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Hello Hundon!

Snowdrops used to be my first spring sign, yet the snowdrops around Hundon have been in full bloom for weeks already, and the birds are busy heralding the mornings with their spring songs. Why not try your hand at Bird Bingo on page 9, or get out for a nature walk and see what other signs you can spot.

Speaking of walks, I hope you've got your walking boots ready and had a good stretch to warm up for Dead Woman's Walk. It's the longest of our Hundon / Suffk Walks so far and takes you out of Hundon, but there are some stunning views to keep you company.

As always, please send in your news, reviews, event listings, photos, recipes, and anything else you'd like to share with the village, but please note the slightly earlier deadline this month (a month to be renamed Fewbruary, for its fewer days).

Happy reading!

Gillie

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 and are advised to avoid disappointment.
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HH at 40

During 2026 you will see these 'HH at 40' boxes appearing through the Hundon Herald pages. These are history snippets and memories from the Hundon Herald archives and pieces sent in from Hundon residents old and new.

Thanks to Jane Fox for sending in the memory of Sir Percy (p20). If you have items you'd like included please get in touch with the editor. Thank you.

Note of correction : the Clockhall Lane Fire was incorrectly dated May 2001 in the January (paper) issue. The date should have read May 2021.

HUNDON HISTORY

HELP KEEP HUNDON TIDY



Please take your litter home,
 and clean up after your canine friends.

NIGHT SKY EVENTS FEBRUARY 2026

2026 is set to be a busy year for night sky watchers, with some stunning celestial moments to watch out for, and yet more Northern Lights, with Solar activity expected to remain elevated for the first part of 2026.

Planetary Parade : On 28th February six planets will line up across the night sky (for Northern Hemisphere viewers). Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mercury will be visible with the naked eye but you'll need binoculars or a small telescope to see Uranus and Neptune. The Moon, almost at peak brightness, will also be in the sky, appearing very close to Jupiter.

MOON PHASES FOR FEBRUARY 2026

○	◐	●	◑
Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon	First Quarter
Feb 1st	Feb 9th	Feb 17th	Feb 24th
10:02	12:43	12:01	12:27
Snow Moon			

WEEKLY SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES FOR HUNDON

Mon 2nd	Mon 9th	Mon 16th	Mon 23rd
Rise : 07:36	Rise : 07:24	Rise : 07:11	Rise : 06:56
Set : 16:47	Set : 17:00	Set : 17:13	Set : 17:26

*All times are in GMT / UT.

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- Orhan Pamuk, born 7 June 1952. Turkish novelist, screenwriter, academic, and recipient of the 2006 Nobel Prize in Literature.

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• MONTHLY MARKETS •

Kedington Community Centre Market
First Sunday of the month. 9am to 11.30pm

Wickhambrook Farmers Market
Second Sunday of the month. 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Clare Monthly Market
Third Saturday of the month. 8:30am to 1:30pm

Lavenham Farmers Market
Fourth Sunday of the month. 10am to 1.30pm,
outside the Village Hall.

Sudbury Market
Last Friday of the month. 9:30am to 2pm on Market Hill.

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator is located on the front of the village hall near the EV charging points.

A code is needed to open the box. To get this code ring 999. They will ask for the code on the box and will then give you the code to open it.

HUNDON VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE



It is a busy time ahead as we move into February.

Tuesday 13th February is Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day). If you like to make your pancakes from scratch, then the shop has all that you need. Fresh Free-Range Eggs from the Kedington Butchers, Flour and Milk and of course the all important Lemon Juice.

The following Day, Wednesday the 14th February, is not only the start of Lent but is also Valentines Day and again we have your needs covered. We have a huge selection of cards for every occasion including Valentines. Boxes of chocolates for that Valentines gift and a great selection of wines, red, white and Rose as well as Prosecco if you like a bit of fizz.

It won't be too long now before the trees and hedgerows start to bud and blossom and we can start to think of warmer and longer days. It also means that for hay fever sufferers the tree pollen season is not too far away! Apparently, a good natural remedy to help ease the effects of pollen is to eat honey local to the area that we live in. A new batch of Hundon Honey was delivered to the shop recently so it's a good time to get a jar into the food cupboard and regardless of the hay fever aspect, its delicious!

A reminder that with so many local bank branches closing and with fewer and fewer cash machines available your Post Office can deal with most of your banking needs with no need to make a trip to town.

- Stewart Alderman
Chairman – Hundon Village Shop Committee

HUNDON SHOP & POST OFFICE REGULAR OPENING TIMES

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

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Monday to Saturday 9am – 1pm

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Rector's Ramblings – February 2026 (Love in the Lean Months)



"February Fill Dyke" by Benjamin Williams Lead

By the time this magazine reaches your doormats, we will be navigating that curious, "in-between" stretch of the British year. February is often described by poets and artists as the month of "fill dyke," where the grey skies seem determined to soak the earth, and the initial excitement of the New Year has long since faded into the reality of damp mornings and early sunsets.

However, as we look at the calendar for February 2026, our eyes are naturally drawn to the 14th. High street windows are already awash with Hearts, Roses, and Teddy bears. While there is nothing wrong with celebrating romantic love, for many of us, Valentine's Day can feel a little narrow - or even isolating. This year, I want to invite us all to look beyond the roses and explore a more enduring kind of affection.

In the Christian tradition, we often speak of Agape—a Greek word for a love that is selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional. This isn't the flutter of a heartbeat; it is the steady pulse of a community that looks out for its neighbours.

As we move past the 14th, we find ourselves on the threshold of a very different season. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on 18th February, marking the beginning of Lent. It is a poignant timing. If Valentine's Day is about the "highs" of affection, Lent is about the "depths" of devotion. It is a forty-day journey that asks us to strip away the distractions and focus on what truly matters.

When people think of Lent, they often think of "giving things up"—chocolate, wine, or perhaps social media. While these small acts of self-discipline are valuable, I wonder if this February we might consider a "Lent of Action."

Instead of merely subtracting something from our lives, could we add something that reflects that Agape love?

- **Checking in** on a neighbour who rarely gets visitors.
- **Volunteering** an hour at the local food bank or community café.
- **Committing** to a daily moment of silence to reflect on our place in the world.

Lent is essentially "soul-gardening." Just as the snowdrops (those "fair maids of February") are currently pushing through the cold soil in our churchyards, Lent is the time for us to prepare the ground of our own hearts for the new life of Easter.

Life in our parish is rarely static. Beyond the quiet reflection of Lent, we have much to look forward to (check the Benefice website for details!)

As we walk through this month together—through the rain, the mud, and the occasional burst of pale winter sunshine - let us remember that we are never walking alone. Whether you are celebrating a long-term romance or finding this time of year particularly quiet, you are a valued thread in the fabric of this parish and community.

May the peace of the season be with you all.



Mark

The Revd Mark Woodrow
(Rector)

ALL SAINTS CHURCH **FEBRUARY 2026 SERVICES**

Sunday 8th February
9am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd February
Evensong 4pm

Followed by refreshments
www.stourvalley.org.uk

Meet Your Deliverers Part 2



“ We have recently taken over the round in Steeplechase/Chimney Street and the few houses on the way to Barnadiston.

We have lived in Steeplechase for 40 years and have loved being part of its community, from being part of and running the Playgroup and School PTA and governor, involved with the children's football and tennis to name a few activities.



We are following in the footsteps of Carol and Gary Blythe who kindly undertook this service for countless years. ”

- Jill and Alan Weston

 **Deliverers**

Hundon Village Hall



Improving Communication Between Village Hall Users and the Committee

The Village Hall Committee is always keen to hear from anyone who uses—or is thinking about using—the hall. We welcome feedback on your experience, as well as suggestions for improving our facilities or the way we operate.

You can speak to any committee member directly, contact us by email, or leave a note in the box at the hall's main door.

Emails sent to hvh-committee@hundon.org are received by all current committee members.

All ideas and issues raised will be discussed at the next committee meeting, where any necessary decisions will be made.

Changes to Open Meetings

We have decided not to continue open meetings in their previous format, as they did not use our volunteers' time effectively. To make informed decisions, the committee needs to understand issues in advance, and trustees must discuss financially or strategically significant matters at formal, non-public meetings as part of their legal responsibilities as Charity Trustees.

If we need more information about something you raise, we may invite you to meet with committee members. Straightforward matters will usually be handled informally. Where appropriate, we will also provide feedback to the person who raised the issue.

AGM and Annual Open Forum

Alongside this ongoing communication process, we hold an **Annual General Meeting**, open to all hall users. We also plan to hold **one informal Open Forum each year**. The next will take place on:

➔ **Monday, 16 February 2026** ←
at 6:00pm in the Social Club

This Open Forum will give you a chance to speak with the committee, share ideas, and learn more about getting involved. It will be informal and the bar will be open!

These open meeting dates will continue to be published in the *Hundon Herald* and shared with User Group leads.

- Jan Chambers, Secretary VHC

Hundon Community Café News

Hello Hundon, I hope you're well, and enjoying 2026 so far...

I just wanted to put out another call for any plucky villagers who might be interested in taking over the responsibility of running the Community Café. This Thursday-afternoon legend has been a part of the fabric of our village's life for quite a few years now, and it would be wonderful to be able to assemble a team to take it forward into the future.

Even though it's only once a week, it does take quite a bit of work to put together and host the café, so ideally a small team of dedicated bakers, servers and furniture movers would be great, so long as they can commit regularly. There have been a few wonderful offers from people to give up some time to bake or help out serving, but unfortunately not enough to be able to fill out a rota sufficiently to be able to offer this village resource on a regular basis.

If you have the time, energy & inclination, please get in touch by emailing HundonHerald@post.com and be a part of Hundon history.

All the best,

- Jai

HUNDON SOCIAL CLUB AGM

At the recent Hundon Social Club AGM, the existing committee was unanimously reappointed, with Aaron Flack continuing as Chairman, Kevin Snow as Treasurer, Sharon Mott as Secretary, and Phill Impey as Vice Chair. Committee members Ann Mallion, Maggie Smith, Len Mallion, Dave Coward, Jane Morse, and Lynne Warren also continue in their roles. Members ratified the updated constitution, giving the club greater flexibility in how it is run, and agreed to hold membership at £5 for both 2026 and 2027. The Chairman's Address and Treasurer's Report highlighted a strong year, with 2025 seeing 100 percent growth in membership compared to 2024 and a doubling of bar sales. It is important to note that the Social Club does not retain any bar profits, with all bar income supporting the Village Hall and its upkeep. The club itself is funded through membership subscriptions and the events it runs, with raffles forming the majority of that income. All events are organised by volunteers, every penny raised is reinvested for members, and no committee member is paid.

The past year has also seen a clear uplift in engagement and activity. Improved communication has helped keep members informed and involved, while a strong programme of events has driven attendance and momentum throughout the year. Quiz nights, bingo, race nights, karaoke, and the Summer BBQ have all contributed to a busy and successful calendar. Investment in the darts setup strengthened the club's role as a social hub. The committee would like to thank everyone who attended the AGM, as well as all members and volunteers who continue to support the Social Club and make these events possible.

- Aaron Flack



Hundon Gardening Club

Newsletter February 2026

Thursday 15th January was our AGM and social time. Thankfully it wasn't the previous evening which was much colder with roads closed all over the place because of floods, road works and accidents. Some people thought they would never get home! The business was over pretty quickly, with the same committee returning. Following was signing up for 2026, raffle ticket buying, nibbles, bingo, quizzes and generally social time followed by tea/coffee.

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.** We will be travelling by the CLASP Minibus. Entry to Anglesey Abbey for non-members of the NT or RHS is £19 per adult. They offer a Snowdrops: The Specialist Collection Tour for £5 extra.



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.** The front cover of our 2026 programme shows a Jersey Tiger (day flying) Moth. As the name says it is usually seen in Jersey, is it a changing environment that now sees it in Kedington? We'll ask Ian next month.



Thursday 19th March - Ponds Large and small with Chris Benson, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

TBC - A Sunday afternoon stroll round a Hundon garden for Members.

Thursday 16th April - Wildflowers - A Zoom meeting with Jane from Meadowmania, a first for our club. Want tips on sowing a wildflower meadow/garden come along.

Sunday 26th April - 2.30 pm at Ousden House Garden at Ousden, Newmarket, CB8 8TN Large spectacular garden with fine views over the surrounding country. Herbaceous borders, rose garden and lawns leading to Spring woodland, and lake. Additional special features include a long double crinkle-crankle yew hedge leading from the clock tower and a moat garden densely planted with hellebores, flowering shrubs and moisture loving plants. Tea will be served in the house or the courtyard. £12 each.

- Janet Burrows

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Hundon Allotment Field Update

Hopefully the season of non-stop colds and rain will ease off soon so I can try and get my allotment ready for spring!

In the meantime, we bring news of a number of events/initiatives:

Wassailing Celebration Sunday 22nd February 2026 at 4pm

Following the success of our last 2 Wassailing ceremonies, HATA are planning to hold a 3rd ceremony on the allotment field by the community orchard. This traditionally involves a procession led by a wassail King and Queen, which has to make as much noise as possible to waken the sleeping tree spirits and frighten off any evil demons which may be lurking in the branches! The wassail Queen places a piece of wassail bread into the branches of a tree as a gift to the tree spirits in the hope of a good harvest!

There will be singing and music to accompany us.

Refreshments and hot mulled cider will be provided.

Promises to be a bit of traditional fun in February to raise all our spirits!

Please come and join us.

The HATA 100 Club

Would you be interested in the chance of winning £75 every month? And £250 at Christmas? All while supporting the work we do to maintain the allotment field as a valuable community asset?

Tickets will cost £4 per month (with a minimum 12 month commitment).

More information next month, but if you want to get ahead of the crowd, use the QR code below to take you to the application form!



Or visit : tinyurl.com/HATAClub

Another date for your diary:

The next **HATA Quiz Night** at the village hall will be **Saturday 21st March**. More details next month.

- Fiona Gould

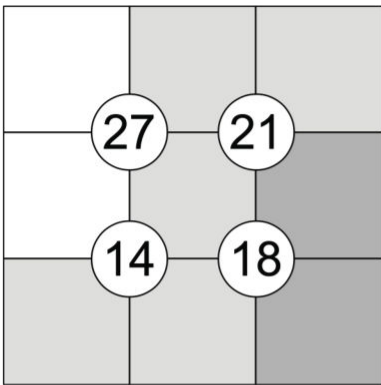
Kobayaashi's Puzzle Page!



See page 18 for solutions.

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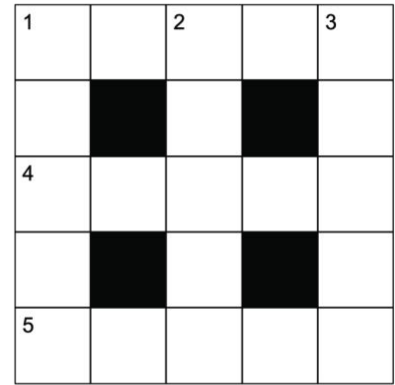
Make as many six-letter words as you can, by using one letter from each of the six columns, in the order shown.

One word for free : FLARES.

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

Five by Five

Mini Crossword Puzzle



Across :

- Cut a rug
- Stand up
- Vigilant

Down :

- Excitement
- Clamour
- Cast out



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

HUNDONTIME!!!

Can you find how many times the word HUNDON is hidden in the grid below? Answers may be written forward, backwards or diagonally...

H	N	O	D	N	U	H	H	U	N	D	O	H	O	N	D	U	N	N	O	H
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COLOUR ME



WHO'S BEEN VISITING?



Muddy and frosty or snowy weather makes for great tracking opportunities. See how many of these tracks you can spot while you're out and about.

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Ready to get detecting?
How many of these footprints can you find?

Look for prints in soft mud near a pond or lake, after rain, or in the frost and snow during winter.

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WOODLAND TRUST

GET OUT AND MEET NATURE!

Wrap up warm, get outside, and stretch your legs on a nature walk and see how many things you can spot – it's amazing what you can see when you look closely at the world around you. Here is a list of 10 things to find on your walk:

1. Footprints or animal tracks
2. Snowdrops
3. A cloud shaped like an animal
4. A tree with leaves on
5. A pinecone
6. A feather
7. Frost or snow – look closer, can you see any patterns or shapes?
8. A branch shaped like a hand or a letter of the alphabet (Did you know there used to be a horse-shaped tree in Hundon?)
9. Spring bulbs and shoots in the ground
10. A muddy puddle

When you get home have a go at drawing a picture of the things you saw on your nature walk.

Bird Bingo! Grab a pen and get your eyes and ears ready. Can you be the first to spot (or hear) all nine birds listed below? Maybe you'll even see a White-Tailed Eagle as well!

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robin | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Tit | <input type="checkbox"/> Chaffinch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sparrow | <input type="checkbox"/> Rook | <input type="checkbox"/> Great Spotted Woodpecker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackbird | <input type="checkbox"/> Pigeon | <input type="checkbox"/> Buzzard |

In drier weather, you can make a tracking area in your garden with the help of some sand, a tray, and a little food to entice your visitors to leave their prints.

1. Fill an old baking tray with damp sand and smooth out the surface with a ruler or flat edge. (You can do without the tray if you have an area in your garden that you don't mind being sandy).
2. Place hedgehog food or meaty dog food in a low-sided dish in the middle of the sand.
3. Leave the trap overnight in your garden and check in the morning for footprints left by curious visitors.



What's Happening Hundon?

See page 23 for the Calendar of Events
and page 22 for the Useful Contacts

Know of an event / group not listed in the HH?
Get in touch and tell us all about it!



**Music Nights
at The Rose & Crown**
Folk & Roots Acoustic Session
First Wednesday of the Month

4th February
7:30 / 8pm Start




BINGO!
Saturday 7th February 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.

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 11th February 2026
at 7:30pm in the Social Club

All are welcome and invited!
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Village Hall Open Forum
Monday 16th February 2026
at 6:00pm in the Social Club

This Open Forum will give you a chance to speak
with the committee, share ideas, and learn more
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**FREE TASTER EVENING with
Hundon Gardening Club**

Thursday February 19th, 7.30 pm
at Hundon Village Hall

'Britain's
Butterflies in a
Changing
Environment'
with Entomologist
Dr Ian Bedford



What is a butterfly and
how do you tell a
butterfly from a moth?
What species can we
find in Britain and how
are they coping with a
changing climate? Many species of
Britain's Butterflies are in serious decline, but why, and can
we do anything to help them in our gardens?

EVERYONE WELCOME!
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Meetings: Members £2.50 Visitors £4.00



HUNDON SOCIAL CLUB

Opening times & events for February 2026

Sunday 1st February - 12:30 - 17:30
Sunday Social & Ladies FC Home Game

Friday 6th February - 18:30 - 23:00
Hundon Open Darts Competition
(Signup By 19.00)

Saturday 7th February - 14:00-19:00
Extra Opening Hours

Saturday 7th February - 19:00 - 22:30
Bingo Night Eyes Down 8pm

Sunday 8th February - 12:30 - 17:30
Sunday Social

Monday 9th February - 19:00 - 23:00
Monday Darts Cup Final

Saturday 14th February - 13:45 - 17:30
Hundon FC Home Match

Saturday 14th February - 18:00 - 23:30
Valentines Quiz & Fish And Chips
(Booking Required)

Sunday 15th February - 12:30 - 17:30
Sunday Social Hours & Ladies FC Home Game

Friday 20th February - 19:00 - 23:00
Darts Home Game

Saturday 21st February - 13:45 - 17:30
Hundon FC Home Match

Sunday 22nd February - 12:30 - 17:30
Sunday Social Hours

Friday 27th February - 19:00 - 23:00
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121 m

Paw Ratings: 

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I have to say, that this was possibly one of the most beautiful walks I've been on in quite a while - and also one of the most dangerous. Beautiful because of the colours. It was early one January morning, around 8am, and the sky was afire, with gold and rose and blue. It was spectacular. However, it was also very frosty, hence the danger. I found out rather quickly that I needed to watch my step, while being lured by the awesome scenery and magical sky.

I began my walk at Brickwall Corner, the little triangle across the road from Brickwall Farm, and headed West towards Brockley Green. Within minutes I realised just how much attention I needed to pay to the road, as I was starting to slip and slide. Thankfully, though, I never fell. Then, shortly after passing The Grange on my right, I turned off the road when I reached a path on my left. Currently there's no sign, just the well-rutted path, but this is Way Bank Lane, heading South and beyond the borders of Hundon parish. How much you'll enjoy this path will depend no doubt on the season. When I went, it was a little slippery but mostly icy. I'm sure in the summer it will be an easier walk.

SEE BACK COVER FOR PHOTOS

As I walked, the sun was rising, and the scenery was lit like a technicolour movie set. Glorious. And so it continued as I made my way along the lane, spotting dog walkers and Roe Deer as I went. After a mile of walking over rutted earth, Way Bank Lane turned to asphalt at Crook's Hall, and my step became a little lighter.

Soon, the road curved round to the left, and I found myself on Cains Hill, where I encountered some of the most marvellous ditches I've ever come across! They were neat, they were deep, and they looked like they meant business. I don't know who farms this part of the world, but 10/10 for your ditches!

My morning plod continued undisturbed as I made my way along Cains Hill, until at Burnthouse Farm, the road curved to the right, and only a few moment's later I found myself at a turning on my left, onto Dead Woman's Lane. Now, how it got that name I've no idea (I'm hoping some knowledgeable local can help with that), but despite the unfortunate moniker, this was a delightful walk, with views stretching out to the sunlit horizon.



Hundon FC

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We are still on the lookout for volunteers to help the club push on, we are looking for people to help with ground and facility maintenance, social media officer, various administration positions and volunteer physio for games.

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For HFC February Fixtures see page 11.

- Rod Gaffan



HUNDON SOCIAL CLUB Quiz Night & Fish and Chips



Thank you to everyone who has already booked for our February Quiz Night. We are now around 50 percent full, with a limited number of tables still available.

Entry is £10 per person, which includes both the quiz and a classic fish-and-chip supper. Teams can include up to six players, making it ideal for friends, families, or a full table of competitive minds. This is a members-only event, and you can purchase your membership when booking your table.

The quiz will feature seven rounds, including a picture round and a music round. Following feedback from our last event, the difficulty has been turned down to keep the focus firmly on fun rather than frustration. Expect general knowledge, light-themed questions, and a few of our more quirky round ideas. Some of you may still remember "Is it a cheese or a service station".

There will also be a Heads or Tails game at the end of the night. Entry is £1, with £20 going to the winner, plus a wrapped raffle with donations welcome.

All profits from the evening support Hundon Social Club and help fund future events.

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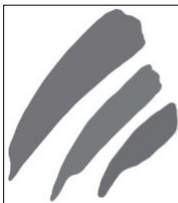
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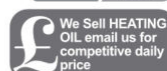
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Hundon Parish Church The Fire of February 1914



The Parish Church, of All Saints was destroyed by fire on Sunday 15th February 1914, and nothing but a gaunt scarred skeleton is left. Fortunately there was no night service, for the outbreak occurred between 7:30 and 8 o'clock p.m.



The cry that the church was on fire soon brought out all the villagers, and hundreds of people were soon on the spot. The two fire brigades from Clare were sent for, and lost no time in getting to work, obtaining an abundance of water from adjacent ponds. They worked with a will against great odds, for the flames, aided by a stiff south-wester, had gained rapidly, spreading from the seats in the east end above and below, licking up the woodwork of the roof, and sending down great splashes of molten lead into the building and also into the rain pipes outside. The fire was already well advanced in the nave, the oak flooring, pews, etc. supplying ample material, until the flames reached the archway under the tower where the draught increased the tongues of fire; it was not long before the woodwork of the belfry chambers was destroyed, and the flames leapt higher, lighting up the sky for miles around, the reflection being noticed at Sudbury.

Finding their efforts unavailing on the building, at the request of Mr Charles Whiting, one of the churchwardens, the firemen played the hose on the safe in the vestry at the east end of the south aisle, with the result that helpers were able to secure the safe containing the records, which beyond being coloured by the heat, were unharmed. The most exciting and certainly the most moving incident of the fire, perhaps, was when the bells fell with a tremendous crash. They had been rung earlier in the day, and 16

were left 'Up' ready for starting the next peal. As the beams on which they were hung were gradually burnt away they reverted mouth downwards with a weird clang. As yet the origin of the outbreak is not known.



The Church, a fine building, which stood back from the main street of the village, on the side of the hill, was an ancient structure of flint, mostly in the perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave, chapel aisles, and south porch, with a very fine embattled western tower, containing a clock and six bells. A new organ was provided in 1897, and the church partially restored and re-seated with open back benches in 1888. The records date back to the 15th or 16th century.

- Text from a news article dated February 18th 1914.



After The Fire



Above : Hundon Church interior before the fire.



Before the fire c.1907



Fire damage, 1914



Rebuilt after the fire, c.1926

Hundon Church was rebuilt in 1914-16 to designs by Detmar Blow (1867-1931) and Ferdinand Billerey (1878-1951). Blow worked for the Society of the Protection of Ancient Buildings on the restoration of the tower at nearby Clare (1898-9). He was in partnership with the French-trained Ferdinand Billerey from 1905, and they worked on a number of country and London houses, including many on the Grosvenor estate. His conservative restoration of Hundon is characteristic of his Arts-and-Crafts ideals, a very different aspect of his work from the later metropolitan work he undertook.

The rebuilding in 1914-16 largely followed the original design, but did not entirely obliterate the damage done to the masonry by the fire. The openwork parapet on the clerestory has quatrefoils with feathered cusps above; only the fragment on the North survived the fire; that on the South was wholly rebuilt in the early 20th century and has heads and grotesques on the string below it. The clerestory was also entirely rebuilt at this time, and has late 15th century or early 16th century style windows. The North aisle parapet has 18th century brick repairs.

The interior is very plain, and is largely 20th century, except for some of the window mullions and a few other fragments. The design is similar to its predecessor. The nave arcades are in a 14th century style, with polygonal piers, moulded capitals, and pointed, chamfered arches. The corbelled shafts that formerly supported the nave roof, which were entirely destroyed in the fire, are indicated by schematic shafts and corbel blocks in the present clerestory. The late 15th century doorway to the rood stair survives at the East end of the North aisle, and there are four medieval roof corbels surviving in the North aisle and two in the South aisle. There is a very tall, narrow tower arch, reaching almost to the top of the clerestory. The wide chancel arch is in a 15th century style, with polygonal responds, moulded capitals and finely moulded arch. The South chapel opens to the chancel through a 15th century style arch with unusual triple respond shafts that terminate in a blank section at the bottom, apparently an alteration by Blow and Billerey. Woodwork with blind tracery in the South chapel is late medieval and survived the fire because it was in the vicarage at the time.

In September 2015 the lead on the roof of both the North and South aisles was stolen overnight. Through a grant from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme it has been possible to re-lead the roof, which is now protected by an alarm system. It is also noted that half the cost of the alarm system was covered by a grant from the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. A grant from the Leche Trust enabled the restoration of a table top tomb which was damaged when the lead was pushed over the edge of the parapet, landing not on the ground but on the tomb.

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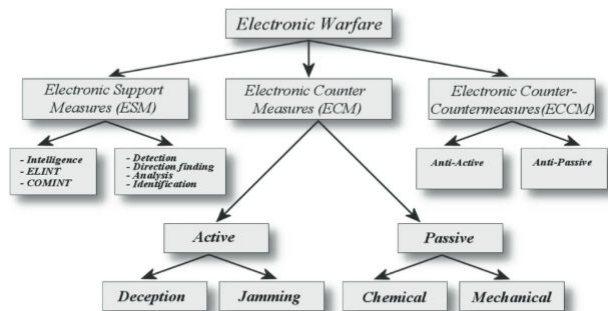
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The church looked especially beautiful as it was lovingly decorated in readiness for the Christmas Service, setting the scene for a truly festive village gathering.

It was heart-warming to see the Poslingford community come together once again. Mark's service was as engaging and enjoyable as ever, delighting everyone with his imaginative "chocolate version" of the Christmas story. Several members of the village took part in the readings, making the service feel all the more special and inclusive.

A big thank you goes to Mel, who did a fabulous job on the keyboard, adding to the joyful atmosphere. George and Melody were on hand with warming mulled wine, delicious sausage rolls and mince pies, which were very much appreciated by all.

Events like these are a wonderful reminder of the strong community spirit in Poslingford, and we look forward to many more opportunities to gather together throughout the year.

Dates for Your 2026 Diary

February : Sat 14th, 2pm – Pancakes
March : Sat 14th, 2pm – Pudding Party BYO
April : Sat 11th, 2pm – Bangers & Bingo
May : Sat 9th, 2pm – Plant Swap
June : Sat 13th, 2pm – Booze in the Pews & Quiz
July : Sat 25th – Parish BBQ (Time TBC)
August : Sat 8th, 2pm – Scarecrow Making
September : Sat 12th – annual Ride & Stride event
October : Sat 10th, 2pm – Pumpkins
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Fri 18th, 6.00pm – Christmas Service

- Heather Jones

PANCAKES

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"Can you put in that thing that whatsisname is hosting at unknowwhere?"

19 What's the best way to get your news or event listing in the Hundon Herald? Send it to the editor!

WINTER IN MY STUDIO



I'm Sue Eaton a contemporary painter inspired by wildlife, woodland and waterways living and working in Hundon. Vincents Studio was built 15 years ago when we renovated Vincents Cottage. We lived in a caravan on site for 6 months. My studio was built on the footprint of a disused greenhouse. Oak framed it is large and beautiful with full length double glazed windows each end. It's fully insulated, warm in winter and cool in summer - perfect. Before we built the studio I worked in a small space which limited my artistic endeavours. My studio transformed the way I work.

Many people dislike the winter months but for me I welcome January & February. There are no exhibitions running and it offers a chance to paint a body of work in readiness for the start of the season.

Winter is the time I experiment with new ideas. Unusual painting surfaces intrigue me. I love texturing the surface of either board or canvas, and painting on metals, including copper, aluminium and gold leaf.

My muse this winter is The Sycamore Tree. In remembrance of a tree perfectly placed in the landscape. I shall be depicting it in several ways on different surfaces. This one **Mind the Gap** is painted on aluminium in an atmospheric mist. I shall also have prints made from the originals.



I'm a member of Suffolk Open Studios, the Suffolk Art Society and the Society of East Anglian Watercolourists. Each have several exhibitions a year and my work is represented by The Brett Gallery in Monks Eleigh. For several years I successfully exhibited and sold at The Mall Galleries with The Society of Women Artists. Delivering work there is a nightmare, the commission high as is the kudos so for now I'm leaving it. It's not easy being an artist!

I also open my studio and garden several times a year, usually the May Bank Holiday and in June with the Suffolk Open Studios. There are very few places where large work can be exhibited due to space limitations in galleries and exhibitions. I have the space to show large pieces in my studio demonstrating how one painting really works for featured walls.

My studio is also my office. I take photos of all my work and keep everything saved on my computer. I have folders of sold paintings for visitors to look through as inspiration for commissions. Check out my website for examples of my work and details of exhibitions..

I have Radio 2 or 4 running and have the company of my 2 dogs Elkie and Finn. In truth I'm to be found in my studio at all times of the year not just winter, its my happy place.

Look out for my open studio dates in the Hundon Herald come spring and summer. You are welcome here at other times by appointment.

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- Sue Eaton

HH at 40



On Saturday 3rd June 2006, the Epsom Derby was won by Sir Percy, a horse foaled in Hundon. Sir Percy was born on 27th January 2003, and his breeder was Harry Ormesher, who ran his business The Old Suffolk Stud at Bear Farm. Sir Percy's dam was Percy's Lass, who sadly died of colic when he was still a young foal. His sire was Mark of Esteem. After a short but highly successful racing career, Sir Percy retired from the track and stood at Lanwades Stud in Newmarket. Rumour abounded in the village that Bob Shepstone had placed a decent bet on Sir Percy - he was certainly looking very pleased for a few days after the race!

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The two new grit bins to replace the ones broken up by The Plough and in Farmerie Road have arrived and will be in place very soon.

Pot Holes

Many of you would have read about the government's ranking of county councils regarding their record on fixing potholes. Suffolk was ranked as "Red", however the Parish Council has been advised that the ranking is being contested by the County Council and should have been "Amber". Still not a good record. So please keep reporting potholes on the Suffolk Council site.

Next Meeting : 11th February 2026 at 7:30pm,
Hundon Social Club

Minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council Website.

- Ken Button, Hundon Parish Clerk

Useful Contacts for Hundon Clubs, Groups & Places

- | Art Club - Libby Brooks : 07900 253932
- | Ballet School Workshop -
- | Alison Law : 07821 197107
- | Carpet Bowls - Ann Hathaway : 01440 786993
- | Cricket - Jumbo Barker : 01440 786788
- | Evergreens - Margaret Blackwell : 07513 155472
- | Football Club - Rod Gaffan : 07837 701610
- | Fun Kurling - Margaret Blackwell : 07513 155472
- | Gardening Club - Janet Burrows : 01440 786554
- | HATA - Fiona Gould : 07740 823106
- | Hockey Club - Sam Slater : 07970 181379
- | Pilates + Yoga - Coco Harrison-Self : 07377 380845
- | Tai Chi - Martin Fayers : 07949 850810
- | Wine Club - Andy Turner: 07802 175144
- | Yoga For Every Body - Sally Russo : 07922 476874

- | Astro turf - Stewart Alderman : 07725 516265
- | The Rose & Crown : 01440 786261
- | Shop & Post Office : 01440 786223
- | Social Club - Aaron Flack : 07896 637407
- | Village Hall - Chris Callow : 07736 123906

- | Hundon Hedgehogs Pre-School : 01440 786638
- | Hundon Primary School : 01440 786217

- | Hundon Hedgehog Rescue -
- | Jill Brown : 07818 478770

- | Neighbourhood Watch - Bob Steel : 01440 786303

- | Parish Council Clerk - Ken Button :
| clerk.hundonpc@outlook.com
- | Parish Council Web : www.hundon.onesuffolk.net

- | Village Website : www.Hundon.org

- | Local MP - Nick Timothy (Con) : 01440 782135
| nick.timothy.mp@parliament.uk

- | Floodline : 0345 988 1188
- | Water / Sewage Issues - Anglian Water -
| 24-hour emergency number : 03457 145 145

- | Power cut / damaged power lines : call 105
| or go to www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/power-cut

- | Suffolk Highways : 0345 606 6171
| or to report a problem online :
| <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk>

- | If you know a contact missing from this list, please
| get in touch with the editor :
| HundonHerald@post.com

HUNDON VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2026

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>EVENTS KEY : 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, HFC = Hundon Football Club.</p> <p>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).</p>						
<p>10:30 - 11:30 CY 2</p> <p>14:00 - 16:00 Evergreens</p> <p>19:00 - 23:00 Bowls Match</p> <p>19:00 - 20:00 HHC (A)</p>	<p>09:30 - 10:45 YFEB 3</p> <p>13:30 - 14:30 TC</p> <p>15:00 - 16:30 FK</p> <p>16:00 - 20:00 Pizza Night (VHC)</p> <p>18:30 - 19:30 P</p>	<p>16:30 BSW 4</p> <p>19:30 / 20:00 Start Folk & Roots Acoustic Session (RC)</p>	<p>14:00 - 16:30 Carpet Bowls 5</p> <p>18:30 - 23:00 Hundon Open Darts Competition (SC) - <i>signup by 19:00</i></p>	<p>14:00 - 16:30 Carpet Bowls 6</p>	<p>08:00 BSW 7</p> <p>14:00-19:00 Social Club - Extra Opening Hours (SC)</p> <p>19:00-22:30 Bingo Night - <i>Eyes Down 8pm (SC)</i></p>	<p>12:30 - 17:30 Sunday Social (SC) & Ladies FC Home Game (FF) 1</p> <p>9:00 - 10:00 All Saints Church - Holy Communion (ASC) 8</p> <p>12:30 - 17:30 Sunday Social (SC)</p>
<p>10:30 - 11:30 CY 9</p> <p>19:00 - 23:00 Darts Match - Cup Final (SC)</p> <p>19:00 - 20:00 HHC (A)</p>	<p>09:30 - 10:45 YFEB 10</p> <p>13:30 - 14:30 TC</p> <p>15:00 - 16:30 FK</p> <p>18:30 - 19:30 P</p>	<p>16:30 BSW 11</p> <p>19:30 - 21:30 Parish Council Meeting (SC)</p>	<p>14:00 - 16:30 Carpet Bowls 12</p>	<p>14:00 - 16:30 Carpet Bowls 13</p>	<p>08:00 BSW 14</p> <p>13:45 - 17:30 HFC Home Match (FF + SC)</p> <p>19:00 - 23:00 Valentines Quiz & Fish and Chips (SC)</p>	<p>10:00 - 12:30 Hundon Art Club 15</p> <p>12:30 - 17:30 Sunday Social (SC) & Ladies FC Home Game (FF)</p>
<p>10:30 - 11:30 CY 16</p> <p>14:00 - 16:00 Evergreens</p> <p>19:00 - 20:00 HHC (A)</p> <p>18:00 - 20:00 Open Village Hall Meeting (SC)</p>	<p>09:30 - 10:45 YFEB 17</p> <p>13:30 - 14:30 TC</p> <p>15:00 - 16:30 FK</p> <p>18:30 - 19:30 P</p>	<p>14:55-15:50 Library Van (VHC) 18</p>	<p>19:30 - 21:30 Gardening Club <i>Free Taster Session - Dr Ian Bedford Butterflies in a Changing Environment</i> 19</p>	<p>14:00 - 16:30 Carpet Bowls 20</p> <p>19:00 - 23:00 Darts Home Game (SC)</p>	<p>08:00 BSW 21</p> <p>13:45 - 17:30 HFC Home Match (FF + SC)</p>	<p>12:45 - 18:00 Sunday Social (SC) 22</p> <p>16:00 Wassailing Celebration at the Community Orchard</p> <p>16:00 - 17:00 All Saints Church - Evensong (ASC)</p>
<p>10:30 - 11:30 CY 23</p> <p>19:00 - 20:00 HHC (A)</p> <p>19:00 - 22:00 Bowls Club Match</p>	<p>09:30 - 10:45 YFEB 24</p> <p>13:30 - 14:30 TC</p> <p>15:00 - 16:30 FK</p> <p>18:30 - 19:30 P</p>	<p>16:30 BSW 25</p>	<p>19:30 - 21:30 Wine Club 26</p>	<p>14:00 - 16:30 Carpet Bowls 27</p> <p>18:30 - 19:30 Yin Yoga</p> <p>19:00 - 23:00 Social Club Open Darts (SC)</p>	<p>08:00 BSW 28</p>	<p>Village Website www.Hundon.org</p>

