternoon get together.

Finally in 2020, Coronavirus hit us and we had to close, and I took the opportunity to hang up my pinny.

When the pandemic was over, Caroline Baxter came along and took on the café, I was there as non-working support if she needed it. She made a very good go at it, including putting on real afternoon teas including sandwiches and cake for the Evergreens. However, Caroline had the opportunity to return to education, and so moved on from the café.

The stars of the next chapters were Loraine Callow and The Cake Ladies, who ran things for 2 years, and then finally Jai & Gillie, who have been the face of the café for the past year, treating visitors to a variety of (vegetarian!) homemade food, along with music, colouring table, and games for the kids (and some grown-ups!).

All in all, it's been a bit of an adventure, and we all hope that this isn't the end. Fingers crossed, 2026 will bring along new volunteers, and the story of this plucky little village hub can continue...

- Janet Burrows



## Hundon Gardening Club

In December 1992 the inaugural meeting of the Gardening Club was held in the village hall after a keen gardener in Windmill Rise suggested in the Hundon Herald it would be a good idea, and supported by the then HH editor, Jean Evans.

16 people turned up and a temporary committee was formed, led by Marjorie Morris, an Australian lady living in Lower North Street.

We met in the primary school for 5 months, until the small chairs proved too much for us, and we moved to the village hall, and the yearly subs were £3. (Now £10, excellent value for money!).

30 people turned up for the first meeting, a talk on Pruning by Ian Pitcairn, who lived in Farmerie Road. Member numbers rose to 37 in the first year 1993.

A very successful plant market was held each year to raise funds, as speakers were and still are, quite expensive!

The first Annual Show was held in July, with 10 classes, including ones for children, (now there are usually over 40). Charlie Smith was the first Premier shield winner.

The first Open Gardens was held in 1995 in aid of St Nicholas Hospice and our first trip was to Hyde Hall RHS Garden.

The club continues to flourish, despite covid, and members have visited many fascinating gardens over the last 32 years, including Highgrove House and Gardeners World live at the NEC.

- Barbara Waldron



## HATA

Hundon Allotment Field is a 6.75-acre green space at the heart of the village, owned by the Rogeron Trust. In 2019 the Trust explained that the field's maintenance costs far exceeded allotment income and asked tenants to form a committee. At the same time, "use it or lose it" notices appeared in the Herald, and rumours began circulating that the Trust's land agent had submitted the site for potential housing development.

HATA was formally established in December 2019. At its first meeting with the Trust in July 2020, the group learned that the development plans would include removing the central allotments entirely. In response, HATA set out a strategy to strengthen community use of the field and highlight its environmental value, making development harder to justify.

During autumn and winter 2020, volunteers created a wildflower meadow by removing nutrient-rich hay and sowing yellow rattle. A grant from Broxted funded the first 30 fruit trees of the Community Orchard, planted by 60 volunteers with the support of Greener Growth.

As surveyors assessed the site for a proposed 53 homes, HATA prepared a detailed proposal to take on full management (and costs) of the field for the benefit of the community and nature. Supported by the Parish Council, this proposal was accepted by the Rogeron Trust in June 2021.

Since then, nearly 150 trees have been planted, wildlife corridors established, and at least 54 species of flowering plants recorded in the meadow. Volunteers maintain the extensive network of permissive footpaths, manage the two watercourses with expert guidance, and run well-attended community events including Wassailing, Beltane, plant sales and nature walks.

Over five years, HATA volunteers have saved the Rogeron Trust an estimated £15,000 in maintenance costs—money that has instead supported charitable causes in Hundon.

We will be starting additional fund-raising activities in the new year to allow us to buy a replacement for our elderly ride-on mower.

HATA will continue to work towards its long-term goals: enhancing community access, increasing biodiversity, and protecting the allotment field as the green heart of Hundon.

- Fiona Gould



## Hundon Hedgehog Rescue

Hundon Hedgehog Rescue has been operating in the village for over 15 years and has saved over 1000 hedgehogs and put them back into the wild in and around the village and local towns.

It started when Jill Brown found a tiny hedgehog in her garden out in the snow one night and took it to a lady in Haverhill for assistance. Further babies were found during the next winter and taken to another rescue to be over wintered. They suggested we set up and operate our own rescue here, which we duly did. We trained how to spot problems by sampling poo under a microscope and use suitable medicine, A job that Fiona Lodge took on as she had been a nurse before retiring, We started working with Swaynes vets in Haverhill, who we continue to work with to this day. We also work with Vale Wildlife Centre, who supply information nationally and are recognised as the experts by the BHPS.

We soon discovered that hedgehogs all have their own character and some have been 'more interesting' than others'. Hoppy was a front leg amputee due to a injury – the vets operated and he was given a home in a walled garden in Clare, where he lived for many years and was joined by several other hogs who could not go back to the wild. We also have a second walled garden in Bury, Mabel is our 'Old Lady', with three legs, who can't have too many towel to curl up into during the day and seems to enjoy going out on the talks we give to clubs and schools. Tyson would attack anyone who opened his cage and Perry was bald, having lost all his spikes, just to name a few

Over the years many people in the village have helped us. As volunteers in our hedgehog rescue to keep them all clean and fed. Taking in hogs during the winter when we have run out of space in our shed. Making wood bedroom boxes and hedgehog houses. Supplying us with hand towels and newspapers to use in the cages and helping us raise funds to keep us going. We thank you all and the Hundon Herald for allowing us to advertise events we have carried out over the years.

Unfortunately hedgehogs are now recognised as 'vulnerable to extinction' due to a number of factors. If you would like information on how you can help or organise a group talk we are happy to oblige.

- Jill Brown



Mr McPrickles, the HHR Mascot, made by Kitty Best. 16

## RATS

Radical Arts Theatre School was a rag-tag band of wonderful misfits, headed by Jai Kobayaashi Gomer and Gillie Robson, who acted up a storm between 2016 and 2018.

RATS started with an original musical, Rats Upon A Time, which was rehearsed and performed during the summer school holidays, 2016, and was acted entirely by local children and performed to a packed village hall.



RATS continued after the summer with weekly classes, sometimes held in the village hall, but also at the primary school, focusing on a range of creative and theatrical skills and projects, from small-scale stop-frame-animation and green-screen filming, to small plays and putting on musicals at the village hall (including costume and prop production). RATS also produced a music video in Hundon Churchyard for the Halloween Jive.



Main Productions : Rats Upon A Time...  
The Greatest Halloween Panto, Ever!  
One Of Our Dwarf's Is Missing  
Halloween Jive - music video  
Nobody - a short film  
Cabbage - a short film



## Hundon Village Hall Social Club

The Hundon Village Hall Social Club, as many residents know it today, began in its current form in the early 1990s, following the construction of the hall extension. From the very start, the Club was set up with a clear purpose: to provide members with inclusive opportunities for social interaction, recreation, and refreshment, while encouraging and prioritising membership from residents of the Parish of Hundon.

That mission still stands today.

The Social Club operates with its own separate accounts, and under no circumstances are bar proceeds used for Social Club activities. Instead, all profits are passed back to the Village Hall to help cover maintenance, improvements, and the long-term running of the building for the whole village. The social club has always been self-funded through the events it hosts and through the membership fees it collects yearly.

Over the last three decades, this model has made a real difference. Since the early 1990s, more than £210,000 in combined bar profits has been returned to the Village Hall. This includes around £70,000 used to repay the cost of building the hall extension. Kevin Smith played a significant role in running the Social Club, and his dedication helped shape the Club into what it is today. Those early foundations continue to support the Hall and the wider community, supported by the Chairmen who followed Kevin, including Jo Davis, Shaun Clerkin and Gary McLoed.

Like many village organisations, the Social Club faced a tough few years during Covid. Despite this, careful management meant the bars stayed financially viable through an incredibly challenging period.

In 2025, the Social Club entered a new chapter, with Aaron Flack taking on the role of Chairman. As activity began returning closer to pre-COVID levels, club functions and hall bookings increased, and £12,000 was transferred back to the Village Hall during the year. Membership also grew significantly, doubling over the previous five years and now standing at 188 members at the time of writing.

The past year has also seen a renewed effort to bring fresh energy into the Social Club. Better communication and advertising have helped spread the word, alongside new events such as quiz nights and the summer BBQ. These have sat alongside well-loved regulars, helping to welcome new faces while keeping familiar ones coming back.

Looking ahead to 2026, the focus is on doing even more of what the Social Club exists for: bringing people together. Plans include Family Bingo, an Elvis Night, a Murder Mystery evening, and a wider mix of social events throughout the year for all ages.

Above all, the Social Club exists for the village, and because of the village. None of this would be possible without the continued support of members, volunteers, and everyone who chooses to spend time at the club. The Social Club is proud to be part of Hundon's story and looks forward to many more years serving the community.

- Aaron Flack

## Yoga For Every Body

**6** Yoga For Every Body celebrates its 6<sup>th</sup> birthday alongside the Hundon Herald's 40<sup>th</sup> this month.

No sooner did the new Yoga group get off the ground, we were forced into the pandemic lock-down of March 2020, which was when Zoom classes streamed from my living room in Lower North Street out across Hundon.

It was a time of learning and adapting to a new way of joining together, which we all found to be a great source of connection in an uncertain and often lonely world. Our yoga practice bonded us, and gave us routine and relationship, as it continues to do today.

The Chair Yoga group was a slow starter, with 6 faithful and eager yogis gathered together in one corner of the Village Hall for practice. Now six years on, we are a very merry band of over 20 people with four of the original 6 still stretching and strengthening every Monday morning.

Most of the founder members of the Tuesday group are also still bending into shapes every week too, which delights me and fills my heart with gratitude.

It never fails to bring me joy when new people nervously join the class, worried that they aren't flexible enough, or unsure of what to do or how to do it, only to be welcomed so very warmly that they feel instantly at ease and able to explore the beautiful practice of Yoga alongside a supportive and caring group of new friends.

We are blessed to have such a spacious, bright & airy (and always clean) space for our Yoga at the Village Hall, and extend our thanks to David & Noelle and the all the committee members for their tireless work in keeping it so.

So from all the Hundon Village Hall Yogis, a very Happy Birthday to the Herald, with huge appreciation and gratitude to Gillie for making it an imaginative, informative and interesting read every month and for keeping us all connected.

- Sally Russo



# An (incomplete) timeline of memorable events from the last 40 years in Hundon

1986 FIRST ISSUE OF THE HUNDON HERALD

Beatrice Wright becomes the first editor of the Hundon Herald. The very first issue is just 3 sides of A4.

1987 HURRICANE OF '87

The last beech tree on the Cricket Meadow is blown down during the hurricane of 1987.

1989 HUNDON CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Hundon Carpet Bowls Club is formed.

1991 SECOND EDITOR OF HUNDON HERALD

Jean Evans takes over from Beatrice Wright and becomes the second editor of the Hundon Herald.

1991 FIRST FEMALE HUNDON HEADTEACHER

Elizabeth Steele becomes the first female headteacher of Hundon Primary School.

1992 THE BALLET SHOE WORKSHOP

The Ballet Shoe Workshop is formed in 1992 by Alison Law.

1992 SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club is officially formed in September 1992.

1992 HUNDON GARDENING CLUB

Hundon Gardening Club formed in 1992.



1993 FIRST HGC ANNUAL SHOW

The first Hundon Gardening Club Annual Show held.

1994 CRICKET CLUB PAVILION

Hundon Cricket Club receives a new pavilion in the form of a portacabin on the Cricket Meadow.

1995 RAF MEMORIAL DEDICATED

RAF memorial in North St is dedicated on May 14 1995. Built by volunteer labour and paid for by money raised from the good people of Hundon.

1997 SHOP & PO CLOSED

The Shop and Post Office on North Street closed.

1997 FIRST HUNDON SUPERSTARS

The first Hundon Superstars Competition event is held on May Day Bank Holiday Monday.

1998 THIRD HUNDON HERALD EDITOR

Steven and Joanna Knight take over as editors of the Hundon Herald.

1999 THE HUNDON PLAYERS



The Hundon Players are officially formed in December 1999, with their first performance taking place in Feb 2000.

1999 NORTH STREET CHAPEL CLOSED

The Chapel on North Street closed.

2000 VILLAGE SHOP OPENS

The community run Village Shop first opens its doors to customers on May 2nd 2000.

2000 THE GREAT HUNDON RUN

The Great Hundon Run takes place on July 9th 2000.

2000 ALL WEATHER SPORTS FACILITY

Work begins on the all weather AstroTurf sports facilities.

2000 HUNDON 2000

The *Parish of Hundon 2000* book is published by Leonard Caton, featuring a brief history of Hundon and interviews from 147 residents.

2001 YOGA FOR EVERY BODY

Yoga For Every Body is formed.

2001 FOURTH HUNDON HERALD EDITOR

Gill Shepstone takes over (initially with her son James Shepstone) as the fourth editor of the Hundon Herald.

2002 QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Queen's Golden Jubilee Picnic and events take place in Hundon.

2002 DEAD TREE MAST

The 'dead tree' mast is erected late 2002.

2003 BBC RADIO SUFFOLK

Live from Hundon on Saturday 1st February, Jim Ensom meets with villagers to talk about what it is like to live in Hundon.

2004 HUNDON MIDSUMMER MUSIC

Hundon hosts its first musical weekend in June 2004, with concerts, shows and gigs held at the Rose & Crown, Village Hall, and Church.

2010 COMMUNITY CAFE

The Hundon Community Café pours its first cup of tea in 2010.

2012 QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Picnic and events take place in Hundon.

2013 HUNDON WINE CLUB



Hundon Wine Club is officially formed in 2013.

2013 WIND TURBINE

Whilst technically not in Hundon, the wind turbine which sits at the edge of the Hundon / Clare boundary is erected in 2013.

2013 BROXTED SOLAR FARM

Construction begins on Broxted Solar Farm.

2014 THURLOW AND HUNDON SCHOOLS

Thurlow and Hundon Primary schools becomes federated in 2014.

2015 HUNDON WINS AN AWARD

Hundon wins Most Active Large Village In Suffolk award.

2015 CHURCH ROOF LEAD STOLEN

Lead from the All Saints Church roof is stolen between 5pm Thursday Sept 17th and 9am Friday September 18th 2015.

2016 RATS

Radical Arts Theatre School is officially formed, with the first musical 'Rats Upon A Time...' being rehearsed and performed during the Summer Holidays of 2016.

2016 LOW FLYING APACHE

A low flying Apache helicopter brought down nearby power cables and made a "controlled, precautionary landing" at Hundon Grange after it strikes nearby power cables.

2019 HATA

Hundon Allotment Tenants' Association is formed in 2019.

2020 HUNDON VILLAGE SHOP OPENS

The Village Shop serves their first customer May 2nd. 19

2020 WAR MEMORIAL MOVED

The War Memorial is restored and relocated to North Street (outside the Village Hall).

2020 HUNDON MARATHON

The Hundon Marathon takes place 4th October 2020. The route is Hundon to Whepstead, 26 miles, and 50 runners participate.

2022 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Hundon celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with the Lighting of the National Beacon, a Treasure Hunt, Tree Planting, a Cricket Tournament, Dance Exhibition, and Talent Show, The Big Jubilee Lunch, Music, Dog Show and more.

2023 STORM BABET

Storm Babet hits Hundon.

2024 FIFTH HUNDON HERALD EDITOR

Gillie Robson becomes the fifth editor of the Hundon Herald.

2024 FIRST JUNIOR JOURNALIST

Holly Proud joins the Hundon Herald as our first official Junior Journalist.

2024 THE CHANGING ROOMS

14th September 2024 sees the grand opening of the changing rooms and sports facilities - later to be officially named The George Eady Pavilion.

AND...

As the heading states, this is an *incomplete* timeline of memorable events, and so many things have been left off, not least the pancake races !! (including the 1994 pancake race which had to be cancelled because of snow) - and can anyone remember which year the swimming pool was emptied?

Over the years, Hundon has seen numerous festivals and fayres, car shows, live music events, folk nights, annual visits from Belchamp Morris and friends, flower festivals, shows, dances and discos, BBQs, talent shows, plays, pantomimes and musicals, choirs, rock nights, quiz nights, Burns nights, bingo, treasure hunts, open gardens, fund raisers, bears parachuting from the church tower, yoga, art exhibitions, brownies and guides, youth groups, sports matches and trophies, darts, red nose days, It's A Knockout! and Superstars and all the crazy games and entertainment they brought with them... along with yet more things which haven't been mentioned - and through it all, you can be sure there was a whole lot of cake! Hundon does do cake well.

We're lucky to live in a village which has supported many thriving groups and events through the years, if you have memories or photos you'd like to share in future HH editions please get in touch (see inner front cover for contact details). Help give future historians a more accurate glimpse into life in Hundon.

# Hundon



2006





Honourable mention must go to the Village Sign, which has graced the cover of the Hundon Herald for many years, and stood in the village for a little longer.

"The sign was first erected in 1984, designed and presented by the Local Women's Institute. The sign is made of wrought iron. The sign has many depictions of local themes. At the very top is a cross which could represent the church. Below this is the RAF emblem above the church of All Saints. Either side of the name are ears of wheat, below, on both sides are other representations of agriculture in area including shepherd's crooks and farming implements at the base; the wool industry would have also been prevalent in Medieval times. The horse-drawn plough also emphasises the importance of agriculture, shown here at the very bottom of the sign.

In the centre of the sign is what looks like an aircraft on top of a directional finger post and two horses with riders, which represents a large part of the parish being taken over by the Air Ministry in 1936 and eventually closing in 1970 and also the hamlet of nearby Steeplechase. Below this is a hunting scene consisting of two hound dogs chasing a fox; could the horses and riders also double up here and also be part of the hunt! An old horse drawn cart is depicted below the fox." *- suffolk village signs*

The village sign was removed from its post to be refurbished in preparation for the addition of the RAF Memorial, which is located at the base of the sign. The RAF Memorial was unveiled on Sunday, 14th May 1995, and is a memorial to the servicemen from the parish who died during operations here.



Just across the road from the village sign sits The Rose & Crown, the last remaining pub in the village.

The state of the roads in the village, especially Upper North Street, Church Street, Lower Road/Valley Wash and Mount Pleasant in particular has been a source of concern to the Parish Council for some time. To add to the problems of holes in the roads, blocked drainage pipes and gulleys have meant that water drainage from surrounding fields has left residual water running down some roads and pooling in others.

The Suffolk Highways department has been bombarded with letters and telephone calls from the PC on the subject for many months, and the constituent MP has also been approached to get something done. The County Council promises action when funds permit, and resurfacing of Church Street and Lower Road/Valley Wash has been assured in the coming year. The individual efforts of villagers in contacting the appropriate Council departments has been much appreciated, and further efforts in this respect may help.

You can rest assured that we are doing our best to get something done before a serious incident occurs.

*- Dave Stuart, Parish Council Chair*

STATE OF THE ROADS

A number of villagers have told me how they have been disturbed by low flying helicopters using the MOD site at Stradishall at night. I have therefore investigated the problem and am told by the MOD that the occurrences of such low flying are rare. It would help, therefore, if residents in the village could note the dates and times of any future incidents and let me have them, in order that I can go back to the Authorities with more definite information.

*- Dave Stuart, Parish Council Chair*

LOW FLYING HELICOPTERS

Villagers were saddened recently to hear of the sudden death of Peter Ince, a most popular member of our community. Many particularly remember his great sporting days and have paid tribute to the way in which he could always be relied upon to save the day in both cricket and football matches, which he enjoyed so much. He is greatly missed, and our thoughts and sympathy go to Martha and his family at this time of sorrow.

REMEMBERING PETER INCE

What a nice thought of Mr V Hart, and what a fantastic view of our village there is to be had from it. But how disheartening to think that some senseless louts have tried to burn it. Is nothing safe these days?

*- Vera Cutts*

CLOCKHALL LANE SEAT

HH JANUARY 1994

At long last the pavements we have been asking for connecting Galley Road and Church Street, and also Mill Road/Armstrong Close are completed. The idea is to allow pedestrians safer access to the village centre, particularly mothers with young children and push chairs. It is hoped that at the Armstrong Close junction the paths will be used rather than a short cut across the grass verge. Village signs that went missing last year are gradually being replaced by the County Highways and one or two additional ones will be provided we hope. Speed limit signs are also due to be moved in an effort to contain speeding in some areas of the village. We will be going for more improvements next year. I wish everyone all that is good for 1984.

- Dave Stuart, Parish Council Chair

PAVEMENTS

HH JUNE 1994

Wednesday 25th May was a special day for Hundon. Miss Edith Lawrence celebrated her 100th birthday.

A verse in Psalm ninety reminds us that, "the days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years: yet it is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone." A little further on we have, "so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

I know Miss Lawrence is very aware of this as we offer our congratulations and God's blessing in the time ahead.

- Father Jeremy Cooper

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY

HH AUGUST 1994

Hundon has a National Archery Champion: Miss Emma Parker.

Emma, who is 17, has lived in Hundon all her life and has won the National Junior Ladies Championship. Emma, a member of Newmarket Foods Archery Club, can thank her father, Brian, for her straight shooting eye; he has won many clay pigeon shooting trophies.

ARCHERY CHAMPION

HH MARCH 1995

The weather has been the main winner for the last 6 weeks with matches across the country postponed while the wet spell continues. Hundon has been no exception, with the reserves having played only once recently and the Sunday side managing only two games. If the situation doesn't soon improve the backlog of games will be such that there will be plenty of evening matches at the end of the season.

HUNDON FOOTBALL CLUB

HH JANUARY 1995

The starling is probably the commonest bird in Britain at this time of the year, when our resident population is swollen by millions of immigrants from the Continent. Many people who put out food for their garden birds dislike starlings because they appear to bully the smaller birds and take most of their food. They are not really aggressive, but they are larger than most other garden birds and the smaller ones do tend to get out of their way and let them have the pick of the table. I find it quite amusing as they waddle around the garden in small groups and attack fallen apples, and they are really very attractive in their mottled winter plumage.

After a morning's foraging, they tend gather in our gardens early in the afternoon, and flocks from neighbouring gardens or perhaps the whole village gradually converge on convenient trees or electricity cables and become very noisy. They then fly off to roost with thousands of other starlings, drawn from a very wide area. These big roosts may be in woods or reed beds or even in towns and they are usually used throughout the winter.

It is exciting to see the flocks flying in to a roost from all directions, although the birds do a lot of damage to trees and buildings with their droppings. They are also extremely noisy. There was a large roost at Brinkley a few years ago, but I don't know of any in this area at the moment. If anyone knows of one, please let me know.

-Michael Chinery  
Mousehole, Mill Road.

GARDEN STARLINGS

HH APRIL 1995

MRS. VERA CUTTS. DIED 19th MARCH 1995.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Vera Cutts was held on the 24th March at Hundon Parish Church, made even more poignant when we remember that it was only last month that she had written in the Hundon Herald a tribute to the life of her late brother Trenwith.

As Father Jeremy recorded at her funeral, Vera's life was Hundon, its church and its people. Working in the Village Stores and Post Office for many years, Churchwarden for the last eleven years, Clerk to the Education Foundation for over sixteen years and Trustee of the Thomas Rogeron Charity, together with many other involvements in village life, her dedication to helping others knew few bounds. Not the least of her activities was fund raising which she managed with great success. For example, as Father Jeremy recounted, the window in the baptistry was paid for largely by her approaching people for donations.

She will be missed by many who have reason to be grateful to her, and our sympathy for their loss goes out to her husband and family, and also to her friends.

REMEMBERING VERA CUTTS

June 1995



June 1995

Some time ago it was suggested to me that Hundon should have a memorial to honour the memory of R.A.F. and service personnel who died in our parish between 1938 - 1970, the operational life of the aerodrome. The fact that the aerodrome is situated almost entirely in our parish but had to be called Stradishall (to avoid confusion with Hendon) was another reason why we thought Hundon should have its own memorial.

The influence the aerodrome had on the local community was immense. For my generation growing up in the 50s and 60s it was part of our everyday lives. R.A.F. children came to Hundon School, airmen's families lived in the village, aircraft circled overhead and many of our parents first came to Hundon via the aerodrome; so late in 1993 a fund-raising committee was formed consisting of Jock Whitehouse, Joyce Hoare, Margaret Notley, Mike Watkins and the late L T Claydon (Patron) and myself as Chairman.

Our first event was in February 1994, a film and talk about the aerodrome, and it was immediately apparent that we had struck a chord with the local community. We had expected around fifty people and two hundred turned up! This encouraged us to put on three more functions in our Village Hall, all proving to be as popular. We also had many donations from village organisations and individuals, for which we were very grateful. Local tradesman John Cutts offered his expertise to build the memorial, which was gratefully accepted. In just over a year of fundraising we had reached our target of £1,500; work commenced, and on May 14th this very gratifying project came to its conclusion with a service of dedication. I would personally like to thank my committee and all those who gave their time and services to bring our memorial to fruition.

- Geoff Spooner, Chairman  
Hundon RAF Appeal Committee

HUNDON R.A.F. MEMORIAL APPEAL

After the planning certificates arrived, literally at the eleventh hour; work began on preparing the site just two weeks before the day of the unveiling. Dry weather prevailed and not long after the first turf was cut the base was laid and John Cutts got to work on the main structure, while final details were checked with the stonemason. On Friday 12 May, the plaque was fixed into the brickwork - sighs of relief on a perfect fit! The coping was laid in place and the memorial sheeted up. At about 4.15pm on Sunday 14 May people began to gather at the memorial site, the Union flag over the memorial and the RAF ensign flying in the background, adding a splash of colour on a dry but cool afternoon. A simple service, attended by about 70 people, saw the memorial unveiled and dedicated, and also the dedication of the beautifully refurbished village sign. A message was read from George Duffy, the sole survivor of a Stirling crash in September 1943, who remembered his crew.

The memorial was unveiled by F/Lt Bob Hooke who flew Stirlings from RAF Stradishall from 1942-1944 and who knew some of the commemorated. Bob also met up with his WAAF MT driver of 52 years ago, and when he left for home, commented that the day had been one of the most important of his life, and that the Village was to be congratulated on its decision to place the memorial and to remember the young people who had died in the parish.

This was a fitting end to a most interesting and enjoyable project, and the Appeal Fund Committee would again like to thank all those who have supported the project in any way. Special thanks go also to the the ladies who organised the welcome cup of tea and refreshments in the Village Hall after the service.

- Jock Whitehouse

HUNDON R.A.F. MEMORIAL APPEAL





RAF Memorial Fund Raiser with George Baker, March 1995

☪ JUNE 1997

### CECIL COPSON - A TRIBUTE

I first met Cecil about 18 years ago when I came to live in Hundon. My beloved uncle, Leslie, had just died and left me his delightful cottage. I went to the village shop for some provisions. "Copson's" it was called in those days; and there was Cecil running it. He grasped my hand with both of his and said: "Welcome to Hundon my old duck. Your uncle was a lovely man." I soon learnt that Cecil had been delivering groceries to my uncle for years and in that time they had become good friends. Cecil was the personification of human warmth and my uncle must have been one of the many Hundon inhabitants who couldn't resist this. I cannot imagine (or calculate) how much conviviality (and whisky, probably) Leslie and Cecil shared over those years in the sitting room of my uncle's tiny cottage. Cecil was one of many unexpected treasures I inherited from my uncle.

How we missed Cecil when he retired from the shop: but how much more we will miss him now. Since Cecil left the shop he always brought me a regular supply of pickled onions and shallots. They were delicious and he made them himself. I am sharing some of them with a good and true friend at this moment who, as she crossed her heart, said: "These are the tastiest shallots I've ever eaten."

In the end Cecil could not drive to deliver them, so I went to him. One Saturday, a week or so before he died, I was invited to his home to collect a huge jar of them. When I left, as on the first time we met, he generously shook one of my hands with both of his and said: "Don't forget my old duck, there'll always be plenty more where they came from."

I forgive Cecil with all my heart, but how I wish he could have kept his word.

- J.H.A.,  
Buntings, Hundon. 24th April 1997

REMEMBERING CECIL COPSON

☪ JUNE 1997

Sunday May 4th 7.30 a.m.

Overheard conversation:

"Who are those two idiots in the field?"

"Oh! That's Colin and Stewart!"

"What the blazes do they think they're doing? It's persisting down, freezing cold and they'll catch their deaths of colds!"

"It's O.K, they're just preparing for tomorrow's Superstars competition"

"Why bother? The forecast is lousy and there'll be nobody there!"

### WELL JUST HOW WRONG CAN YOU BE!

The sun shone, the competitors competed (and all within the spirit of the event), the side-shows did a roaring trade, the Rose & Crown sold out of Hot Dogs and Burgers, our special guest, Lord Archer, did a passable impersonation of a stand-up comedian and the people turned up in their hundreds.

Thank you to everyone who competed, marshalled, operated a side-show, helped or attended. Thank you too to the sponsors, advertisers, donators and Lord Archer for his free appearance on a bank holiday. You have all given the Hundon Project the flying start that it needed to ensure that we raise sufficient funds in time for it to be built in time for the millenium.

Monday May 5th, 7.30 p.m.

Overheard conversation:

"Stewart."

"Yes Mate?"

\*You look a trifle damp!"

"Just wait 'till I've got this last bale on Phillip's trailer and we'll head for the Rose to get dry outside but wet in!"

"Fair enough. Do you think we should do it again next year?"

"I can't wait!"

### THE HUNDON SUPERSTARS



The Village Stores & Post Office c.1989

PH APRIL 1998

### THE CRY OF THE FOX

Show no mercy  
Show no fear  
Chase the fox far from its lair  
Out in the open, he stands alone  
No help towards him will be shown

The pack moves in  
The riders too  
The fox is spent  
Now for the kill

Its heart's still beating  
It cries of pain  
But no thought for him  
It's just a game

Ripped to pieces  
Whilst still alive  
But man is still  
Not satisfied

- Yvonne E. Hicks

THE CRY OF THE FOX

PH NOVEMBER 1999

Serious injury was narrowly averted recently when a pedestrian in Church Street was struck by a golf ball which came from the Village Hall Playing Field. Due to the same cause, damage has occurred to the glass of the Village Hall door. The playing of golf in this area is not allowed and a notice to this effect is in place.

GOLF BALL INCIDENT



1989



2025

## Hundon Pantomimes

The idea for the first local panto came from Jumbo and Carolyn Barker and others. Interest was very positive despite lack of funds and the limitations of the small Village Hall stage. Luckily David Hart agreed to be Director, and a sufficient number of villagers volunteered to take on the vital behind-the-stage activities – costumes, make up, set design and build, lighting, props, fund raising, publicity etc. After intensive rehearsals in the Hall and the School Hundon's first pantomime, ROBIN HOOD, took place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2000 with a matinee and an evening performance on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>.

Robin Hood was followed by  
2001 Cinderella  
2002 Dracula  
2003 Beauty and the Beast

- Martin Waldron



PH March 2000

Who would have thought that this small village of ours held so much thespian talent. The Hundon Players production of 'Robin Hood', performed over the first weekend of February, was truly a revelation. My normally staid and sensible neighbours were on stage, hamming it up in the best pantomime tradition.

As soon as Saturday night's performance began, it was obvious that much careful preparation by the whole production team had gone into the show. Set design, costumes, sound and lighting were all of the highest order. Working with a quite demanding adaptation of the traditional storyline, the cast managed to achieve a show that worked for both children and adults. They even squeezed in surrealism, who was that Penguin?

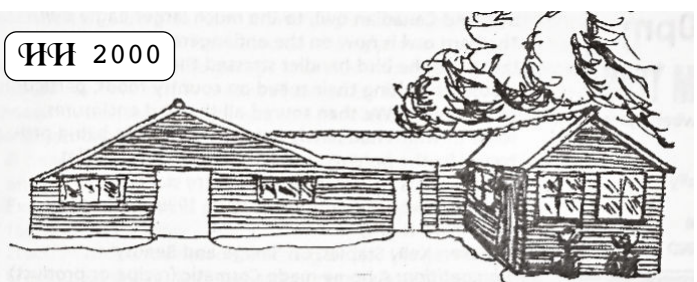
But what really engaged the audience was the whole cast's enthusiasm and sense of fun. It would be unfair to single out any particular individual performances, but I'm going to anyway. Debbie Walters and Dave Cooke missed their vocations. The timing and delivery of some pretty tricky dialogue achieved a number of memorable comic moments. Jenny Cutts as Robin who probably had the most lines and time on stage, gave a most accomplished performance in a thigh slapping, hands on the hips sort of way. Also I'm concerned about Jumbo Barker's evil Prince John, he was a bit too good at connecting with his own 'dark side'. So in the words of Paul Whitehouse, Hundon Pantomime?

..... Brilliant!

- Bob Kendall, *The Cottage, North Street*

WHAT A PANTOMIME

PH 2000



THE VILLAGE SHOP IS UNDERWAY

☪ August 2000

My first memories of Cyril were when I was about 12 years old. I would be taken along to the Plough for half a shandy whilst working at Brockley Green Farm during the harvest holiday. Cyril would say "You're doing a man's job now so you had better have a man's drink" and serve me a pint of Dunmow Brown. This was typical of Cyril as he always made you feel welcome.

Cyril was widely known through his connections with the land and would make time to tell you one of his unique tales. Over the years I heard many of his stories and no doubt everyone has their own favourite. Cyril was a true character and will not be forgotten, especially with Plough regulars, for however you felt when visiting the Plough you always felt better for meeting Cyril.

- Geoff Spooner

REMEMBERING CYRIL ROWLINSON

1989



2025



☪ NOVEMBER 2000

After five years of fund raising and negotiations, the All Weather Sports Area (or The Hundon Millennium Project) is ready for work to commence - weather conditions permitting. Although this was a Parish Council initiative, all credit must go to Colin Walters and his excellent fund raising team. A Management Committee will be formed made up of prospective users of the facility which will be self financing.

The Len Caton Comprehensive History of Hundon has been distributed to each dwelling in the parish. Len has done a fine job and has spent many hours of painstaking research, helped by local contributions. We have an absorbing document.

- Geoff Spooner

PARISH COUNCIL

☪ MAY 2001

The proposed use of our so called disused airfield for disposing of carcasses connected with the current foot and mouth outbreak was no great surprise. With about 600 acres owned by the MOD and used by the Army, it had to be a prime site in Government terms. In the past, we have been informed about activities on the airfield and at the prison but this time we had to rely on the East Anglian Daily Times and our Borough Councillor, Mrs Maggie Warwick. All other lines of enquiry drew a blank. We have learned of an underground aquifer which might mean decomposing carcasses polluting local water supplies. The airfield is also a haven for wildlife and rare plants. The slaughter and transportation of dead animals by its nature is a very messy business. We are told that only non infected animals would be brought here but we are only a few miles from Essex, an infected county, and knowing this Government's handling of the crisis so far we could never be sure that infected animals from Essex would not slip in. The latest situation is that the airfield would only be used if there is an outbreak in Suffolk. If the worst were to happen I fear there would be very little any of us could do to prevent part of our parish becoming a dumping ground. Stop Press ... We have just heard that the airfield will not be used for dead carcasses.

- Geoff Spooner, Parish Council Chair

FOOT AND MOUTH OUTBREAK

☪ DECEMBER 2001

We have arranged with the mast installation firm, A.P.T., for a mobile mast to be brought to the proposed site on Hundon Thicks Farm land to the north-east of the village about half way between that farm and Hundon Hall, on Tuesday 8th January 2002. It will remain on site for two hours between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, and will enable parishioners to decide whether a permanent installation will be acceptable or not. Whether you are for or against the idea of such a mast, please try to see this temporary arrangement on 8th January before coming to a final decision...

- Joyce Hoare, Clerk to the Council

PARISH COUNCIL





MAY 2021

Up to 50 firefighters spent about two hours tackling a blaze that left the roof of a thatched cottage in Clockhall Lane, Hundon, partially destroyed. Thirteen appliances, including one from Beccles which is 60 miles away, were sent to the village.

CLOCKHALL LANE FIRE



PH DECEMBER 2003

Found in my garden one windy day a pastel, flowery pillowcase. It doesn't belong to any of my immediate neighbours, so, if you would like to reunite it with your other bed linen please give me a call...

- Janet Burrows

PILLOWCASE FOUND

PH AUGUST 2003

On Friday July 4th I was invited to the delightful setting of the Vicarage Meadow to watch Hundon Cricket Academy Under 11s take on Thurlow in the final of the Exxon Mobil Trophy. It was a tribute to the staff of Hundon Cricket club that the first ever playing of this trophy should be played here. I must confess I have never been involved with cricket but it was soon obvious that the hard work and discipline instilled into the youngsters by Colin Walters and his coaching staff was paying off. I was also impressed by the spectators who did not let their enthusiasm get the better of them. I presented the trophy and winners medals to Hundon who that same weekend went on to win their league, underlining their superiority, remaining unbeaten in the Under 11s age group all season.

On July 31st Hundon 1st Eleven (Captain: Paul Smith) play the final of the Adams Harrison League cup at Haverhill Cricket ground.

Well done Hundon Cricket Club - I shall be watching you again.

- Geoff Spooner

CRICKET

PH May 2004

Jean Evans, known to many friends in Hundon, who will be sorry to hear of her sudden death on 24th April 2004. Jean was well known as a School Governor, one of the originators and founder members of Hundon Gardening Club, and a past Editor of the Hundon Herald.

REMEMBERING JEAN EVANS

PH August 2004

More than eighty people came along to the Village Hall, when the need for additional burial space for Hundon was discussed, together with possible alternative accommodation for the Cricket Club and the need for a further football pitch.

The Reverend Alec George explained that the present churchyard extension had only sufficient space left for 17 burials, which could well be used up within the next three years. Of the options considered by the Parochial Church Council, the one preferred was to take back under church control and management, for the cost of conveyance only, the whole or part of the Glebe Field which is adjacent to the present churchyard extension and is presently let to the Cricket Club. Including inhumation and cremation burials, Revd. George estimated that this would provide several hundreds of years' use.

Should this proposal come to fruition, it might become necessary to find another home for the Cricket Club, who would really prefer to remain at the Glebe Field site. Miss Upson, for the Rogeron Trustees, told the meeting that discussions were taking place and a provisional lay-out suggested, whereby the existing allotments might be transferred to the northern end of the allotment area between Church Street and Lower Road and the central unused portion converted to an amenity area which could be rented to the Cricket Club.

A show of hands showed the majority in favour of the churchyard extension being created in the Glebe Field; and investigations already begun on both these projects will continue.

Concerning the perceived need for additional football facilities, the Parish Council's application for change of use of the Mare Hill-Lower Road crossroads field having been withdrawn, fresh approaches will be made to local land-owners to find sufficient land for a football pitch, parking and changing room in a less contentious area.

- Joyce Hoare, Clerk to the Council

HUNDON PARISH COUNCIL OPEN MEETING

DECEMBER 2012

BEATRICE WRIGHT Sadly passed away 16th December 2012. Beattie was the first editor of the Hundon Herald.



**MOST ACTIVE LARGE VILLAGE IN SUFFOLK**

In 2015, the wide range of activities on offer in Hundon was recognised with the award of the Most Active Large Village in Suffolk title.

The village was presented with the honour during a ceremony held by Suffolk County Council, which runs the competition celebrating towns and villages promoting active lifestyles, in Ipswich. After being nominated for the award by Jan McLardy, trustee of the Village Hall and the Playfield secretary, earlier in the year Hundon was shortlisted for the final stage of the competition up against Long Melford and East Bergholt. Judges determined that the wide scope of activities available in Hundon placed it ahead of its rivals.

“We didn’t think we had much chance as the other villages are bigger,” said Mrs McLardy. “We are thrilled to bits and it makes you realise how much we have going on here.”

The majority of the activities take place around the village hall complex, where there is a playing field, all-weather floodlit astro-turf pitch and a community shop, which has been operating for 15 years and is staffed by volunteers. Fun Bowls has recently been set up in the village and a ladies fit camp aimed at young mums after they have dropped their children off at school, has also been established. Other sporting pursuits in the village include tai chi, Pilates and indoor bowls, as well as badminton, dance, football and hockey.

“We are very unusual in the county in the amount we do and are currently raising money for changing rooms by the playing fields,” said Mrs McLardy.

- Suffolk News

**HUNDON WINS AN AWARD 2015**



Belchamp Morris - St. George at the Rose & Crown 2025 29

**"I READ IT IN THE LOCAL RAG!"**

A talk by Pip Wright.

Newspapers - do we really trust them? Aren't they always politically biased? Full of sleazy court cases? Printing lies as though they were facts? Were they always like that? Local papers from the past had all those ingredients and more!

Pip Wright took us through the history of local East Anglian newspapers from when they began at the beginning of the eighteenth century. Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex had their own papers and their contents were topped up with news from London and Bath - fast coach journeys from these cities making this possible.

A few would be printed - maybe a couple of hundred - and sold for 2d a copy. Lords and ladies would read them in their grand houses with the servants getting a look later. In village pubs, there was a tradition of people sitting round while one person read it out to everyone.

By 1721, the Ipswich Journal already had illustrations on its pages and also "Letters to the Editor." The Hunstanton Telephone newspaper carried cartoons and funny stories. And, in 1785, the big headline in the Bury Post was the hot-air balloon of Captain Poole, taking off in the Abbey Gardens, only three years after the Montgolfier brother's famous flight in France. (Poole landed in Framingham to great acclaim)!

Local newspapers open wide a window on the times in which they were printed. Wife-selling was a regular feature in the ads - one butcher selling his for five and a half pence per pound!

Articles on notorious highwaymen were very popular, especially those who managed to escape from gaol. And details of those who had tried to smuggle tea and coffee along the inlets of the Suffolk coast were very newsworthy.

Of course, news of notorious crimes and criminals guaranteed an avid following. Servants who poisoned their employers seemed to be a regular happening and a horse stealer in Hundon, who rode away IN THE SNOW was easily caught.

In the nineteenth century some newspapers waged vigorous campaigns against loose morals and some supported the Temperance League. And so we come full circle!

- Kathy Edwards.

**\*\*Some newspaper offices locally have microfilm of old newspapers and Sudbury has a department where old newspapers are stored.\*\***

**HUNDON HISTORY SOCIETY**

Apologies, I can't remember which HH issue the above snippet came from, but as it referenced the history of local newspapers, it seemed apt to include it.

**As Jean Evans stated in November 1998 "The Herald reflects the heart of the village; long may it flourish!"**

## It's 2026! What's Happening Hundon?

See page 31 for the Calendar of Events  
and page 30 for the Useful Contacts



### HUNDON SOCIAL CLUB

#### Opening times & events for January 2026

**Friday 2nd – Home Dart Match v S W Youth**  
7pm – 11pm (Club Open to all Members)

**Sunday 4th – Sunday Social**  
12.45pm – 6pm

**Monday 5th – Home Dart Match v ESMC B**  
7pm – 11pm (Club Open to all Members)

**Friday 9th – Social Club AGM**  
7pm – (Open to All)  
(Bar will open before and after the AGM)

**Saturday 10th - Social Club Members Bingo**  
(Club Open 7pm – 10.30pm)

**Sunday 11th – Sunday Social + Ladies FC**  
12.45pm – 6pm  
(Ladies Match subject to Weather)

**Saturday 17th – Social Club Race Night**  
7pm – 11pm - First Race 8pm  
(Club Open to all Members – Free Entry)

**Sunday 18th – Sunday Social**  
Club Open - 12.45pm – 6pm

**Sunday 25th – Sunday Social**  
Club Open 12.45pm – 6pm

**Monday 26th – Home Dart Match v ESMC C**  
7pm – 11pm (Club Open to all members)



## Hundon FC

**Upcoming fixtures at home**  
(subject to change by league) –  
fulltime.thefa.com

24th Jan – HFC vs Barrington Res – 2pm KO

14th Feb– HFC vs Thurlow – 2pm KO

21st Feb – HFC vs Sawston Lightning – 2pm KO

21st March – HFC vs Haverhill Town– 3pm KO

2nd May – HFC vs Sawston Rovers Res – 3pm KO

**Pizza Night : Tues 6th**

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Calling at Hundon Village Hall on the First Tuesday of the Month

### Music Nights at The Rose & Crown

Folk & Roots Acoustic Session  
First Wednesday of the Month

7th January  
7:30 / 8pm Start

## Hundon Art Club

**Next session date:**  
**Sunday 18th January 2026**  
**New Start Time: 10am-12.30pm, £5**

Dates for the diary:  
Sunday 15th February  
Sunday 22nd March

Booking essential. Places are limited - we currently have a couple of spaces remaining and will then run a waiting list!

Please contact Libby on:  
mrslibbybrooks@gmail.com or 07900 253 932  
if you have booked and are unable to attend,  
or if you would like to register to attend any  
future session. *If you are booked in and unable  
to attend please let us know so we can release  
the place to someone else!*

## Hundon Hockey Club

Training is Monday nights, 7-8pm  
at the astro (behind the village hall).  
For more info - Sam Slater : 07970 181379

HUNDON  
SOCIAL  
CLUB

HUNDON VILLAGE HALL



## BINGO!

**Saturday 10th January 2026**

**Open 7pm - 10:30pm • Eyes Down 8pm**

**Raffle, bar and light refreshments**

Players must be 18 or over  
and must be members of the Social Club.  
Non members may join on the night,  
only £5 membership for 2026.

## The Ballet Shoe Workshop

HUNDON Est. 1992



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**For further details please contact:**

**Alison Law: 07821 197107**

**balletshoeworkshop@yahoo.co.uk**



## Hundon FC Under 7s

**Hundon FC** are looking to start an under 7's Boys  
and an Under 7's Girls team for the season starting  
in September 2026, we are still on the lookout for  
children to join us for regular training sessions that  
will be starting in the new year.

These teams will be for children that will be starting  
in year 2 in September 2026.

We will be looking for 8 players for both teams. We  
have a manager in place ready to start working on  
the recruitment process but we will be looking at  
adding another manager.

If anyone has or know children that fit the age  
groups required, please get in touch on the email  
below, also if anyone has the time that they would  
like to give as a volunteer to help push the youth  
section or even to be part of the overall football club  
please again get in touch. The youth section is and  
always will be part of the football club going forward.  
We can't wait to see youth football back in our lovely  
village.

[hundonfcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:hundonfcyouth@gmail.com)

- Mark Cutts, Head of Hundon FC Youth

## Chocolate Brownie Café Cookies

Missing the café? Want to get your chocolate cookie  
fix? Try our chocolate brownie café cookies recipe!

Ingredients :

150g dark chocolate  
100g chocolate chips  
225g unsalted butter, softened  
200g golden caster sugar  
200g dark brown soft sugar  
1 egg, beaten  
1tbsp treacle  
2tsp vanilla extract  
300g plain flour  
125g cocoa powder  
2tsp baking powder  
pinch salt

1. Melt 150g chocolate in a bowl set over a pan of  
barely simmering water.

2. In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugars for 3  
mins, then beat in the egg, treacle, vanilla and (now)  
melted chocolate.

3. In a separate bowl, mix the dry ingredients, and  
then beat that into the mix, adding 100g chocolate  
chips.

4. Transfer the mix to a large sheet of baking/  
parchment paper, and roll into one or two sausages,  
about 3" / 7-8cm wide (either 40cm long or 2 x 20cm  
long). Wrap them loosely in the paper, then refrigerate  
for at least an hour, but they can be chilled for up to  
three days / frozen for up to three months.

5. Preheat oven to 190 degrees C, gas mark 5. Cut  
the dough sausages into 1cm-thick rounds, then  
spread them onto a parchment paper-lined tray,  
leaving space for spread (around 6 cookies per  
medium sized baking tray should be okay).

6. Bake for 10 mins. Once removed from the oven, let  
them sit for ten minutes on the tray before transferring  
to a wire rack for cooling.

7. Eat & enjoy.

*Apologies for the typo in the Lemon Cheesecake  
recipe (December). It should, of course, have been  
175g digestive biscuits, not 175 digestive biscuits...  
which would make for one BIG cheesecake base!*

## New Year, New Community Café?

Please get in touch via the Hundon Herald if you  
would like to offer your time and baking, cooking, or  
serving, table & chair moving skills in order to keep  
this valuable community resource running :

[HundonHerald@post.com](mailto:HundonHerald@post.com)  
or leave a message on 07983 419806



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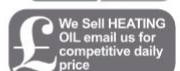
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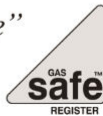
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Our AGM will be held on Monday 23rd February 2026, this will be held via Zoom at 7:00. Please let us know if you would like to join and we can send you a link.

On 14th March 2026 the HTTA will hold their annual Quiz night, this will be held at Kedington Community Centre - this is usually a sell-out, don't delay book your team in early.



**Calendar of events 2025/2026**

Our calendar of events is always wholesome fun, extremely popular and attended by many people from Haverhill and surrounding villages.

- Monday 23rd February 2026** - AGM - venue TBC
- Saturday 14th March 2026** - Quiz Night (Kedington Community Centre)
- Thursday 28th May – Monday 1st June 2026** - Visit to Ehringshausen
- 19th – 24th August 2026** - French visitors coming to Haverhill 2026

**and finally .....**

If you know anyone who is interested in any of the above, please feel free to share. If you are not a member and wish to join or you are interested in attending any of the events, please feel free to email the Association: [twintownhaverhill@gmail.com](mailto:twintownhaverhill@gmail.com) For more information, see Facebook: Haverhill and District Twin Town Association.

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**Christmas & New Year Bin Collection Days**

Collections will take place as normal up to, and including, Wednesday 24 December 2025. Collections return to normal from Monday 12 January 2026.

Usual collection	Revised collection
Thursday 25 December	Saturday 27 December
Friday 26 December	Monday 29 December
Monday 29 December	Tuesday 30 December
Tuesday 30 December	Wednesday 31 December
Wednesday 31 December	Friday 2 January
Thursday 1 January	Saturday 3 January
Friday 2 January	Monday 5 January
Monday 5 January	Tuesday 6 January
Tuesday 6 January	Wednesday 7 January
Wednesday 7 January	Thursday 8 January
Thursday 8 January	Friday 9 January
Friday 9 January	Saturday 10 January

# HUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Full Minutes will be available on the Hundon Parish Council Website

Hundon Parish Council met on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7:30 pm, Social Club, Village Hall, Hundon

## Village Matters

Please remember members of the public can report any highways issues via the reporting tool at Suffolk County Council, if you can provide photos of the concerns and the exact location of the issue to support the submission.

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## Hundon Parish Clerk

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## Grit Bins

The Parish Council have ordered two new grit bins to replace the ones broken up by the plough and in Farmery Road. Hopefully they will arrive before winter really sets in.

## Planning Applications

These can be viewed via West Suffolk Council. A full list of applications received will be published on the Hundon Parish Council website. There were no new applications this month.

## Burglaries

There has been a couple of burglaries recently when the owners of the property were at home. Small articles were taken. Please remember to be vigilant at this time of year, presents around a Christmas tree can be a source of temptation for petty criminals and it pays to not make them easily seen from outside of your property.

## Hundon Herald

The Parish Councillors would like to congratulate all those, past and present, who have been involved either as editors or contributors in the production of the Herald over the last forty years – long may it continue.

## Season's Greetings

All of the councillors would like to wish every resident of this great village of ours a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

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# HUNDON VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR JANUARY 2026

Unless otherwise stated, events listed here take place in the Village Hall.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>EVENTS KEY :</b> CY = Chair Yoga. YFEB = Yoga for Every Body. P = Pilates. TC = Tai Chi. FK = Fun Kurling. BSW = Ballet Shoe Workshop. BM = Bowls Match. DM = Darts Match. HHC = Hundon Hockey Club. AGM Annual General Meeting.	1 14:00 - 16:30 Carpet Bowls 19:00 - 23:00 Social Club Dart Match (SC)	2 14:00 - 16:30 Carpet Bowls 19:00 - 23:00 Social Club AGM (SC)	3 08:00 BSW 19:00-22:30 Bingo 8pm eyes (SC)	4 12:45 - 18:00 Sunday Social (SC)		
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**LOCATIONS KEY :** VH or if unspecified = Village Hall. VHC = Village Hall Carpark. VHA = Village Hall Annex. SC = Social Club. FF = Football Field.  
 CM = Cricket Meadow. ASC = All Saints Church. RC = The Rose & Crown. A = Astroturf (behind the Village Hall). VILLAGE WEBSITE : [www.Hundon.org](http://www.Hundon.org)



**FESTIVE LIGHTS OF HUNDON ✨ DECEMBER 2025**  
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