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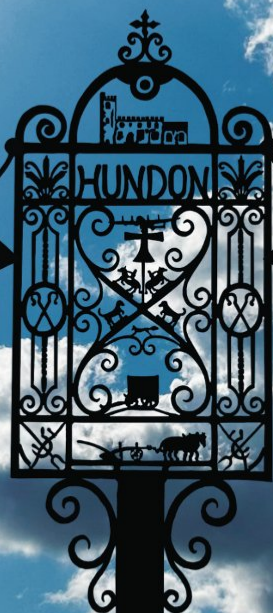
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Finally, some cooler days and 'wet stuff from the sky' - and already, the darker nights are sweeping in!

Unfortunately the Herald was not successful in securing funding from the Broxted Solar Community Fund this year, and as last month's extra planning pages with colour pushed the printing costs (and shortfall) up substantially, we're working on a restricted page count this month as we navigate a slight funding glitch.

Are there any natural dye or plant ink enthusiasts in the village? I've recently harvested some teasels in preparation for making a natural dye. I've not tried teal before. There's something rather magical about capturing the colour and energy of the plants and seasons that I never seem to tire of.

As always, please send in your news and share your views... and if you've a ghost story to tell, get in touch, for the Spooky Suffolk feature in our October issue.

Until next time... happy reading!

Gillie

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**Deadline for the October issue is :
(midday) Monday 21st September**

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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Donations always welcome and gratefully received. Unfortunately there is still a shortfall to cover with each issue, but Hundon is good at fund raising, so if you could shake a bucket at your next event, or encourage donations to the Hundon Herald that would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

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"The impossible could not have happened, therefore the impossible is possible in spite of appearances."

- A quote spoken by the detective Hercule Poirot in Agatha Christie's 1934 mystery novel *Murder on the Orient Express*.

Dame Agatha Mary Clarissa Mallowan, Lady Mallowan, (née Miller, 15 September 1890 – 12 January 1976), usually known by her first married name, *Agatha Christie*, was an English author known for her 66 detective novels and 14 short-story collections, particularly those revolving around fictional detectives Hercule Poirot, Tommy and Tuppence, and Miss Marple.

LOOK UP!

If you're reading this before the end of August, remember to look for the **Lunar Eclipse** on Friday 28th August.

Neptune reaches opposition on September 25th, making it the best time of year to spot the distant blue-green dot through a telescope.

Northern Lights Season Around the autumn equinox in late September, Earth's magnetic field aligns in a way that helps channel solar energy toward the poles more effectively, marking the start of Aurora Season (late Sept - April). Best time of night to catch them tends to be 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

MOON PHASES FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

			
Last Quarter	New Moon	First Quarter	Full Moon
Sept 3rd	Sept 11th	Sept 18th	Sept 26th
08:51	04:27	21:43	17:49

The September full moon is known by many names :
Harvest Moon / Wine Moon / Barley Moon / Corn Moon

WEEKLY SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES FOR HUNDON

Mon 7th	Mon 14th	Mon 21st	Mon 28th
Rise : 06:19	Rise : 06:30	Rise : 06:42	Rise : 06:53
Set : 19:31	Set : 19:15	Set : 18:58	Set : 18:42

September / Autumn Equinox falls on
Wednesday September 23rd 2026, at 01:05

*Times are all in BST (GMT / UTC+1)

• Which Bin When? •

September Hundon Bin Collection Dates

Thursday 3rd : Please note different collection day this week to accommodate August bank holiday :
Green Lid Recycling + Food Caddy + Brown Garden Waste

Weds 9th : Black Bin + Food Caddy

Weds 16th : Blue Recycling + Food Caddy + Brown Garden Waste

Weds 23rd : Black Bin + Food Caddy

Weds 30th : Green Lid Recycling + Food Caddy + Brown Garden Waste

For more recycling info visit : suffolkrecycling.org.uk

• WEEKLY MARKETS •

Bury St Edmunds : Weds and Sats - 9am to 4pm

Haverhill : Fridays and Saturdays - 9am to 3pm

Hadleigh : Fridays - 9am to 1pm

Sudbury : Thursdays and Saturdays - 8am to 3pm

Mildenhall : Fridays 9am to 2:30pm

Newmarket : Tuesdays and Saturdays 9am to 3pm

• MONTHLY MARKETS •

Haverhill Makers Market

Saturday 5th Sept. 9am - 3pm on The High Street

Kedington Community Market

Sunday 6th September. 10am to 12.30pm at Kedington Community Centre

Bury St. Edmunds Makers Market

Sunday 6th September. 10am - 3pm. The Traverse. BSE. IP33 1BJ

Bury St. Edmunds Farmers Market

Sunday 13th September. 10am - 3pm. The Traverse. Bury St. Edmunds, IP33 1BJ

Clare Monthly Market

Saturday 17th Sept. 8:30 - 1:30pm. Clare, CO10 8NN

Lavenham Farmers Market

Sunday 27th September. 10am - 1:30pm. Lavenham Village Hall, Church Street, Lavenham CO10 9QT

Sudbury Farmers Market

Friday 25th September. 9:30am - 2pm. Market Hill, Sudbury, CO10 2EA

Contacts for Hundon Venues

Astroturf - Stewart Alderman : 07725 516265

The Rose & Crown : 01440 786261

Shop & Post Office : 01440 786223

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Hundon Hedgehogs Pre-School : 01440 786638

Hundon Primary School : 01440 786217

Village Website : www.Hundon.org

HUNDON VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE



Notification of the Shop Annual General Meeting.

The AGM this year will take place on Thursday 24th September at 7pm in the Social Club.

Most people will be aware that there is CCTV at the shop. The CCTV system covers the internal areas of the shop, the Village Hall Car Park and the all-weather sports pitch, "The Astro", to the rear of the Village Hall. In line with the requirements of the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) the Shop and The Hundon Sports Association have a CCTV policy and a Data Protection Impact Assessment. These documents can be viewed, by appointment, at the shop.

Our suppliers have changed the delivery day for fresh bread/rolls and milk. These products will now be delivered on Monday and Friday (previously Monday and Thursday)

Don't forget that your Post Office offers most of the services that you would expect from a high street bank branch, when they existed, including paying in and withdrawing cash for most major banks and, as we are in the main holiday season don't forget that you can buy your foreign currency for your hols.

POST OFFICE CLOSED on Monday 7th September

for one day only. The final stage of the transfer of the Post Office franchise from Megan to Alison takes place on Monday 7th September when a team from the central Post Office are on site to conduct the transfer audit. This does, unfortunately, mean that the Post office has to be closed on this day to allow for this activity to be completed.

Bank Holiday Monday 31st August

The end of August see's the last of this year's bank holidays until Christmas. The shop will be open from 8am until 12pm on the bank holiday with newspapers delivered as normal. The Post Office will be closed on this day.

- Stewart Alderman

Chairman – Hundon Village Shop Committee

HUNDON SHOP & POST OFFICE REGULAR OPENING TIMES

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Sunday 10am – 12pm

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The 'New Curate's' Chronicles September 2026 (Autumn leaves)

Autumn is a season marked by change, harvest, and preparation for the coming winter. It is a time of transformation in nature, where the beauty of the changing leaves and the gathering of the harvest serve as metaphors for spiritual growth, reflection, and the cycles of life. The Bible often uses the imagery of seasons, including autumn, to convey deeper spiritual truths about life, change, and God's provision.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Ecclesiastes 3:1

This Old Testament verse reminds us that our lives are also full of seasons, each life with subtle individualities. Autumn, with its transition from the vibrancy of summer to the stillness of winter, symbolises the natural cycles of change and transition, encouraging us to embrace every stage in our lives with faith and to accept that each season of life has its divine purpose, irrespective of our understanding.

The changes we experience will be deeply personal to each of us but we all have the assurance of God's love for us. When you wake to a season that feels unfamiliar—whether it's a new job, a shift in family life, or a time of waiting—remember that the same God who led you here will also lead you through.

My very best wishes to you all,

**- Revd Sarah Smith
Curate**

The Revd Sarah Smith was ordained Deacon at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Saturday 27th June 2026. Sarah has lived in Suffolk for more than 30 years, and has now (mostly) retired from teaching.

Sarah will be serving the Stour Valley Benefice as a non-stipendiary Deacon and will, God willing be ordained a Priest in June 2027.



Our existing curate (The Revd Dr Karen Smith) has completed her Curacy but continues to serve the Stour Valley Benefice whilst she seeks her own permanent Benefice.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2026 SERVICES

**Sunday 13th September
9am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 27th September
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Allotment Field Update

Well, what a challenging month! Another month with no rain, a hose-pipe ban and ridiculously high temperatures! My crops are mostly giving up! I've had about 2 corn cobs, but even the courgettes are struggling and they're normally reliable. I'm also about giving up for the season – I'll start again when it starts raining!

We have pulled the cutting of the field forward due to concerns about potential fire risk. Hopefully it will be done by the time you read this.

We have also cancelled our planned Apple Day (4th October) as trees are protecting themselves by dropping their fruit. Yields are very low and there is a huge amount of damaged fruit.

It was, however, a lucky month for our 100 Club members – congratulations to Ed Cox, Rebecca Saveall-Green and Janet Burrows.

- Fiona Gould

Tubs & Beds **TUBS AND SHRUBS**



From left to right: Peggy Mizon, Yvonne Hicks, Jan Turner, Jayne Tabram, Janet Burrows and Lyn Cardy

We would like to introduce ourselves to the Community and also thank everyone who has commented on how well the tubs and beds around the Village Hall and Shop have looked this year. You may have seen us, the watering-can brigade, when visiting the Hall, Social Club and Shop

We came together as a voluntary group in 2017 when the Village Hall Committee requested the planting of a ceanothus shrub. Since then we have established and maintained the raised beds behind the picnic benches and installed 10 large tubs in front and at the side of the Hall. Recently we have had to remove the tubs by the side of the hall as they were being constantly damaged. As a result of this we have come to the decision we need to replace the plastic tubs and, being environmentally aware, we have decided to invest in 3 large wooden planters. This year we applied to Broxted Solar Community Fund for a grant and were lucky to have our project accepted. The grant covers most of the expenses we will incur but we will have to raise funds to complete the project.

We would therefore like to ask the residents of Hundon to support us in our efforts to raise the extra money.

We have placed an envelope in the Village Shop for you to make a donation and would like to thank you for your help.



**Seasonal cycles & summer smiles
with music, larks & art!**

Greetings! from Clare Castle Country Park!

While we tend to think of times like this prolonged dry spell of weather as a novelty, there is some comfort in it being another cycle which the park has lived through before in its long history. It just means that currently, like many parks & open spaces we may not be looking our greenest, however we still have lots to offer every age group!

We know that ancestors throughout the parks past enjoyed outdoor theatre and our second outdoor theatre performance is rolling up on the 8th September 2026 at 6.30pm when The Handlebards perform an eco-friendly, bicycle-powered version of Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, carrying all their props, sets, and costumes on their bikes as they tour various venues. Check out www.thehandlebards.co.uk for more information.

Another tradition carried on from castle days is people showcasing their wares, bringing art & crafts & pots to share & the next couple of months is full of those delights. Thanks to our ex-railway heritage we have The Old Goods Shed & this wonderful, restored building makes a great venue. Its light and space attract a wealth of local, gifted creatives to use it and we are especially lucky to have lots to look at in the coming weeks.

This year we appointed our first Artist-in-Residence of the modern era! Check out www.libbybrooks.com for more information about upcoming workshops in The Old Goods Shed. If you are looking to try something new as the seasons change, why not try the Botanical Plaster Casting Workshop on Thursday 17th September.

Also coming up in September - 2026 marks the 3rd Year for Clay in Clare, who are back bigger than ever featuring the talents of 19 brilliant potters, showcasing the beauty & versatility of clay! The exhibition is taking place in The Old Goods Shed from the 10 -13th September 10am-4pm. There was a huge interest last year in the event which brought in many extra visitors who made a weekend of it.

If you are looking to get out and about for some fresh air & enjoy the countryside, then Clare Walkers are doing the Wickhambrook Loop which is 5 miles on Sunday 12th September. And don't forget they have a weekly walk on a Tuesday meeting at the park at 10.15am for a 10.30am start. Check out:

www.clarewalkers.co.uk
or email info@clarewalkers.co.uk

We will also see the return of the classic cars and dapper gents as The Distinguished Gentleman's Drive returns to the park on Sunday 27th September 2026.

- Clare Castle Country Park
www.clarecastlecountrypark.co.uk
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HUNDON INSECT WATCH

The **3rd Annual Hundon Insect Watch** took place during August after a brutally hot and dry year. With many flowers already gone over, there's very little to sustain our insect friends, and our 'Insect Watcher' numbers were also down this year - it seems it's been a rather tough year for many, not just the insects - so this is only a very brief snapshot of Insect Life in Hundon during August 2026 :



On Friday August 14th I spent 15 minutes looking out for insects in my garden. I did not see a great deal of activity, but that was hardly surprising in view of the long period of hot dry weather that we had been suffering. Most of the flowers had died and the general vegetation was a dry and uneatable mess.

Here is the list of my 'catch' :

Numerous mint moths on the mint and the shrivelled marjoram

- Several common wasps drinking from the bird bath
- 1 Gatekeeper butterfly
- 2 7-spot ladybirds
- 2 Small White butterflies
- 1 bumblebee – probably the buff-tailed, but it was too far away for accurate identification.

I fear our insect populations are going to take a while to build up again, especially the butterflies and moths, many of whose caterpillars undoubtedly starved to death on their shrivelled food plants. And, of course, there will be a knock-on effect on many insect-eating birds and other creatures, which may themselves be rarer next season.

 - Michael Chinery, Mousehole, Mill Road



I chose a cooler morning, at the end of Insect Watch Week, to observe the insects in my garden and pond area. Had I chosen earlier in the week I could have included the hummingbird hawk moth that was enjoying the red valerian flowers one afternoon, or the common darter that was visiting the pond !! but alas, a few minutes before 11am on this particular morning was not their time to show... Overall I saw far fewer insects than previous years, but there's also fewer flowers still in bloom - thank goodness for the the chicory, bristly oxtongue, catnip and comfrey still hanging in - and the hawkbit and yarrow which both manage so well during drought. Earlier, the teasels (which grew incredibly tall this year), while still covered in their delicate lilac blooms, attracted a number of bees and a range of butterflies. I've not seen many honey bees this year, and we've also had no apples or almonds (though we did have a fine crop of sour cherries, and the early raspberries did well).

Here are some of the insects I did spot this morning :

- A few Green bottle flies, House flies, 1 Flesh fly, and some smaller unidentified flies.
- 3 Common carder bees
- 1 Hairy shield bug
- 3 False chinch bug
- A number of black ants
- 1 Spotted wolf spider, drinking from the pond (and I know, spiders are not insects, but I like to include them, and we usually have a number of various spiders in the garden and around the pond. Not so many this year).
- 1 Money spider (on my hat!)
- 1 Pond skater
- 1 Wasp, drinking from the pond
- 1 Small (unidentified) black beetle
- 3 Mint moths
- 1 Hoverfly
- 5 Field (I think) grasshoppers
- 1 Peacock butterfly
- 2 7-spot ladybirds
- Rosemary beetles, fewer than usual, but still lots, all huddled together in the rosemary bushes.

- Gillie



Hundon Gardening Club

Newsletter September 2026

Saturday 15th August - A 'Thank you' Afternoon Tea in Hundon Church.

Our first Afternoon Tea was in August 2021, our first tentative get together after the pandemic of 2020, it was held in a member's garden. This afternoon is our way of thanking members for supporting the club. A good number of members and partners came along and enjoyed a social afternoon in the cool of the church.



Thursday 20th August - Owls with Stephanie Callister-Jarrold. Owner at Owls and Birds of Prey Rescue Suffolk and Essex. A Charity run to help injured and orphaned Owls and Birds of Prey for eventual release back into the wild. We spent a fascinating evening learning about our British Owls, Barn, Little, Short Eared, Long Eared (the tufts are not ears) and Tawny.

Tawny owls eat their prey whole and their pellets contain all the bones etc. Apart from facts about them we were mesmerised by the dedication Stephanie gives to their rescue from very tiny and young birds, to older birds who have been injured, who just wouldn't survive without expert, knowledgeable and dedication of Stephanie. We also had the privilege to see lots of very fluffy pictures of her chicks.

SEPTEMBER is SHOW TIME!



Sunday 13th September - HGC Annual Show open to all! Open at 2.00 to see and take part in what we have to offer. **Show Schedules are in the village shop, the magazine rack**, still not too late to pick one up and see what you could enter, whatever is your thing, baking, cooking, sewing, knitting, growing fruit and veg, taking photos, growing flowers, arranging flowers, indoor plants, crafting etc. We would love to see what you do! Phew!

Friday 18th September - A relaxing afternoon at Porters Lodge at nearby Cavenham. 'Tucked away in the Suffolk countryside, Porters Lodge is a haven of tranquillity where beautifully designed gardens meet the warmth of a country tearoom.'

Thursday 15th October - Luscious Lawns - Lawn care for the perfect lawn with Geoff Hodge. 7.30 in the **Social Club**.

Sunday 18th Oct - Chippenham Park Gardens to see the Autumn Colour. £10 cash entry. RHS members FREE.

Thursday 19th Nov - Sweet Peas with Chris Wiley.

Thursday 17th Dec - What else? Christmas Lunch.

- Janet Burrows



Hundon Football Club

The New Season

As the new season arrives we as a club have been working tirelessly on trying to get our pitch in good order, with the drought we have and are having this has become incredibly difficult, luckily, we have had some much-needed help from the government regarding pitches that have had refurb works on and a lot of money spent on the repair of pitches that we have been able to still use the water from the facility. We will all be complaining of how wet it is in 2 months I know but this hot weather is getting earlier and longer Aswell as hotter year on year. With the pitch now being marked out for both the senior teams and the kids teams this week, we would like to invite you to come and watch a game or two and see how much hard work goes into a real grassroots football club. *Please see fixtures on page 11.*

Kitchen

We have a lot more items on offer for the start of the season if it's a portion of chips or a double burger we have got it for you, we are also adding jumbo hotdogs to the menu so come and try it out. Our drinks menu are all cold cans including, Pepsi, 7up, Dr Pepper, Orange Fanta and of course fruit shoots for the kids, we will also have bottled water for the thirsty fish. Chocolate bars are also on the menu as a little bit of chocolate is always a nice touch with a cup of tea or coffee. We have dedicated volunteers that help in the kitchen so if your interested in getting involved and would be able to give up a couple of hours every now and then please do get in touch, we are always on the look out for helpers. The launch of the winter menu will be in the next couple of months and some exciting changes will be added, along with some of your favourites still on the menu. The HFC kitchen will be open at all fixtures.

Sponsorship/Helpers

As you can see now the club is and has been moving forward at a good pace, this is what we want as a village club, the opportunity for all to play at a club that has a true family vibe, committed people behind the scenes working hard and also the facilities which I think we can all agree are second to none within our region. If you would like to get involved in our football club or would like to help by sponsoring the club please do get in touch.

Contact Rod Gaffan – rodgaffan@hotmail.co.uk

See page 11 for Upcoming HFC Fixtures

HFC Under 7s are currently full to capacity for this season (both teams), but if anyone is interested in helping run other age groups from 2027/28 season please get in touch with Mark Cutts on hundonfcyouth@gmail.com

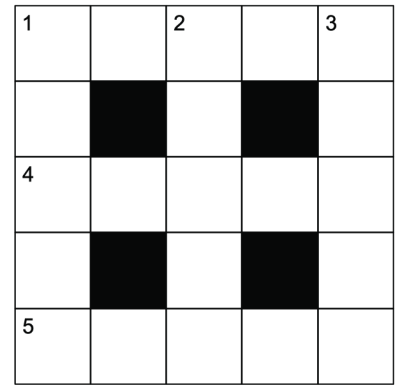
Kobayaashi's Puzzle Page!



Solutions can be found (upside down) on page 5.

Five by Five

Mini Crossword Puzzle



Across :

1. Skeleton parts
4. Five dozen
5. Cheeky and confident

Down :

1. Double-deckers
2. Central hub
3. Furtively



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

Flip the Difference!

Image A has been rotated through 90 degrees anti-clockwise to create **Image B**, but with four differences. Can you tell what they are?

Image A

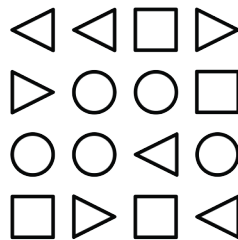
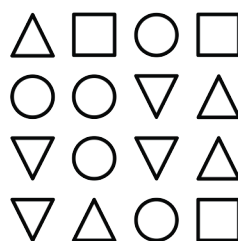


Image B



Sports...

I've been thinking about taking up a sport, but there's so many out there to choose from! Can you find the 25 sports hidden in the grid below? Answers may be written forward, backwards or diagonally...

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LETTERS & SHOUT OUTS!

Got something to say? Send in your letters, shout outs, and comments, to the editor (details on page 2) and have your say on things happening in the village. Start a discussion, give thanks, share a concern, or spread the love for something or someone in the village! Be kind. Be community.

Hundon Music Bash

“ A massive **thank you** to **Dawn and Doug Nimmons** and everyone connected to the Hundon Music Bash for all the hard work they put into staging the Music evening on Saturday 25th July.

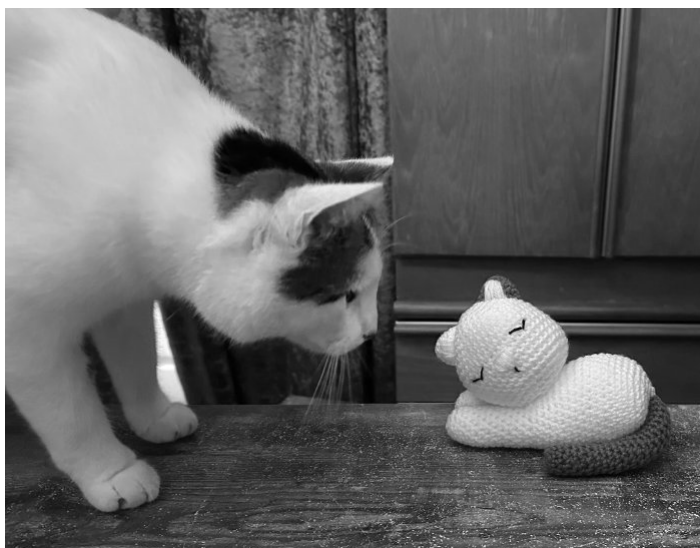
There were three groups in the line-up headlined by Dr Feelgood. I was a great fan of them in the 70's seeing them perform in the famous Hope and Anchor and several other venues on the London pub rock scene.

I was unable to see them the last time they played in the village, so was really happy to be there for their return playing a selection of their well known songs.

We have an amazing community and it's almost unbelievable that we can get performers of this calibre here. It wouldn't have happened if not for the efforts of village people like Dawn and Doug. I really appreciate your efforts, thank you. ”

- Chris Burford

Crafty Kitten!



“ A feline fabulous **thank you** for to the incredibly talented **Shirley Wiseman** for creating the purrrfect little crocheted kitten for me! and such a lovely surprise too. *Do we have a new HH mascot?? Names on postcards / you know the drill...*

Thank you so much, Shirley! ”

- Gillie

Developments Concern

“I wish to address the proposed development of Whitings Hill/Church Street and Mill Road. No low cost housing for the young and no homes for the elderly? How would they widen Whitings Hill? Those who live in the lower parts of the village would have to endure further displacement of water that any additional development behind Mizen Close would no doubt cause. Since Mizon Close was built Lower Road has become ridiculously wet and muddy, the constant wet has led to serious surface damage.

Our sewage system is already under pressure, evident as we, downhill (and down sewage system) in Clare Road already have to dodge faeces and toilet paper every winter when the road floods and the sewage flows out of the drains.

Nothing has been done down in the lower areas to dig out and keep ditches clear for better drainage. The grips are not maintained resulting in water flooding the road while the ditches sit almost empty. Parts of Clare Road are constantly flooded during winter months especially around the area of the Sewage treatment plant. Let's also mention the increase in traffic which we in Clare Road are already noticing due to regular road closures and diversions.

I've briefly outlined my main concerns here (and I could say so very much more). No more development, the village infrastructure is not able to cope.

I came here to live in a quiet village, it's alarming and saddening how fast it's changing. ”

- Kitty Best

COLOUR ME



What's Happening, Hundon? More than what could fit on these pages - so check out the inner back cover for the Calendar of Events.

Got an event to share? Get in touch!

See p11 for the Useful Contacts for Hundon Clubs / Groups, and p3 for Places / Venues/



HUNDON SOCIAL CLUB

Opening times & events for September 2026

Saturday 5th 2.45pm – 6.30pm
FC Home Match. K/o 3pm.

Sunday 6th 12 – 6pm
Sunday Social + Vets K/o 10.30am

Saturday 12th 2.45pm – 6.30pm
FC Home Match K/o 3pm

Sunday 13th 12.45pm – 6pm
Sunday Social + Ladies FC K/o 2pm

Monday 14th 7pm – 11pm
Monday Home Dart Match

Friday 18th 7pm – 10.30pm
Social Club Bingo (Members Only)

Sunday 20th 12.45pm – 6pm
Sunday Social

Friday 25th 7pm – 11pm
Friday Darts Team Practise
(*all those interested in playing in the Friday League welcomed*)

Saturday 26th 2.45pm – 6.30pm
FC Home Match K/o 3pm

Sunday 27th 12 – 6pm
Sunday Social + FC Games
(*Vets K/o 10.30am, Ladies K/o 2pm*)

Monday 28th 7pm – 11pm
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Parish Council lead meeting regarding the proposed development at Whittings Hill / Church St (see p18 for development info).



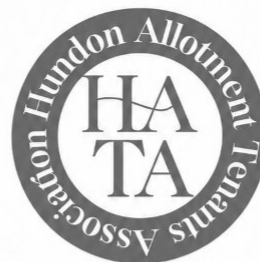
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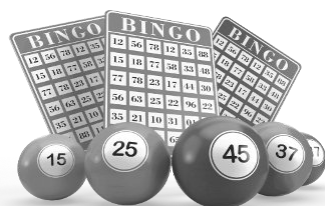
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5th September

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Hundon FC Men
vs Thaxted Res - 3pm KO

6th September

Hundon FC Vets
vs Melbourn Vets - 10.30am KO

12th September

Hundon FC Under 7's red
vs Haverhill Rovers Under 8's - 10am KO

Hundon FC Men
vs Haverhill Town Senior B - 3pm KO

13th September

Hundon FC Women
vs Ely City Res - 2pm KO

19th September

Hundon FC Under 7's
vs Saffron Walden - 10am KO

Hundon FC U7's Black
vs Godmanchester (KO tbc)

26th September

Hundon FC Men
vs Haverhill Town Res - 3pm KO

27th September

Hundon FC Vets
vs Steeple Morden -10.30am KO

Hundon FC Women
vs Swavesey Spartans CUP - 2pm KO

3rd October

Hundon FC U7's Black
vs Haverhill Rovers U8's White (KO tbc)

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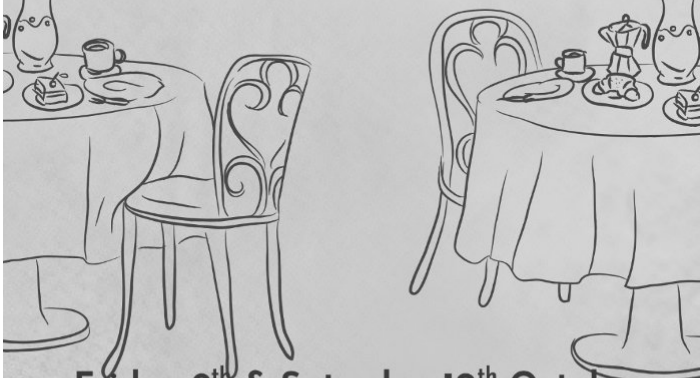
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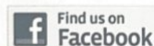
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But it wasn't just about the scarecrows! The event also brought out incredible generosity, with donations gathered for our Community Pantry. These were handed over to our wonderful Vicar, who will ensure every contribution reaches those who need it most.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who took part, helped organise, or supported this year's celebration. Once again, Poslingford has shown just what can happen when creativity, kindness, and community spirit come together — and it's a truly wonderful sight to see.

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New housing proposals for Church Street site

West Suffolk Consultation on an Application for Outline Planning Permission

The Parish Council has been notified that an application has been submitted for Outline Planning Permission for the site above. Households adjacent to the site should also have received a letter from West Suffolk Planning Department inviting representations.

The application and documents can be viewed on the public West Suffolk Planning Portal below which also provides information and instructions about making comments on this application.

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Reference number : **DC/26/1179/OUT**

This will then take you to all the details of the application and relevant documents for viewing. There is a '**Comments**' Tab which will allow you to add comments (maximum of 2000 words) after you have registered with your personal details. The link for this registration process is at the foot of this 'Comments' section.

The above online system is the most efficient method but if unable to use this you can send comments in a letter to West Suffolk Planning, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3YU. You will need to quote the above reference, clearly state whether you Object, Support or are Neutral to the proposal and the reasons for this.

The deadline for representations appears to be 3rd September 2026.

The Parish Council has also collated a list of key concerns to inform its formal response following its next meeting and a summary is attached for information :

Hundon Parish Council – Draft concerns and questions for both West Suffolk Planning and Developers

Surface water and sewage - drainage and flooding concerns

Surface water flooding and/or sewage overflows during wet weather events along Valley Wash, Lower Road, Lower North Street, Farmerie Road, North Street and Clare Road have occurred many times over many decades.

The last major flooding event of October 2023 resulted in thirteen properties being damaged internally and at least a further nine properties had water up against their properties or within a few inches. Some of these damaged properties are Grade Two listed buildings. Those that were damaged internally have had property flood defences installed at great cost to themselves or via public funding. Four properties were so severely damaged they had to be vacated for up to nine months and residents accommodated in hotels while repairs were made. The residents of many of these properties live with constant fear of future flooding and the toll on their wellbeing and mental health is considerable.

This 2023 event was well documented by the Parish Council and provided to the Suffolk Flood Team who have produced a Section 19 Flood report – all of these will be available to Planners. This evidence gathered represents real-world conditions, proving that the village drainage catchment is already failing under present climate conditions. National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Aug 2026, Section 18, sub section F7 states that development proposals "should not increase flood risk elsewhere" and that "It should be refused unless It can be demonstrated that flood risk will not be increased elsewhere".

Flooding events have also resulted in significant sewage overflows which mixed with the surface water resulting in considerable health risks. The depth of this flood water in many places has been approximately 750 mm, blocking roads and vehicle access to properties – causing some residents to wade through waist height contaminated flood waters for essential journeys. Children were also seen playing in this flood water. (We have also had written confirmation from Anglian Water on 13 August 2026 that they *"are aware that the area has suffered from hydraulic overload, and this is mainly due to Surface Water connections coming into our Foul only sewer and field/road run off entering our manholes. This has been passed to our Complex Investigations team to consider the catchment for further investigations in the future"*.)

The potential for any further housing development to increase these risks to the health and wellbeing of residents is an issue of greatest concern to both residents of Hundon and the Parish Council. Due to the level of risk posed by this issue Hundon Parish Council will submit a range of detailed questions and concerns for formal consideration during the planning processes. We would like assurance that the potential for drainage and flooding risks will be fully addressed, by completely independent specialists if necessary, to ensure that development does not progress without complete certainty that these risks to existing residents is fully and completely mitigated by the necessary onsite and offsite measures.

Road infrastructure, footpaths and transport:

a) Traffic movements, pedestrian safety and traffic speeds are also a major concern and will be increased by additional housing developments. Hundon Parish Council consider that Church Street should be widened (as far as possible) down to Valley Wash as this is currently single lane and already difficult for cars to pass each other. Similarly, Hundon Parish Council consider the installation of a footpath down to the junction with Valley Wash is critical to make it safer for people walking up Church Street to access village facilities.

b) Access around the village is via single track rural roads without footpaths in many places which can increase risks to increased pedestrian footfall. What mitigating measures can be taken to reduce this risk? Hundon Parish Council consider that the introduction of 20mph limits, funded by the developers or Local Authority would be an appropriate risk control measure. This will apply to either the whole village as a zone or on the streets with significant numbers of journeys on foot and/or with no pavements.

c) The narrow and restrictive highways into the village, and very restricted access to the sites will generate problems and risks associated with construction vehicles. What form of comprehensive Traffic/Highway Impact Studies and site traffic controls will be prepared and shared for comments? This will be particularly important if the phasing and timing of development mean that both sites are developed in parallel.

d) There is no general public transport within the village as inferred in the submission. The bus stop in North Street is only used for one bus to Haverhill in each direction each day timetabled for school runs at 09.10am and 15.47pm. What consideration has been given to address this complete lack of public transport to the village?

Environmental

a) What proposals are submitted for maintenance of proposed green/landscaped areas and what are the intentions regarding the rest of the site? Hundon Parish Council will require landscaping to the remainder of the site, retention of all existing boundary trees and hedging, or planting of additional trees/hedging if it improves the landscape views or amenity of existing households, and creation of sustainable/environmental and wildlife friendly features.

HUNDON VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2026

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