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Welcome

Nettles and Snowdrops

At this time of year, the bottom of our garden is made up of a contrasting mixture of both stinging nettles and snowdrops.

The nettles are hardy and persistent. Despite having been chopped down, dug up, and generally battled for the last six years, they cling on to territory. They prompt me to think of troubled situations in the world and closer to home, situations that can seem ongoing and overwhelming.

Then, as the New Year rolls on, I see an increasing number of new green shoots from bulbs, among and around the nettles. Once again, snowdrops are pushing their way up through the soil bringing hope and beauty. Despite the way I've battered the soil as I've fought the nettles, the snowdrops seem to keep on thriving. They too are persistent. The snowdrops too are tough.

And as I look ahead into 2026, the snowdrops prompt me not to allow myself to feel overwhelmed, either by world news, or by challenges closer to home. As the Bible says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

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Rev Justin

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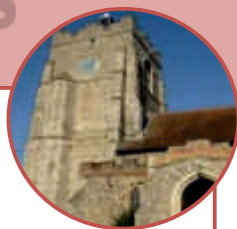
Church Services



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<https://www.hedingham.info/>

(look at the tab 'Services and Events')



February

	St Nicholas's Castle Hedingham	St Peter's, Sible Hedingham
Sunday 1st Feb	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Worship
Monday 2nd Feb	10.30am - 12pm Coffee Morning All welcome	
Sunday 8th Feb	No Service	9.30am Family Communion
Monday 9th Feb	10.30am - 12pm Coffee Morning All welcome	
Saturday 14th Feb		10am - 12pm Coffee Morning
Sunday 15th Feb	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Worship
Monday 16th Feb	10.30am - 12pm Coffee Morning All welcome	
Sunday 22nd Feb	No service	9.30am Family Communion
Monday 23rd Feb	10.30am - 12pm Coffee Morning All welcome	

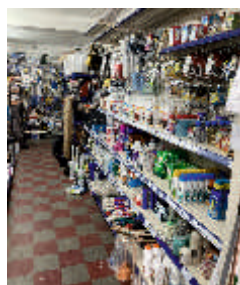
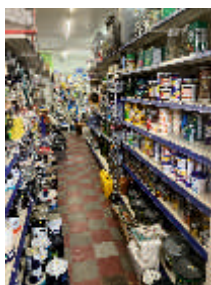
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Baptist Church

Luke 15:24 *For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. So they began to celebrate.*



Advent, Christmas and Epiphany in the church's calendar have passed and we are looking forward to Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday with Easter already on the Horizon. There are so many reminders throughout the year that help us to reflect on our relationship with God and with each other.

For more than ten years our church has run a Messy Church approximately every two months but this year we are trialling Messy Church each month for three months. What is Messy Church? What Happens at Messy Church? Should I go to Messy Church? Perhaps these questions have run through your mind when you see the posters around the village. Messy Church began in the UK as a fresh expression of church by a team at a church near Portsmouth. It was launched to offer a more informal all-ages way of exploring the Christian Faith that included creative activities, worship and a shared meal. Each Messy Church has a Biblical theme or story, often dictated by the season of the year. On January 31st we will be exploring the story Jesus told about forgiveness in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, sometimes just called, The Lost Son, which is found in Luke Chapter 15 verses 11-32. On February 28th we will focus on The Parable of the Sower, a time to consider which type of soil we might be and on March 28th we will remember the events of Palm Sunday and Easter, the fulfilment of God's plan to restore our relationship with Him. We would love you to come and join us in this relaxed, informal way of 'doing church'. Carole

Activities

Everyone is welcome to our weekly **Sunday Services at 10.30am.**

In term time there is '**Cygnets**' on **Monday, 9.30-11.30am**, for carers with children under school age. £2 per family.

Food Bank is held every Tuesday from 2.00—4.00 pm

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Messy Church dates: Jan 31st, Feb 28th and March 28th 4-6pm ...free fun for the family.

Greetings Card Workshops Feb 21st and April 18th 9.30-12.30 £12. All materials supplied. Let me know if you would like to come.

Alpha is currently running on Tuesday mornings. contact@hedinghambaptist.org

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3 10 17 24

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3 10 17 24

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Hello and welcome to 2026. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 18th February at 2pm in the Memorial Hall, Castle Hedingham. We welcome our speaker, Linda Scoles, an American who came to England in 1971 with her family and American Air Force husband. They settled in the village of Gt Barton, Suffolk and, when he retired, they decided to stay permanently.

Linda's talk "I was born in them thar hills" tells us about her family's farming experience in the USA. Linda is a very entertaining speaker and tells her stories with vibrancy and humour. This talk should not be missed.

We are a friendly group of ladies so why not come along and see for yourself, we will always make you welcome. Contact Sylvia on 01787 469129 for any enquires about the group.

COACH TRIPS

Call Ann on 07442 180237 or Hilda on 07513 886288 to enquire or to book.

Friday 13 February – RHS Garden Hyde Hall, Chelmsford - Highlights include the Dry Garden and the Winter Garden is a showcase of the extraordinary colours, textures and plants in winter. Listen to birdsong as you wander. Food and drink are available in the Gardeners Rest Restaurant or the Clover Café. The cost for non-members is £40. Provided we have 15 full paying guests in our party, RHS members and one guest have free entry, then the cost is £28 for coach only. Please advise us if you are an RHS member at the time of booking. Payment please by 30 January. Cheques payable to CHWG

Wednesday 25 March – Marlow, Bucks, A day to do as you please in this town full of traditional English charm and beautiful architecture, plus scenic riverside walks. A mix of independent boutiques and High St names offer a choice, while many eateries provide for all tastes. It is a short walk from the car park to the town centre. The cost is £28.

Thursday 16 April – Oundle and Rushden Lakes. Oundle is a delightful town on the River Nene in Northants. Thursday is market day. Rushden Lakes is a complex of local stores and High St names set beside the Nene Wetlands Nature Reserve so it is your choice to browse or stroll. The cost is £28.

Thursday 21 May – Holt and Stody Lodge Gardens.

Wednesday 24 June – Broadstairs.

Please contact Hilda or Ann as above for more information.



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Thursday 2pm-7pm Saturday 9am-5pm

What's On

MONDAY - Baby and Toddler Rhymetime 9.30 – 10.00am

Knit and Natter 10.00am – 12.00noon (*bring your own knitting and have a chat*)

Walking Group 10.00am – 12.00noon (*Meet at the library for a 3-4 mile walk.*)

Wear appropriate attire, refreshments provided afterwards

Arty Bookworms 10.30am - 11.15am



THURSDAY - Book Group Meetings 2.00 – 3.00pm *Contact library for details*

After School Craft Club 3.30 – 4.15pm



SATURDAY - Lego Coding 9.30 – 10.30am *Please book via the Essex Library website*

Baby and Toddler Rhymetime 10.00 – 10.30am

Crafts for Children 11.00am – 1.00pm

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes



Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting Held in the Village Hall on Monday 12th January 2026 at 7pm.

Present – Cllrs Adam, Beavis (Chair), Calver, Fennelly, Heywood, Lee, Moore, Ranson, Taylor & Young; C/Cllr Schwier
Mrs L Slade – Clerk & 6 Members of the Public

Apologies were received from Cllr Luxon and accepted.

Public Comment

- A resident thanked the Parish Council for the installation of the double yellow lines on behalf of the residents of St Peter's View. Cllr Beavis also thanked Cllr Ranson, who was instrumental in the installation of the lines.
- The Riverside Walk path from Alderford Mill to Station Road is used by horse riders; a resident asked for another 'No Horses' sign at Station Road – there are signs at either end of this path.
- There are many dropped drains and pot holes from Swan Street to Braintree Corner, any repairs carried out in the village are improper repairs and public money is being wasted.
- The pavement from Braintree Corner towards Gosfield has not been maintained for many years, it has been mentioned several times by residents and has recently been reported again.

Casual Vacancy Co-option – George Tufnell rejoined as a Councillor and was appointed to the Planning and Highways Committee, the Finance Committee and the Events and Environment Committee.

Annual Parish Meeting for Monday 27 April 2026 – this was agreed

Reports:

Chairman's Report

- Cllr Beavis began by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.
- Vice Chair Cllr Ranson was thanked for being so supportive: the Clerk and Relief Clerk were thanked for their work, all Councillors and Committees were also thanked for all their hard work during 2025.
- The Christmas Tree Event was very successful; possibly the most well attended in recent years.
- Plans are underway for a Summer Fair on 11 July 2026.
- The Clerk and Cllr Beavis had a meeting with our contractor, who will water the planters and support with maintenance and movement of them. The new 'Seasons of Sible' working party will plant up the planters.
- Cllr Heywood was thanked for all the work carried out by the Footpath Advisory Committee on the footpaths.
- Cllr Beavis also thanked Cllr Calver and Cllr Adam (Chair and Vice Chair of the Finance Committee) for their work on the budget; new systems are now in place.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

- This is the last year in this term for our current Parish Councillors, there will be elections for Parish Councils and the new unitary authorities in May 2027.

County Councillor's Report - Cllr Schwier's reports are at: <https://siblehedingham-pc.gov.uk/category/news/>

District Councillors Report

- Work has been done on the Potential Open Space Improvements Plan.
- There has been a lot of litter and fly tipping on the Riverside Walk; Cllr Beavis has spoken to Braintree District Council, a representative is coming out to look and fly tipping will be removed. BDC will also consider the installation of new litter and dog waste bins along the Riverside Walk.
- There is a meeting concerning the proposed art work for the Riverside Walk on 28 January 2026.
- The building of the Medical Centre should begin in the Spring; the preliminary work is completed.
- There is a future meeting concerning the S106 money due and the transfer of ownership from Braintree District Council and Bloor Homes.
- The graffiti around the village is a big issue. Cllr Ranson has worked hard to remove some; however the cleaners we have only remove it from certain surfaces. Braintree District Council have removed some of it also. A resident from Gosfield removed the graffiti from the bus shelter opposite the library; however it has returned. The Community Safety Team and Police are looking at any evidence found. Action: Cllr Tufnell to try a remover on the village signs that is plastic safe.
- The Tanners Dairy site was approved at the BDC Planning meeting. There will be S106 money to come for education, landscaping of the site and a pathway from the site down to the church. The crumbled path leading up to the church will also be repaired. Cllr Ranson raised a concern of the possibility of the byway – Oxford Lane – being downgraded to a footpath. Action: Cllr Beavis to check this.
- Cllr Ranson informed a den in the undergrowth of Station Road is being used by Hedingham School children during school time; litter and vape residue is being left. Cllr Ranson has made contact with Hedingham School on many occasions; sadly this has not been addressed. Action: Cllr Lee, as a Governor of Hedingham School will speak to the Head Teacher. Cllr Beavis will also submit a request to BDC Street Scene for help with this issue.

Wethersfield Communication and Engagement Report - There is a meeting at the Wethersfield Asylum Centre on 19 January 2026 at 2:00pm. All 20 allocated spaces have been taken. There will be representatives of the Home office to answer questions.

Finance

Budget & Precept for April 2026 – March 2027 – see separate article on Page 18

Unity Trust Bank - Cllr Lee and Cllr Heywood will continue as signatories to the account along with Cllr Calver, Cllr Ranson and Cllr Young, all other Councillors will provide the Clerk with details to enable them access to view the accounts.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Annual Tree Inspection for Parish Council owned trees – quotation for the work identified was agreed.

Purchase of two salt bins for the PC owned Car Park and the PC Office - agreed.

Reports from Committees if applicable:

Finance Committee – Meetings held on Wednesday 3 December and Thursday 18 December 2025

Recommendation to appoint a solicitor to assist with the Recreation Ground Charitable Trust - agreed

Recommendation to appoint Cllr Fennelly to verify bank reconciliations for all accounts produced by the RFO - agreed

Consideration of the Potential Open Space Improvements (POSI) Plan – Cllr Beavis

Cllr Beavis and Cllr Taylor have looked at the POSI Plan in detail and have recommended the continuation of what is already on the plan, with other possible additions. All ideas must be on the plan to enable the possibility of such improvements. **Action: Clerk to inform BDC of the additions to the plan by 31/1/26.**

To consider and support the Love Your Bus Grant Application by Great Yeldham Parish Council

It was resolved to support the bid in principle.

Update for future consideration of the car park layout - Cllr Beavis will be looking at quotations from architects concerning a possible layout plan for the car park – for review at February meeting.

Update on the Alderford Water Mill toilets and running water - Further discussion will be had concerning the possibility of forming a working group to investigate acquiring a grant to update the mill. **Action: Clerk to contact the manager of Essex County Council to ensure any improvements can be made before any other action is taken.**

Local Highways Issues -

To consider the request for parking restrictions - There have been parking issues reported at the junction of Cambridge Avenue and the junction of Alexandra Road as well as the junction of Cousins Yard. Each individual case should be looked at separately at the Parish Council meetings. This is for noting only at this current time and will be added to the Highways section of the Clerks Report to enable it to be kept current for further discussion.

Clerk's Report - Previously circulated was taken as read.

Clerk also informed:

- The Braintree District Council Street Cleaning Service Agreement will continue this year.

Planning Applications - Please see the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting minutes for full details.

Meeting Closed: 9.17pm

Next Meeting - 2nd February 2026, Hedingham Baptist Church

These are abridged minutes - for the full text please visit the Parish Council website.

Sible Hedingham Parish Council Budget



SIBLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL **Budget for April 2026 – March 2027**

The budget proposal for this year is £153,782.69 minus receipts of £15,668.10 which leaves a budget of £138,114.59.

This budget proposal is building on positive changes that have been made by the Parish Council over the last couple of years. These include an Annual Tree Inspection and subsequent tree surgery on all Parish Council owned trees to ensure the healthiness of the trees and safety to all residents, the refurbishment of the MUGA and subsequent yearly maintenance costs to ensure it remains in good condition, an extension of our Garden of Remembrance, large enough to plan for many years ahead, ensuring peace of mind to local residents, maintenance of the playground equipment on the Recreation Ground and also budget requests from the Events and Environment Committee, and Footpath Advisory Committee, to ensure the maintenance of our footpaths and environment and planned village events; building on the success of VE Day 80 last year. This budget proposal will ensure the continuation of all services we deliver, while also improving the facilities and environment of the village.

Precept for April 2026 – March 2027

Our precept amount last year was £107,949.00, however to cover this year's proposed budget of £138,114.59 the Finance Committee discussed using additional money from reserves to avoid increasing the precept by more than 10%. If we increase the precept by 7.5%, which seems more reasonable in the current economic climate, this will give us a precept of £116,045.00, which leaves a shortfall of approximately £22,000.00 to be taken from the General Reserves. Our General Reserve account will be left with approximately £83,504.00, which will be just over 7 months of the £138,114.59 budget amount.

So what does this mean for a Band D property?

Your local Parish Council tax for 2026/27 will be £69.21 per property.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

ABRIDGED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CASTLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY 12th JANUARY 2026, 6.30PM AT CASTLE HEDINGHAM CLUB

Present: Cllrs Allen, Doe, Foulkes, Hemes, Jones, Mowle, Smith, Southgate

In the Chair: Cllr Southgate Clerk: Claire Waters

Also present: None

PROGRESS CHECK

Village maintenance issues and update on actions from last meeting

Public Toilets: The Chairman began by thanking Danielle Judd for her two years' service caring for the Public Toilets. She will be missed and is wished every success in her chosen career. The St Nicholas Church key holder volunteers have offered to assist the Parish Council with opening and closing the public toilets for the time being and their help is greatly appreciated. See item 10

Village Christmas Tree: The Chairman thanked Hulls Mill Farm for their donation of the beautiful tree, and The Good Place for hosting it and supplying power for the lights. The tree lighting event was a happy and successful community evening and the tree has received many compliments.

Defibrillators update: Following a resident query, the clerk confirmed that the defibrillator at the Memories site is out of action and in the safekeeping of the clerk. It will be returned when the building work is completed. Two other defibrillators in the village are active and registered with the Circuit for emergency access – one in the telephone kiosk at St James Street and one at the barn at Rushley Green Farm.

Village Park play equipment: Playdale Ltd had installed the new play equipment on Monday 12th January. These are two "loudspeakers" enabling children to communicate with each other over a distance and will be paid for by the remaining S106 funding held by Braintree District Council for open spaces use.

HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Urgent Winter Repairs: Cllr Peter Schwier has additional funding until March 2026 to request urgent winter repairs under the Members' Highways Initiative (MHI). All requested Highway repairs will need to be reported in the first instance on the Essex Highways reporting tool at <https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us> but can then be reported via the Parish Council to Cllr Schwier to be added to his MHI priority requests.

Winter Gritting: Cllr Allen had raised a resident query about gritting the Kirby Hall Road footpath to the primary school. This has been discussed with De Vere Primary and a query raised with Cllr Schwier about adding that short section of road to the ECC gritters route. Additional grit bins around the village for public access are also a possible option.

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The Parish Council is a member of the ECC Salt Bag Partnership Scheme so winter grit is provided free of charge, but staff time and resources in adding areas to the current gritting schedule in the village centre need to be carefully considered.

Nunnery Street road closure: Cllr Smith reported that the road had been closed due to repair of the post and rail fence by the bridge. The clerk confirmed that the usual advance notification of road closure from Essex Highways had not been received and will raise a query with Cllr Schwier about this.

REPORTS

Police/Neighbourhood Watch. <https://castlehedingham-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-watch-police/>

Neighbourhood Watch Members Guide: This is a new publication and can be accessed via our website <https://castlehedingham-pc.gov.uk/category/news/> Printed copies of the guide should be available from Castle Hedingham Village Shop by the end of January. “No Cold Caller” stickers have also been requested.

Essex CC report – Cllr Schwier’s updates are at <https://castlehedingham-pc.gov.uk/category/news/>

Braintree DC reports – Cllrs Beavis & Taylor apologised for absence due to a BDC meeting. A site visit to Wethersfield Asylum Centre on Monday 19th January will be attended by Cllr Southgate and Cllr Doe.

FINANCE

Budget 2026 - 2027 RESOLVED: The Parish Council budget for the next financial year was approved. Cllr Doe requested that thanks to the clerk were minuted for a thorough and detailed draft budget which assists greatly in the accuracy of the financial forecasts and management of funds.

Precept 2026 - 2027 RESOLVED: A precept claim of £42,661 for the next financial year will be requested from Braintree District Council. This represents a Band D parish rate of £86.32 per year, a 5% increase over 2025-2026. This is an increase of 8p per week, or £4.11 per year.

Parish Council Reserves: RESOLVED: To leave levels of reserves as they are for the time being and review the general reserve and earmarked reserves after the financial year end in March 2026.

Npower invoices: The clerk updated Councillors on the ongoing dispute with Npower, who have been charging invoices to the Parish Council for the disconnected New Park Street Lights since the national change to half-hourly settlement in 2025. Invoices received since September 2025 dating back to April 2025 have been queried but continue to be issued, now amounting to £591.11 up to the end of December 2025. UK Power Networks are in support of the Parish Council’s position. A final reply from Npower is awaited before escalating the issue to the Energy Ombudsman.

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PUBLIC TOILETS

Four quotes had been received for installation of timed access locks on 3 public toilet doors. This would change the public toilets operative role as it would eliminate the need to lock and unlock every day. Two quotes were eliminated as not meeting requirements or being too expensive due to the need to install new doors. The remaining two suppliers will be asked to carry out a site visit to fine tune their proposals before a final decision is made.

ASSERTION 10: DIGITAL AND DATA COMPLIANCE

The clerk had shared with Councillors an Assertion 10 progress report with completed and future action points. An updated data mapping process is underway using the ICO template. This will be completed during January and followed by adoption of a new Data Protection Policy by March 2026. All Councillors were asked to familiarise themselves with the IT Policy adopted in July 2025 in preparation for an update in May 2026.

POTENTIAL OPEN SPACES IMPROVEMENT(POSI) PLAN AND S106 FUNDING

Following a working group meeting with Cllr Southgate and Cllr Foulkes at the beginning of December, Cllr Mowle had prepared a list of suggested amendments and additions to the POSI plan including desired developer contributions in the event of speculative planning applications. Action: The clerk will prepare the update for approval before the submission date at the end of January.

ESSEX LOVE YOUR BUS FUNDING APPLICATION

A Love Your Bus grant application is to be submitted by Transport Made Simple and Great Yeldham Parish Council, with a deadline of 31st January. A letter of support in principle was approved, but the details of the application arrived too late to be considered in detail. Action: The clerk will forward the proposals to Councillors and use their feedback to prepare a response with support and any additional suggestions. The Parish Council aim is to improve the availability and awareness of bus services in Castle Hedingham.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th Feb 6.30pm Ordinary Parish Council Castle Hedingham Club

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

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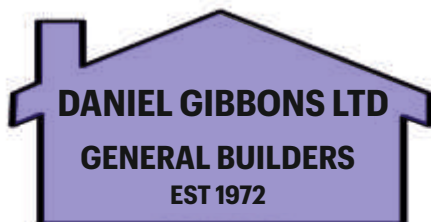
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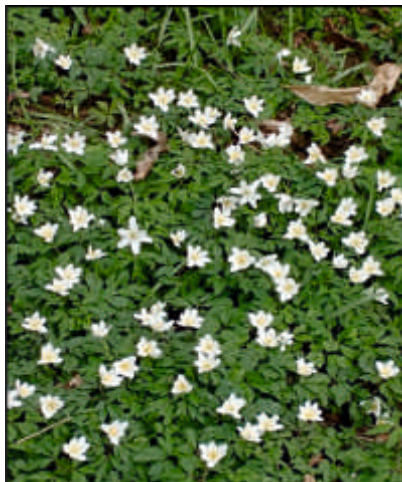


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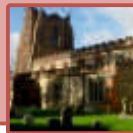
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