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Welcome

March marks the start of the dawn chorus. Over the coming months, birds will sing to stake out territory and attract a mate. Our residents will soon be accompanied by early arriving summer visitors, ready to supplement their song.

Warblers are a group of birds which can often be difficult to distinguish on sight. They're mostly brown or olive colour in their plumage, equipped with sharp, slim beaks to aid their insect-heavy diets. These songbirds are easiest to tell apart by listening out for their springtime tunes.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!



Chiff-chaff



Willow warbler



In March, listen out for the Chiffchaff's onomatopoeic song from the treetops and the Blackcap's scratchy trills from the scrub. Toward the end of the month, the cascading melody of the Willow Warbler will join the symphony. Download the 'Merlin Bird ID' app on your smart phone – you'll be amazed at what birds are around you!

The quick eruption of blossom in spring is a reminder of how fast the seasons pass by, and the importance of slowing down and savouring fleeting moments. When you're outdoors, keep a look out for Blackthorn, along with Cherry Plum, pear and plum. Lesser Celandine, a member of the buttercup family, is also a clear marker that spring is on its way, adding a splash of cheery colour to bare ground. Woodlands will soon be full of the rich scent of Wild Garlic as it carpets the floor.

Church Services



This information will always be available on the church website at

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

(look at the tab 'Services and Events')



March

	St Nicholas's Castle Hedingham	St Peter's, Sible Hedingham
Sun 1st	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Worship
Sun 8th	No Service	9.30am Family Communion
Sun 15th	11am Mothering Sunday	9.30am Mothering Sunday
Sun 22nd	No service	9.30am Family Communion
Sun 29th	Benefice Service - 11am St Andrew's, Great Yeldham Palm Sunday Communion	

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Our Easter services are Good Friday, 3rd April, 6.30pm & Easter Sunday, 10.30am 5th April

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Alison (Church number 07909 901 466)

Activities

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Our speaker on March 26th is Lin Button. She has a ministry for healing and loves to pray with people. She often brings a team with her.

Please come - especially if you would like prayer, or are just interested to see how North Essex Filling Station works.

Castle Hedingham Memorial Hall. 7.00 for food. 7.30 start.

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There is no meeting in April. But we meet again on May 27th.

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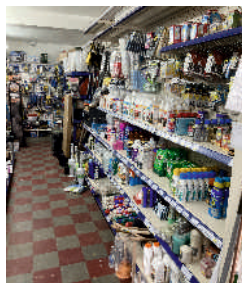
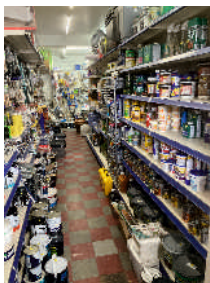
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Sunday 26 April 2026, 4pm

MAXIM CALVER – cello

JAMS COLEMAN – piano

Debussy, Beethoven, Schumann, Boulanger, Shostakovich

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Sunday 10 May 2026, 4pm

JACKY ZHANG - piano (BBC Young Musician of the Year finalist)

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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.

Wednesday 25th 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 16th 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 21st May – Holt and Stody Lodge

Gardens. Stopping first for lunch in the picturesque Georgian town of Holt, then moving on to Stody Lodge Gardens, renowned for their breathtaking displays of rhododendron and azalea. Cost is £45 to include coach, entrance and a cream tea. Please state dietary requirements when booking.

Wednesday 24th June – Broadstairs. This is a do-as-you-please day in this lively coastal Kent town. Cost is £29.

Wednesday 12th August – Thursford Backstage Tour - Join us for a behind the scenes tour of the world famous Thursford Christmas Spectacular, hear the stories, and view the costume store (which houses over 2000) and uncover what goes on backstage. Lunch is included and is followed by music on the Wurlitzer Organ and optional rides. A day to remember.



Sible Hedingham Library

Opening hours Monday 9am-1pm
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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Place: at the Parish Council Office

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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 2nd February 2026 at 7pm.

Present – Cllrs Adam, Fennelly, Lee, Moore, Ranson (Chair), Taylor, Tufnell & Young

Mrs L Slade – Clerk & three Members of the Public

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Beavis, Calver, Luxon, Heywood and Cllr Schwier

Reports:

Chairman's Report – none (absent)

County Councillor's Report

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

District Councillors Report - The Braintree District Council Local Plan is going out to a 6 week public consultation

There has been a slight delay to the Riverside Walk Art project, however two new artists proposals will be reviewed during March and brought to the April meeting for recommendation.

There is an upcoming meeting concerning the S106 monies and transference of land.

Wethersfield Communication and Engagement Report - A Wethersfield site visit took place on 19 Jan 2026, six Parish Councillors attended. A tour of the site was given taking in the accommodation, canteen and recreation room amongst other areas.

Finance

£379.00 for full planning application for the Garden of Remembrance – agreed

The Clerk informed that the current account is now with Unity Trust and payments will be made via BACS unless a cheque is requested.

Reports from Committees

Events and Environment Committee – Next meeting on Thurs 5 Feb 2026 - Update - to postpone the intended Summer Show 2026 to the summer of 2027 with a committed working group that will form by July 2026 consisting of individuals with a cross mix of skills who are interested in working together to create a successful Summer Show for 2027. Cllr Taylor met with the Chair of Gosfield Fete Committee and brought back ideas to be looked at in detail.

Car park layout - A recent visit by an architect informed the size of parking bays has changed and we may not gain any spaces if we re-design the car park layout, we may even lose one or two spaces. Re-painting the current lines and relocation of planters will improve the area. There is also a possibility of investigating a height restriction for the lower car park. Action: Quotations to re-line the car park to be sought by the Clerk for discussion at the next meeting.

Community Litter Pick – agreed to hold on Sunday 22 March at 10:00 am. Action: Clerk to advertise in the Hedinghams Parish Magazine, website and notice boards.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

‘Love Your Bus’ Grant Application by Great Yeldham Parish Council – following a meeting to review proposals, the result is an enhanced bus service and improvement of the routes. Three bids have been submitted by Great Yeldham Parish Council, one of these is a Free Fare bid; if we are successful with the grant applications residents of the villages can claim back the money spent on fares in the first month of the new timetable as a way of promoting the buses.

Alderford Water Mill toilets and running water – Update - BDC advised the first steps of a pre application service meeting with a representative of the heritage department followed by written advice will cost £513.00. The option of fund raising money for the improvements to the mill was discussed. The Parish Council are willing to help but further discussion on any current plans and clarification on what the Friends of Alderford Mill would like will be considered first. Options will be further considered at a future meeting.

Recreation Ground Charitable Trust – Update – Holmes & Hill solicitors were consulted regarding the status, governance and future operation of the Charitable Trust. Holmes and Hill will review the relevant documents provided and will send written responses to the questions raised. The findings will be presented to Full Council at the meeting in March and costs for this work will be presented.

Garden of Remembrance - we are now ready to continue with the planning application for the extension of the Garden of Remembrance in Greys Hall Meadow.

Local Highways Issues - Reinstatement of double yellow lines at the junction of Alexandra Road with Swan Street – Cllr Ranson has contacted Cllr Schwier concerning this request.

Requests from parishioners regarding parking issues in Cambridge Avenue and Cousins Yard - we are currently awaiting more information.

Clerks Report - This having been previously circulated was taken as read.

Clerk also informed: The Committees and members are now on the Parish Council website.

Pot hole repairs at the junction of Alexandra Road and Swan Street to be carried out on Friday 6 February 2026. The other repairs further up Alexandra Road are due to be carried out as soon as possible.

The planning application for the works to be carried out on the trees with TPOs on the Recreation ground have been granted.

Updated photos of the pavement from Braintree Corner to Gosfield have been sent to Highways via Cllr Schwier.

A resident from St. Peter's View passed on their thanks, via the Clerk, for the installation of the double yellow lines.

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

Next Meeting - 2nd March, Hedingham Baptist Church. These are abridged minutes - for the full text please visit the Parish Council website



SIBLE HEDINGHAM UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

The Events Committee of Sible Hedingham Parish Council have a number of projects lined up for 2026/27—and **ALL** will need the help of willing volunteers to ensure their success. According to the Census of 2021, Sible had a population of 4831, so there must be people amongst us who could help to ensure these events enrich the environment, and bring pleasure and enjoyment to residents?

EASTER EGG HUNT and SUMMER TREASURE HUNT



An Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday 4th April 11am-12pm on Grays Hall Meadow, Rectory Road. Children will be able to collect hidden plastic eggs and will receive a Chocolate Easter Egg on completion of the Hunt. Hopefully the weather will be kind. A Village Treasure Hunt is also planned for the School Summer Holidays.

FLORAL DISPLAYS



Many towns and villages have amazing flower displays. These are only achieved with the help of many volunteers. Sible currently has 24 planters in situ. Some require refurbishment, some are not quite in the right place and some require replacement. ALL need planting, dead heading, weeding and watering. We would love to set up our own Group (to be known as Seasons of Sible—SOS for short!) to create some amazing displays in the village. You don't need to be an expert gardener or have green fingers at all.

SUMMER SHOW 2027



The VE Day Celebrations last May were a great success—SO well supported by residents that the Parish Council have decided to revive the Village Summer Show for 2027. All kinds of skills will be needed, so if you would like to make this event one to remember, please join in

POPPY DISPLAYS 2026



Last November, two local ladies planned, constructed and erected some lovely poppy displays in the village for Remembrance Day. All the poppies were crafted by volunteers. All construction materials and poppies have been stored and it would be lovely to reuse them in 2026. But some input from villagers would be much appreciated. For instance, ideas for other/better displays, ideas for sites, actual construction and help with erecting and taking down would be amazing.. The displays were well received but it was a hard task for only two people!!

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON



This event seems to get bigger and better every year and it is amazing that so many people turn out on a cold Winter's evening to see Santa. The majority of the organisation for this event seems to fall on Vice Chair Ferg's shoulders, but again some assistance would be just brilliant! In the last two years, traffic lights have been temporarily installed which have helped with the traffic issues, but additional Marshalls in Hi Viz jackets would ensure the safety of everyone—especially the children who often forget about road safety in their excitement.

If you could help with any or all of the above please contact Lesley (Parish Clerk) 01787 462568, call in at the Parish Council Office during opening hours or email: clerk@siblehedingham-pc.gov.uk. All residents are welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings which are normally on the first Monday of the month, 7.00pm. (There are exceptions when these fall on Bank Holidays) Meetings are at the Baptist Church in the Winter months and at the Village Hall in the Summer months. Or pop in to the Events Committee meetings at the Parish Council Offices, public are welcome. These dates are all published on the Parish Council website and on the village notice boards.

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QUICK QUIZ

1. Bogota is the capital of which country?
2. Which chemical element has the symbol Na?
3. Which song starts 'Load up on guns, bring your friends'?
4. Dodos were native to which island?
5. In cycling, what jersey is worn by a world champion?
6. Which comedian created the Mr Bean character?
7. Which ancient poet wrote The Aeneid?
8. In Egyptian mythology, who was the god of the sky?
9. Jeremy Corbyn is MP for which London constituency?
10. Who starred in the original UK version of House of Cards?



Answers
1. Colombia 2. Sodium 3. Smells Like Teen Spirit 4. Mauritius 5. Rainbow Jersey
6. Rowan Atkinson 7. Virgil 8. Horus 9. Islington North 10. Ian Richardson

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ABRIDGED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CASTLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2026, 6.30PM AT CASTLE HEDINGHAM CLUB

Present: Cllrs Allen, Doe, Dover, Hemes, Jones, Smith, Southgate

In the Chair: Cllr Southgate **Clerk:** Claire Waters

Also present: BDC Cllrs J Beavis & W Taylor to item 7

HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Majendie Lane: The owner of the commercial property at Majendie Lane had written to the Parish Council requesting measures to reduce parking opposite which narrows the lane and causes vehicles to damage the building. "Primrose lines" have been installed in the past but are now faded. A variety of options were discussed and impacts on parking availability and traffic flow/speed were considered. Action: the clerk will investigate the replacement of the primrose lines with the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP).

De Vere Primary parking: Correspondence was noted from a resident of Bowmans Park who frequently has their driveway blocked at school time. The clerk has liaised with the school and advised the resident on how to purchase a white H-bar from NEPP at £140.00 <https://north.parkingpartnership.org/h-bar-applications/> Cllr Smith has also been in contact with De Vere Primary, who have written again to parents and carers to ask that they park with consideration for nearby residents.

Winter Gritting: A request for Highways gritters to add the short stretch of Kirby Hall Rd from Nunnery Street to the primary school was refused. Yellow grit bins can be purchased by the Parish Council to be sited in the village for volunteer use. These would need an application to the Braintree Local Highways Panel. Action: Clerk to investigate cost of a yellow grit bin. Cllr Jones to identify suitable location at Kirby Hall Rd.

REPORTS

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 and free "No Cold Caller" stickers for front doors are available for residents to collect from Castle Hedingham Village Shop.

Police Parish Partnership: Cllr Southgate reported from a meeting at the end of January. He provided contact details for the BDC Street Scene

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Protection team as a possible source of help for parking on pavements and grass areas at New Park.

Community Police drop in session dates at Sible Hedingham Parish Council offices will be confirmed after PCSO John Thorne returns from leave on 19th February.

BDC Waste & Recycling: New recycling bins are due to be delivered to households soon. In the Hedinghams this is likely to be early March. The glass recycling bin at the Wheatsheaf is overflowing and has not been emptied despite being reported to BDC. Cllr Beavis will chase this up.

PLANNING

Braintree District Local Plan Review: At an Extraordinary Full Council meeting on 2 February, Braintree District Council voted to approve the draft Local Plan for Regulation 18 public consultation. The consultation is expected to start on or around 19 February for just over six weeks.

Application received after publication of the agenda

26/00206/OUT Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access. Erection of up-to 60 dwellings, including affordable homes, together with green and blue infrastructure including a children's play area, short stay car park/drop-off zone, vehicular and pedestrian/cycle accesses and ancillary buildings. Land South Of Four Winds Kirby Hall Road Neighbour comments due by 24th February 2026.

Due to the level of public interest, an extra ordinary meeting to consider this planning application was held on Monday 16th February at the Memorial Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Residents were invited to attend.

PUBLIC TOILETS

Timed Access Locks: Two selected suppliers had been contacted to request a site visit, but only Danfo had responded. A Danfo engineer had attended on 4th February and a revised quote of £4,981.44 + VAT for timed access locks on 4 cubicle doors had been received. Strike locks are recommended as the space between the door and the frame is not suitable for magnetic locks.

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Danfo but reduced to only 3 cubicles to be fitted with timed access locks: Womens, Mens and Baby Change toilet. The disabled toilet access will remain unchanged.

Volunteer support: RESOLVED: A donation of £100 to Church funds will be made as thanks for the church keyholder volunteers helping the Parish Council with locking and unlocking the public toilets daily.

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Cleaning vacancy: There is now a vacancy for a public toilets cleaning position which may suit someone who already has other cleaning jobs around the village and would like some extra regular work. Anyone interested is welcome to contact the clerk on clerk@castlehedingham-pc.gov.uk .

CASTLE HEDINGHAM CEMETERY

Spring maintenance work is planned, including clearing and re-seeding of the ashes plot area and seeding of newer graves. Work will commence when the weather and the ground surface are dry enough.

ESSEX LOVE YOUR BUS FUNDING APPLICATION

A letter of support was approved for 3 Love Your Bus grant applications submitted by Great Yeldham Parish Council and Transport Made Simple by the deadline of 30 January. If granted, the funds would help to establish convenient, regular and reliable services to Sudbury, Halstead, Braintree and Colchester. Cllr Doe was thanked for her time and support in working with the clerk against short deadlines

ACTIVE TRAVEL AND HERITAGE TRAIL

Initial ideas for a Heritage Trail around the village were discussed, to include co-operation with De Vere Primary as an incentive to encourage walking to school. Active travel schemes in Oxfordshire are being looked at as an example:

<https://www.activeoxfordshire.org/active-travel-promoting-walking..> Cllr Smith will liaise with De Vere Primary and Hedingham Heritage Centre and report back to the Parish Council.

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE:

Castle Hedingham Youth Club: A volunteer is needed who can offer a small amount of administration support to the Youth Club which runs on Thursday afternoons at Castle Hedingham Club. Anyone who is able to help, please contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@castlehedingham-pc.gov.uk

United in Kind: Jayne Laken confirms a community trip to Felixstowe has been booked for May 2026. This is part funded by the St James Fair 2025 raffle proceeds. A Community Tea party was funded in October 2025

NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

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A reminder we will be resuming our afternoon meetings on March 12th with a talk entitled "Gardening for Wildlife" to be given by Chris Gibson who is a very enthusiastic and knowledgeable speaker so it's sure to be very enjoyable and we look forward to seeing you all again and have a good catchup during our tea break.

Our Annual Plant Sale this year is Saturday May 23rd so will you please plant some extra for us when sowing your seeds and taking cuttings - we will be so grateful.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month 2pm at the Memorial Hall, Castle Hedingham. If you are not a member but would like to come along as a visitor you will be so welcome. We are a very friendly group of people and are always pleased to see a new face.

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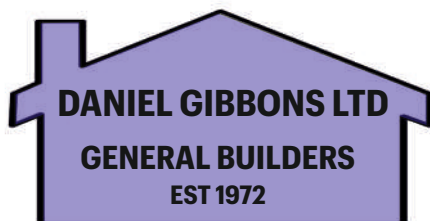
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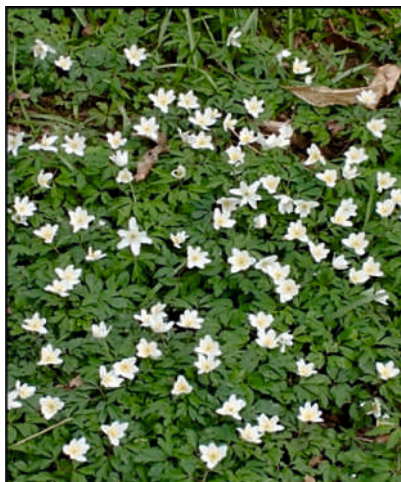
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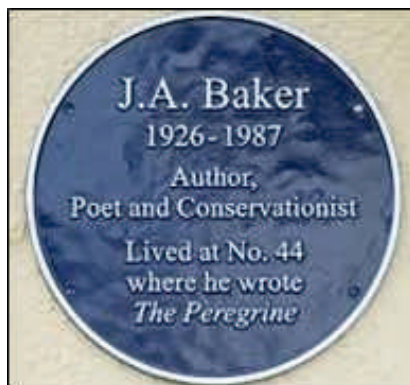


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