

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

HONINGTON & SAPISTON



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## PARISH COUNCIL

Thanks to Cllr Williams and Cllr Hards for installing the blind spot mirror to the A1088 crossroads. A number of pot holes have been reported and marked ready for repair by Suffolk County Council.

The next meeting of the **Parish Council** will take place on Monday March 9th at 7pm in the Village Hall.

- everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us. The Agenda will be on the website after 4 March.

[www.honingtonandsapiston.com/next-meeting](http://www.honingtonandsapiston.com/next-meeting)

## LITTER PICK - SUNDAY 8 MARCH

Please join us for our annual litter pick. Meeting at 10.30am on Sunday 8th March at Honington Green or outside Stable Cottage Sapiston. It's no more than an hour - All welcome, and equipment will be provided.

## VILLAGE HALL

Hi all, as per last newsletter by the time you read this our new boiler should have been fitted - a much-needed investment to ensure the longevity of the hall. We could not have done this without the hard work from Linda Howe getting the grant to enable this to happen, and Len Newman (Chairman) for negotiating this process. In March you will see some scaffolding at the hall for the installation of solar panels.

**Community Lunch will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** and will be serving Chicken Casserole, Steak and Ale Pie, followed by Fruit Crumble £8.00 to book your menu choices please drop me an email [siripp@live.com](mailto:siripp@live.com) or call 01359 789195 on or before Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March raffle, play your cards right.

**Community Supper will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** this month due to a wedding happening over the weekend of 27-29<sup>th</sup> on the menu will be Roast Gammon, Lasagne and Vegetarian Lasagne followed by various puddings £10 - to book your choices please drop me an email [siripp@live.com](mailto:siripp@live.com) or 01359 789195 Raffle Quiz, Play your cards right.

One for the Diary **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May Race Night** with Supper. Professional race company are coming to host a race night in aid of village hall funds - all welcome.

## CHURCH NEWS

Congratulations to Angela West, Jani Maguire and Albert & Molly Lambert who were the winners in the February Monthly Money Draw.

**Cream Tea** is postponed to later in the year.

On 3rd March (first Tuesday) we revert back to having a **Coffee Morning** in the Hall starting at 10.30am and look forward to seeing you there.

We will be decorating Honington Church with **Lilies for Easter** at the beginning of April. If you would like to donate £5 each stem in memory of a loved one please contact Christine 07879 063480 as soon as possible so that she is able to place an order with the florist.

Thank you for continuing to put your used printer ink cartridges in the box, in the porch.

It is with great sadness that we learn of the death of Frances Ferneyhough our lay reader who has helped with the services on the first Sunday of every month for many years. May you rest in peace Frances.

## CONGRATULATIONS, 72 YEARS!



Molly & Albert Lambert will be celebrating their 72nd Wedding Anniversary on Friday 20th March. They have lived in Sapiston for 68 years - they had 4 children, 2 girls & 2 boys, but sadly lost one of their sons in 1979. They have 5 Grandchildren & 8 great grandchildren.

Albert worked for Euston Farm Estate, and Molly stayed home to raise the family.

Albert was on the village hall committee and organised dances, whist drives etc. at the village hall, and until recently was an active member of the village bowls team. Molly, again until recently, was an active member of the WI and was in plays that they used to perform.

They still attend the village events when possible, coffee mornings, community lunches and suppers etc. And its their daughter, Val Lampart's birthday on the 21st March.



## SPRING SHOW & PLANT SALE - 17 MAY

If you are interested in a stall at the Spring Show & Plant Sale on Sunday 17 May 11:00 to 14:00 please book now, plenty of room on the field but the Hall is now FULL! Please put the date in your diary. Contact me on [harrietvdl@btinternet.com](mailto:harrietvdl@btinternet.com) to book your outside stall, Thank you, Harriet.

## MARK JACKLIN HOME TRIUMPHANT

Last minute reminder that there is a get together in the Fox on **Saturday 28 February from 7:00pm** to celebrate Marks amazing achievement

- everyone is welcome ... and you can bring a plate of nibbles to go on the bar if you like!

## IXWORTH SURGERY VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT SCHEME

Ixworth Surgery are one of a very few surgeries in the County who offer transport to the Surgery for those who are unable to access public transport or drive themselves. If you feel you can give some time to complete these journeys (from 1 to any number you choose to do) in return for 45p per mile please contact Ray 01842 898414 for a chat to learn more.

## BLACKBOURNE TREE GROUP

Tree Group will resume for the first meeting of the year in April - please put the date in your diary - **Saturday 4 April 9:00am** meeting at the sewage works - we meet for 1 hour for general maintenance of the tree area near the river in Honington - come and join us. Giles

## COMMUNITY SUPPER - 20 MARCH

Community Suppers are great events - held on the last Friday of the month from February to October - its very casual, £10 a head for a delicious meal and great entertainment including a quiz set by the previous months winner. There is a full bar and you can sit with/where you like or meet new neighbours!

Anyone can come - give it a go, it may surprise you! See VILLAGE HALL news for full details.

## CAMERA CLUB

The February meeting was an evening of great imagination and creativity with our two tasks of "Shooting into the Sun" and "Windows".

Both challenging tasks, however we saw some excellent images in both groups with some photographs more than worthy of being framed and sold.

Our March 17th meeting in the village hall from 6.45 for a 7 pm start, features images of "Four Legged Friends" and "Symmetry". If you are at all interested, pop along for a chat and see what we do, you'll be made very welcome.

Contact [honsapcamclub@gmail.com](mailto:honsapcamclub@gmail.com) for more information. You can see a selection of images on the Village Hall website at [www.hsvh.org.uk/camera-club](http://www.hsvh.org.uk/camera-club)



*"Into the Sun" by Howard King*

*And the image of the bridge (front), also by Howard King*

## NEWS FROM EUSTON FARM

Hello from all at the Estate.

Farming has got off to a slow start due to the constant wet weather. Still, we must adapt and change to fight these conditions as time waits for no man! The drilling date for sugar beet is still in our sights so we must try and be ready for mid-March.

Autumn sown crops have enjoyed the generally mild winter and the wet weather has been ok with them but of course they have a limit.

Irrigation maintenance has been busy since Christmas repairing broken taps and replacing a 100-metre length of pipe that is 325mm in diameter which forms our main pressure pipe from the Reservoir.

We have been tree planting for the past week or so replacing the 500 odd spruce trees that got infected by the IPs Beetle last summer.

I had a break for 2 months over Christmas, so I'd like to thank the team at Euston for taking the helm while I made a recovery from hospital. See you all in a month or so.

Matthew

## THE FOX INN

Sunday 1 March - Walk to the Pub day ...

Cocktail Masterclass on Thursday 5 March

Free cocktail on arrival, make 3 cocktails, games & challenges, prizes, bar snacks included - book now, limited spaces.

Wednesday 11 March Pool Tournament, starts at 7pm

Quiz Night on Thursday 19 March - start at 7pm fun game, prizes, drink.

## HONINGTON & SAPISTON W.I.

February saw us welcome the East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA) for a demonstration and refresher on providing the very important skill of CPR and basic first aid.

Members were walked through how to look out for cardiac arrest and how to calmly use a defibrillator and perform CPR if needed. We learnt that a single helicopter trip for the EAAA is around £4250, with an average of 5 call outs a day! They rely heavily on donations from the public to continue running and saving lives.

After the demonstration, each member then performed CPR on a Resusci Annie (at the expense of our knees!) and also had the chance to use a model defibrillator. We are now up-to-date with our first aid skills and hope to never need to use them!

If you fancy coming along to one of our meetings, please email [honingtonsapistonwi@gmail.com](mailto:honingtonsapistonwi@gmail.com), we have a range of speakers each year and would love to see you.

## MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library is scheduled to visit on **Thursday 12th March**. It will be at Rymer Court, Honington 11:45 to 12:00 and the Drift, Sapiston 15:00 to 15:25.

Do you use the mobile library? All the details of how and when are on the website, <https://www.honingtonandsapiston.com/mobile-library.html>

## WEBSITES & NEWSLETTER

There are new sections on the websites ....

[www.honingtonandsapiston.com](http://www.honingtonandsapiston.com) - Ariel photos of H&S - you'll find them on the HOME page.

[www.hsvh.org.uk](http://www.hsvh.org.uk) - Details of EVENTS and how to book tickets

**Newsletter** - Please send in details to be included by the 20th of the month. Thank you, Harriet

[honingtonandsapiston@yahoo.com](mailto:honingtonandsapiston@yahoo.com)





- Sunday 1st** 09.30 BCP Said Communion, All Saints  
Tues 3rd 10:30 - 12:00 Church Coffee Morning  
14.00 - 16.00 Knit & Natter  
Weds 4rd 09.30 - 12.00 For the Love of Art & Craft  
19.00 - 21.30 Bowls Club  
**Sun 8th** 10:30 - 11:30 Litter Pick  
**Mon 9th** 19.00 - 21.00 H&S PARISH COUNCIL  
Tues 10th 14.00 - 16.00 Knit & Natter  
19.00 - 22.00 WI  
Weds 11th 09.30 - 12.00 For the Love of Art & Craft  
19.00 - 21.30 Bowls Club  
Thurs 12th **11:45 - 12:00 Mobile Library, Honington**  
**12.30 - 14.30 COMMUNITY LUNCH**  
**15:00 - 15:25 Mobile Library, Sapiston**  
**Sun 15th** 09.30 Family Communion, All Saints  
Tues 17th 14.00 - 16.00 Knit & Natter  
19.00 - 21.30 Camera Club  
Weds 18th 09.30 - 12.00 For the Love of Art & Craft  
19.00 - 21.30 Bowls Club  
**Fri 20th** 19.00 - 22.00 COMMUNITY SUPPER  
Mon 23rd 09:30 - 11:00 Bury Soft Play  
Tues 24th 14.00 - 16.00 Knit & Natter  
Weds 25th 09.30 - 12.00 For the Love of Art & Craft  
19.00 - 21.30 Bowls Club  
Tues 31st 14.00 - 16.00 Knit & Natter

## MORE INFO @

ART - Netty Mendez - 07867 975603

BOWLS - Eric Martin - 01359 269536

CAMERA CLUB - Howard King - [honsapcamclub@gmail.com](mailto:honsapcamclub@gmail.com)

KNIT & NATTER - Jenny Philips - 01359 268269

Women's Institute - [honingtonsapistonwi@gmail.com](mailto:honingtonsapistonwi@gmail.com)

## FOOT CLINIC

**Saturdays** Martin Waterman - Appt only

**Wednesdays** Martin Waterman - Appt only

**Thursdays** 09.00 - 13.00 - Emma Howells

Martin Waterman 07932 937592 / 01359 268073

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[emma.howells83@gmail.com](mailto:emma.howells83@gmail.com)

## THIS MONTH @ THE FOX

Full details and opening hours on the  
[www.hsvh.org.uk/the-fox-inn](http://www.hsvh.org.uk/the-fox-inn)

- 1st - Your Burger Zone from 5pm  
5th - **COCKTAIL MASTERCLASS**  
6th - Neapolitan Pizza from 5  
7th - Marky D's from 5  
8th - Loaded Fries from 1pm  
13th - Pigs In from 5pm  
14th - The Real Thai Food from 5pm  
15th - La Pizza  
19th - Guacos Mexican and **QUIZ NIGHT**  
20th - Your Burger Zone  
21st - Grab a Burger  
27th - Your Burger Zone  
28th - Pizzeria Gusto  
29th - Marky D

Every Monday after 5pm

**FREE POOL** (with purchased drink)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 8 March - Litter Pick

Sunday 5 April - Easter Egg Hunt in the Hall Field

Thursday 23 April - Annual St Georges Day Draw

Friday 29 May - Race Night

Sunday 17 May - Spring Show & Plant Sale

Saturday 13 June - BBQ with Silent Disco

Sunday 6 September - Annual Picnic

Sunday 15 November - Christmas Craft Fair with Santa

## BIN COLLECTIONS

Tues 3 **BLACK BIN**

Mon 9 **BROWN BIN**

Tues 10 **BLUE BIN**

Tues 17 **BLACK BIN**

Mon 23 **BROWN BIN**

Tues 24 **BLUE BIN**

Tues 31 **BLACK BIN**

Please remember to leave your bins out the night before the stated collection day, or by 06.15 on the actual collection day.

NB: Bin days may differ for people living on the outskirts of Sapiston and on bank holidays.