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Welcome

Ne'er cast a clout till May be out!

Wise advice indeed – having just enjoyed a fabulously sunny and warm April it comes as a shock when the temperatures fall again and it is necessary to put all those ‘clouts’ back on (in case you are in doubt ‘clout’ is an archaic/dialectal word for clothing). But does the ‘May’ refer to the month or the blossom?



Colloquially known as May or the May tree, hawthorn blossom typically appears at the start of May in England and toward the middle of the month further north. However, climate change is bringing flowering forward, meaning the old English name for hawthorn may no longer be as relevant as it once was.

Hawthorn is a common sight across the UK. It is a robust, practical little tree, growing up to 15m tall even in harsh conditions. Its dense and spiky qualities make it a useful hedgerow plant as well as providing food and shelter for wildlife. Hawthorn trees can live up to an astonishing 400 years old and are steeped in mythology.

The pagan symbol of fertility, this tree is the ancestor of the Maypole and the source of May Day garlands. The flowers make up the crown of the fairy queen and the wreath of the Green Man. Although beautiful, it is said you should never bring this blossom into your home – partly because it is seen as unlucky, and partly because the smell of the flowers is so bad, it reminded people in medieval times of the Great Plague!



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May

	St Nicholas's Castle Hedingham	St Peter's, Sible Hedingham
Saturday 3 rd May		10am - 12pm Working Group
Sunday 4 th May	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Worship 6pm Youth Meet-up
Sunday 11 th May	No service	9.30am Family Communion
Monday 12 th May	10.30am - 12pm Coffee Morning All welcome	
Saturday 17 th May		10am - 12pm Coffee Morning
Sunday 18 th May	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Worship
Monday 19 th May	10.30am - 12pm Coffee Morning All welcome	
Sunday 25 th May	No service	9.30am Family Communion
Monday 26 th May	10.30am - 12pm Coffee Morning All welcome	

Baptist Church

Luke 24v.32: *They asked each other "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"*



Have you ever had the feeling when someone talks to you that what they are saying really resonates deep within you? You know they are speaking the truth and it sets your heart on fire?

My favourite Resurrection story is the one where two people are walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus and are discussing the sad and confusing things they have recently witnessed in Jerusalem and a stranger joins them on their journey. He wants to know what they are talking about and after they have explained about the person they had hoped was the long awaited Messiah had ended up crucified and to make matters worse his body was now missing from the tomb.

The stranger began to explain that everything they were talking about was a fulfilment of prophesies about the Messiah that had been spoken by the Prophets of old. When they arrived at their home they urged the stranger to stay as it was nearly dark. When the stranger broke bread and handed it to them their eyes were opened and they recognised Jesus and he disappeared from their sight. They knew their spirits had been responding to all that Jesus was explaining to them while they had walked with Him, even though they had been blind to the truth at the time.

May be Easter 2025 has been a time when you have heard the Easter Story for the umpteenth time but you have not yet opened your spiritual eyes to the truth about Jesus. If you are looking for answers please come along to meet us and ask your questions as we lead up to Pentecost.

Everyone is welcome to our **Sunday Services at 10.30pm**. Families are welcome. In term time there is **Cygnets on Monday, 9.30 -11.30 am**, for Carers with children under school age. £2 per family.

Next **Messy Church is June 7th 4- 6pm** Free. We will be thinking about Pentecost while we enjoy crafts, singing, story time a meal shared together.

Holiday Club is August 4th- 8th for children entering Yr. 1 to Year 6. 9.30 -12.00

Food Bank every Tuesday 2-4pm (Help with debt is also available)

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Email: halstead@brcdt.org

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halstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org or stewardofthegospel592@gmail.com
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We meet in Castle
Hedingham Memorial Hall
on **15th May**.
James Nickols is coming.
He works for Filling Station.
He is a gifted speaker who
longs to see God's people
equipped by the Holy Spirit.



12th June Jodie Collins

The International director of Beyond
Ourselves is coming to speak and inspire
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MONDAY ROUTE 6

6 12 19 27
TUES TUES

Grey bin and food bin

Different collection day

TUESDAY ROUTE 7

7 13 20 28
WED WED

Clear sacks and food bin only

Different collection day

Green bin, clear sacks and food bin

Different collection day

TUESDAY ROUTE 2

7 13 20 28
WED WED

Green bin (SUBSCRIBERS ONLY), clear sacks and food bin

Different collection day

Grey Bin We will only collect waste that is in the bin with the lid shut. We will not collect additional bags on top or near the bin.

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Sat 27th September - 2pm

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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 07442 180237 or Hilda 07513 886288 to enquire or book.

May 23rd – Wroxham Mini Worlds - The largest modelling attraction in the UK and home to the knitted Sandringham estate and Knittingdale Hospital as well as several miniature 'worlds', model railways, collectibles, retro gaming and interactive displays.



We then have the option to either spend the rest of the day in Wroxham or go to Hoveton Hall for their gardens and rhododendron display. **Hoveton Hall's** beautiful gardens are made up of several areas, each with their own characteristics. The Spider Garden, the Old Kitchen Garden, The Magnolia Garden and Lake to name a few. The Garden Kitchen Café offers lunch and afternoon tea, The cost for coach and entrance to Mini Worlds is £39.00pp. The cost for coach, entrance to Mini Worlds and entrance to Hoveton Hall is £47.00pp.

June 25th – Belvoir Castle, Near Grantham, dating back to the 11th century, and home to the Dukes of Rutland. Explore the world of Belvoir Castle, the turrets and towers of which rise over the Vale of Belvoir, the restored Capability Brown Gardens and lakes, parkland, retail village, Belvoir Bistro, Vale View Café or the Aviary Tearoom. Areas in the grounds include the Japanese Woodland and the Duchess Garden. Visit the State Rooms in the castle which were used as locations in The Crown and films such as The Young Victoria. Cost for coach and entrance to the castle and grounds is £48pp. Please note that the drop off on arrival will be at the Castle, whereas the pick up point will be at the Retail Village, approx. 10 minute walk.

July 22nd – Thames Cruise - Arriving first in Marlow, with time to explore and have lunch, we then board our boat for the 2 hour 15 minute cruise to Henley. This popular route passes through many beautiful villages before finishing with a cruise along the world famous Henley Royal Regatta course. We have time for a cuppa and quick look at this fantastic town before departing. Cost for coach and Thames cruise is £48pp.

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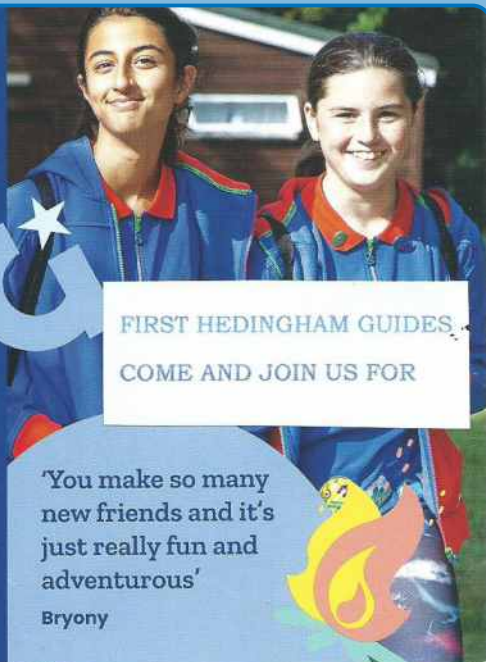
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VE DAY 80
CELEBRATIONS**



**THURSDAY
8th MAY 2025
FROM
6:30 pm**

**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE 80th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE END OF WAR IN EUROPE**

6:30 pm

**Bell Ringing at St. Peter's Church followed by a procession from the
War Memorial at 7 pm**

(Newmans Vintage Bus available for any who may be unable to walk)

7:00 pm onwards

Bar and Barbecue at the Recreation Ground; courtesy of The White Lion

Ice Cream by Aaron Whippy

Magical Entertainment

30s and 40s Singalong

Hells Bells Morris Dancers

9:15 pm

Reflective words and tributes

9:30 pm

The lighting of our new Parish Beacon by Deputy Lieutenant of Essex

Join us in singing 'I Vow To Thee My Country'

followed by

The National Anthem

All welcome, we look forward to seeing you there

Free entry and entertainment

Please purchase own food and drink

Please bring own seating





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

What's On

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

360 Walking Group 10.00am – 12.00noon (*Meet at the library for a 3-4 mile walk. Wear appropriate attire, refreshments provided afterwards*)



THURSDAY - Book Group Meetings 2.00 – 3.00pm *Contact library for details*
Pokemon Card Swap 3.30 – 4.30pm



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

Baby and Toddler Rhymetime 10.00 – 10.30am

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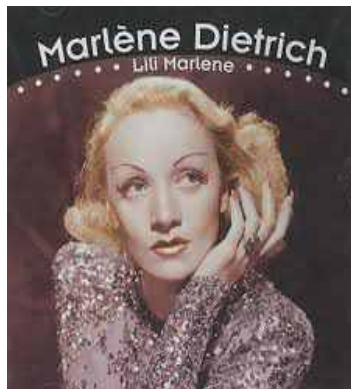
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Author and HHG Member

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Annual Parish Meeting

**SIBLE HEDINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
THURSDAY 1 MAY 2025 AT 7:30 PM
SIBLE HEDINGHAM VILLAGE HALL**



Time: 7:30 PM

Date: 01-05-2025

CONTACT:

Lesley Slade

clerk@siblehedingham-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council wish to invite all local businesses, community groups and organisations to come along and share what you do and what you offer.

Guests are invited to either speak at the meeting and/or have a table display around the room to promote their business or organisation.

The event will be posted on all notice boards and on social media to advertise the event to all members of the public.

This is an exciting opportunity to come together and discover what we have as a village.

Refreshments will be served by Hedingham Guides.

If you are interested in coming along , please RSVP

clerk@siblehedingham-pc.gov.uk by Thursday 24 April to allow us to plan accordingly.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Disclaimer: Apologies if we may have missed any business, community group or organisation, please pass this on to any interested parties.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes



Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting Held in the Village Hall on Monday 14th April 2025 at 7.00 pm

In the chair – Cllr Ranson later Cllr Beavis

Present – Cllrs Calver, Cole, Fennelly, Hendry, Lee, Taylor, Tufnell &

Young (later)

Mrs L Slade – Clerk & 4 members of the Public (later 5)

Apologies for absence - Cllrs Adam, Heywood and Schwier. Also from a representative of Bloor Homes.

Public Comment - A resident congratulated the members of the Footpath Advisory Committee for their hard work and improvements to Footpath 54.

Clerk to ask contractor to paint over graffiti in the Recreation ground area and corner of Wethersfield Road.

Clerk to contact Bloor Homes again and also a representative of Bloor Homes to voice the concerns about the overflowing waste bins after a volunteer litter picker had cleared some rubbish.

Clerk to contact Braintree District Council to request removal of signs from telegraph poles.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked Cllr Ranson, the Clerk and all members of the Parish Council and members of the public supporting with the arrangements for the organisation of the VE Day 80 celebrations; and informed the planning application for the beacon has been approved. Leaflets are to be delivered around the village to advertise the event. Thanks were given to our Community Litter Pickers who do a very good job, the village is looking good.

Cllr Beavis has a forthcoming meeting with the developer of St. Peter's View.

Cllr Ranson is to call a meeting of the Planning Committee to discuss the Hedingham Medical Centre and the S106 monies.

The next large project for the Parish Council is the extension of the Garden of Remembrance, there will be a consultation planned after the VE Day 80 event.

Cllr Beavis will write an annual report for the Annual Parish Meeting and circulate to all members prior to the evening; this will also be published in the Hedinghams Parish Magazine.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 12 May.

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

District Councillors Reports

The Braintree District Council consultation on bins has ended.

There have been two additions to the Local Plan Review. Action: Clerk to add comments to the previously submitted document, circulate to all Cllrs and then submit to Braintree District Council.

The Full Council meeting days and times will be addressed at the next meeting.

Cllr Taylor informed the next Wethersfield Airbase Scrutiny Committee meeting is on the 28 April and the Wethersfield Parish/Councillors engagement meeting is on the 15 April.

Finance

CPRE Membership renewed

RCCE Membership renewed

2025/2026 EALC Affiliation Fees approved

Monthly payments having been previously circulated were approved

Reports from sub-committees if applicable

Finance, Governance and Audit – Meeting to be held on Tuesday 29 April 2025

Climate and Environment – Date to be arranged

Events, Community and Communication – Meetings held on Tuesday 18 March and Tuesday 8 April 2025

Cllr Taylor informed the organisation of the VE Day 80 Celebrations is continuing. We have a great committee all working together to make this a successful event. There are 2000 flyers advertising the event to be delivered to residents – Cllrs were asked if they could help with the delivery of these. A poster is on the Parish Council website, the Parish Council Facebook page and the village Facebook page; additionally it has been advertised in the noticeboards. We need to continually add the event to the Facebook pages to keep it current. A4 posters have been printed for display in shops around the village.

Planning / Personnel / Footpaths – Dates to be arranged.

Damaged quarter pipe at the Skate Park - Quotations to replace and also to repair the quarter pipe were sourced. A repair to the sub-structure can be carried out onsite and horizontal bars can be placed at 150 mm, which will give increased support for the new galvanised metal under-surface sheets with a Skatelite Pro top surface. The repair is expected to be as good as a new replacement and will meet all regulations – Agreed.

Parish Council Owned Car Park

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, 22.57, 63 and s 72 - Cllr Beavis and Cllr Tufnell completed an onsite visit and considered possible extra spaces, a chartered

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architect (who has experience of this type of work) has been consulted for recommendation. Cllr Tufnell circulated a paper for consideration to all Cllrs and left while discussion took place.

Possible solutions were discussed; three quotations to be sourced for procurement purposes. It was resolved to source three quotations for a site visit, topographical survey and a plan of options to increase car park capacity – Agreed.

Local Highways Issues and Updates - The Clerk has raised the question with Essex Highways of a voluntary scheme to enable the installation of the roundels and two reflective bollards on the triangle at Braintree Corner and is in communication with Cllr Schwier.

Request for random speed test to enforce 30 mph speed limits

Although the Parish Council had not contacted Essex Police, Cllr Beavis reported a speed watch was carried out by Essex Police on Tuesday 8 April at Yeldham Road in Sible Hedingham.

New Community Speed Watch with TrueCam - To be discussed at a future meeting.

Utility Aid Electricity and Water Contracts – it was agreed to transfer the electricity and water utilities to the recommended suppliers

Resurfacing beneath the swings and roundabout at the Recreation Ground - completed

Path through Greys Hall Meadow - The surface of the path was discussed; there are no obvious areas to patch repair the path so a third quotation was given to replace the top layer of tarmac. Since the grass at the edges of the path has been cut back, the path is much improved. It was decided to consider any future improvements as part of a Capital Plan.

Update on the Hedingham Heritage Centre - Cllr Ranson attended a meeting held by the Hedingham Heritage Centre, where progress and future ideas were discussed. All data is initially being archived and this will lead to a future exhibition in the building. There were some very positive ideas for the future display of the artefacts. Cllr Ranson asked if anyone has any old photos or postcards of Sible Hedingham; even receipts from shops that no longer exist in Sible Hedingham to please pass them on to Hedingham Heritage Centre, where they can be scanned and the originals returned. Sible Hedingham Parish Council were also thanked for their recent donation.

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Local Plan Submission - Additional sites:

Ref	Proposed Use	Site Address
SIBH2514	Residential	Land West of Prayers Hill, Sible Hedingham
FINC2502	Mixed use, Housing and Employment	Former RAF Wethersfield, Sculpins Lane, Wethersfield

These additional sites were discussed and all comments will be added to the previously submitted document – to enable all sites to be kept together on one document – circulated to Cllrs and then submitted to Braintree District Council.

Clerks Report – taken as read. Other matters

The Annual Parish meeting invitations have all been sent out and the meeting has been advertised.

VE Day 80 posters and flyers are ready for distribution around the village and to residents; the lamp post signs will be put up at the weekend.

There is a large pot hole at Southey Green – Cllr Schwier has chased Highways for an urgent repair.

The SID at Lamb Lane is not working and has been passed to Highways for a review.

The Clerk Internal and External Audit Training has been booked. The Risk Assessment Training, which has also been booked may be cancelled as it is currently under-subscribed. Cllr Taylor will also be booked on the Committees and Delegated Powers Course

The Editor of the Hedinghams Parish Magazine reported Castle Hedingham has allocated part of their reserve fund to pay for the pages they use.

Planning Applications

25/00475/VAR – Variation to proposed Medical Centre (Vehicle Parking) – No comment

25/00443/HH - 52 Ashley Street - Installation of air source heat pump – No comment

25/00152/FUL - Monks, Delvin End - Erection of an agricultural storage unit and workshop – No comment

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25/00545/FUL - Annexe at 124 Swan Street – various changes. Objection - The site is already over populated and has been over developed. There is a lack of parking at the site and the new bin store will make this situation worse.

Agenda items for next meeting/exchange of ideas/final public comments

There have been dogs in the small play area at the Recreation Ground – improved signage may be needed.

The removal of the post box was brought back to the meeting. Action: Clerk to follow up the previous enquiry

Meeting closed: 9:08 pm

Next Meeting: 12 May 2025

THESE ARE ABRIDGED NOTES FROM THE ORIGINAL DRAFT MINUTES - PLEASE REFER TO THE SIBLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR THE FULL TEXT

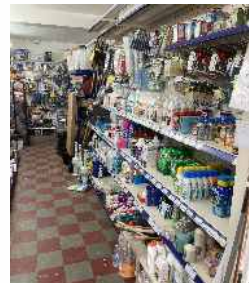
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ABRIDGED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CASTLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY 14th APRIL 2025, 6.30PM AT CASTLE HEDINGHAM CLUB

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

In the Chair: Cllr Southgate Clerk: Claire Waters

Also present: BDC Cllr Jo Beavis & Cllr Wendy Taylor to item 5, Hedinghams Parish Mag editor to item 12

PUBLIC FORUM

The editor of the Hedinghams Parish Magazine attended to present a summary of the financial situation to the Parish Council, and apologised for communication having been unclear at previous meetings. For the last two years, Sible Hedingham Parish Council has taken over responsibility for the Parish Magazine and has committed funding it for around £3,000 each year. The magazine needs more advertising to cover its production costs, but increasing prices may deter potential advertisers. A variety of options were discussed, including printing fewer copies and making them available in the Village Shop and the church with deliveries to only those households who request a copy. The Hedinghams Parish Magazine is already available online at the Castle Hedingham Parish Council website <https://castlehedingham-pc.gov.uk/>. It was suggested that Castle Hedingham Parish Council could pay for the cost of the pages used for the minutes; this amounted to just under £700 in 2024-2025. This was discussed and decided at item 11.

PROGRESS CHECK

Village bin store: This has been moved from the Cemetery to the rear of the Memorial Hall. Village maintenance can access on foot when clearing street waste, saving time and eliminating the need to use a vehicle. BDC crews empty it weekly when they are emptying the dog waste bins at the Village Park.

Village Park and Public Toilets: Our Village Maintenance and Public Toilets team had received a compliment about the park and toilet facilities and Councillors noted their appreciation for their hard work.

Village Youth Club: A new youth club for 10-16 year olds has started at Castle Hedingham Club every Thursday from 4-6pm. Everyone is welcome. This is run by village residents and has been funded by Essex County Council and Braintree District Council grants.

Village Maintenance issues: Difficulties for pedestrians due to loose road chippings at the roadside in St James Street and an uneven surface at the Cemetery had been reported and will be dealt with.

Pavement parking: Cllr Southgate had attended a new Parish Police Partnership Forum. He confirmed that police will take action on pavement or footway parking if it is reported to them by members of the public

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VILLAGE EVENTS 2025: SAVE THE DATES

VE Day Thursday 8th May 6.30 to 9.00pm. Everyone is warmly invited to our Memorial Hall tea dance. Pop in - dress up – chat – jive – enjoy! Followed by lighting of the Beacon at the Village Park at 8.45pm and singing “I vow to thee my Country” accompanied by our own village trumpeter. Donations of ration cake are invited for the tea dance – recipes available from Castle Hedingham Village Shop.

St James Fair Saturday 26th July. Local groups and organisations are very welcome to take part by running a stall or a game of their choice. Please contact the clerk on clerk@castlehedingham-pc.gov.uk

Folk Festival Saturday 6th September. This paid event is being organised by the Village Hall and Social Club. It has been requested that the park is used for Morris dancing – this entertainment would be free for anyone to watch and on that condition the request was approved by the Council.

HEDINGHAMS PARISH MAGAZINE

RESOLVED: Following the review of reserves at item 9, it was agreed to allocate £700 from the general reserve to the 2025-2026 budget to pay for the cost of pages for the Castle Hedingham Parish Council minutes in the magazine during the year. This will be reviewed in November 2025 in advance of setting the 2026-2027 budget and precept in January 2026. It was agreed that the Parish Magazine team and Sible Hedingham PC will keep Castle Hedingham PC informed and liaise on the magazine via the clerks.

VILLAGE PARK AND COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

Village Park: Four quotes were received for “talk tubes” to be financed from the remaining £2,623.21 S106 fund held by Braintree District Council. Correspondence from a resident requesting more exciting equipment was noted, however feedback from nursery groups, parents and grandparents confirms that talk tubes are popular with little ones and add a sensory element to the Village Park play area. The Village Park group will look at the quotes and designs in detail and make a choice.

Community Allotment: The clerk reported that the initial BDC grant fund is now spent, with an end of grant report to be submitted. The Community Allotment team will be hosting a stall at the Gardening Club plant sale on Saturday 24th May at the Memorial Hall, 10am to 12noon. The Great Yeldham Men’s Shed will also be contacted to discuss possible joint projects. Weekly sessions at the allotment at the Village Park are on Tuesdays 10am to 12 noon, everyone is welcome.

CEMETERY

Grave EROBs re-gifted: The donation of the Exclusive Rights of Burial for two pre-purchased grave plots that are no longer required was noted with thanks. It is proposed that when these plots are resold, the funds are used to create a memorial for the infants area in the old section of the cemetery at Sheepcot Road.

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NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 12th May 6.30pm Annual Parish Council Castle Hedingham Club
Monday 19th May 7pm ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY Castle Hedingham Villlage Hall
Monday 9th June 6.30pm Annual Parish Council Castle Hedingham Club
The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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CH Bowls Club

Finally, our 2025 bowls season is upon us with the green reopening for play from Sunday 13th April (weather permitting).

The green was closed for bowling at the end of September 2024, which always feels a little early to enthusiastic bowlers, especially when the weather remains fine. However, the greenkeepers need to take control before the growing season is over so they can conduct any necessary intensive maintenance to ensure the green remains in full health. After all, without a bowling green there would be no bowling club. Luckily, badgers did not attack the green this year, unlike the previous year, although the crows still tried to dig it up, mesh matting soon put a stop to that! A dedicated team spend many hours weekly maintaining the green with organic methods. As a result, other clubs frequently praise the quality of our green, and bowls league organisations often request it for important fixtures.



We continue to have multiple teams in several bowls' leagues across the Essex, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire area. But, we have made one change this year. For the first time our teams in the Steeple Bumpstead Bowls League are no longer unimaginatively called A team, B team etc. We are now the Falcons, Merlins and Hawks, with one team in each of the three divisions in that league.

We will have a gentle introduction to the season during the second half of April with rollups and friendlies. In May the more serious league matches will start.

On 18th May, we will be holding our annual Open Day from 10am when we invite anyone who would like to try their skills to come along and have a go. This is followed by a barbecue at lunchtime and a roll up with club members in the afternoon. It is a great introduction to the game of bowls as well as the social side that our club enjoys. Please feel free to come along if you would like to find out more about us.

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Friends of Alderford Mill

With the last few days of low water, the Wednesday team cleared much of the sediment built up in front of the mill, together with rubbish thrown into the river. As programmed, presuming the end of the cold wet weather the sluice gates were closed at the beginning of April and despite not having had much rain over the last few weeks, the river level returned to its normal height within a few days, giving a sufficient head to run the water wheel.



Unfortunately the brilliant splash of yellow from our beautiful daffodils has now faded for another year. We still see the occasional muntjac stag, with evidence of their continued presence by the neatly trimmed grass revealing the new reed growth showing its Spring vigour, sprouting up some 16cms above the grass. To date there is little sign of life in the river other than a pair of ducks and the resident coots and moorhens. No sign of any fish, otters or large rats seen in previous years.

Our first open day of the year saw a good number of visitors with a good mix of villagers along with many passing travellers, with younger children entertained by starting the waterwheel and producing scratch card pictures. With recovering water levels, the water wheel was run frequently during the afternoon giving young and old the opportunity to open the penstock and start the wheel. Our ladies continued with their renowned selection of cakes and savouries with one family purchasing the remainder at the end of the afternoon. A small raffle resulted in one lucky visitor returning home with a large Easter Egg.

The paranormal evening in April proved interesting with the group of five researchers identifying the spirits of several people detected in the mill: -Jack (5 years old); Sarah (21 years old); her younger sister Rebecca (14); the Parents (Ned and Mother); Joseph, a spirit in his 30s and a former mill worker; three workers referred to as "roofers"; overseer Henry Talbert (died 1806); Norman (John) Wood. The investigators reported that Alderford Mill had revealed a rich tapestry of spiritual energies tied to its historical legacy. Can any of our readers identify any of these names from their ancestry?

If our opening days are inconvenient or you prefer a personal tour for the family or a small group, the mill can be opened for private parties by arrangement

The large gear wheels for the steam engine drive have been fitted to the main shaft giving an initial impression of the machinery at the back of the mill.

We look forward to seeing our regular friends and new visitors to our next opening on Sunday afternoon, the 11th May, which is National Mills weekend. As always entry is free to all and our ladies will be supplying refreshments.

Lastly we still require volunteers, especially for Sundays to enable milling to be demonstrated.

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For our meeting in April we had a very interesting talk on Markshall Arboretum and its history given by Peter Hickling. Peter illustrated this with some beautiful slides, and was happy to chat with the members during our tea break.

Our meeting on the 8th of this month will be a talk entitled 'Woods and Trees of Essex' to be given by Chris Gibson, this will be our last afternoon meeting until September. Remember to bring your flower for the monthly competition.

Our summer trips this year will be:

June 12th Easton Lodge.

July 10th Daws Hall.

Details will be given at this month's meeting to anyone wishing to attend either of these events.

Castle Hedingham Gardening Club
Plant Sale Saturday 24th May
10 a.m. – 12 noon
Memorial Hall, Castle Hedingham
Refreshments and Raffle
Chocolate Cake competition

We are pleased to say that the Castle Hedingham Women's Group and the Castle Hedingham Allotment Society will once again be joining us for this event.

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.

Bye for now

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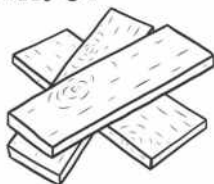
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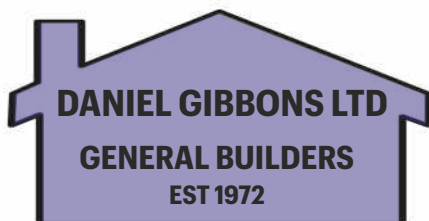
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Everyone is welcome -no experience necessary, just come along to enjoy being outdoors and part of a friendly group.

Whether you have an hour to spare or are able to be a regular supporter, we would love to see you. It is a chance to get out in the fresh air, be active, meet new friends, learn about gardening or share your knowledge.

Or just drop by for a visit and a chat at any of our weekly Tuesday morning sessions – our volunteers will be pleased to welcome you.

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