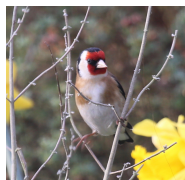




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Hindolveston Newsletter

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Village Hall 100 Club
winners in April
**1st Prize No. 16 P
Cordon**
**2nd Prize No. 39 C
D'Oyley**

HINDOLVESTON CRAFTS IN ACTION

Hindolveston Crafts in Action is not for profit organisation whose aim is to celebrate and promote the arts and crafts in Hindolveston. A committee of five organise and run the events.

There were 15 Crafters at our Active Craftday in August, it was well attended and the Christmas Craft Market had 14 stalls selling a wide range of local crafts.

We commissioned Wendy Coe one of our village crafts people to design and make a stained glass window to go into the Village Hall's glass screen between the main hall and the kitchen where there was a broken pane. When you are next in the Village Hall don't forget, look up and admire the beautiful window.

Our Active Craft Display day is on Sunday 3rd August. There will be people from Hindolveston sharing their crafts and arts, so come along, see what a talented place Hindol is and perhaps have a go yourself.

The Christmas Craft Market will be on December 6th & 7th. Entry to all our events is free.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

There'll be a new regular event in the village every Friday evening starting on 2nd May. Village resident Madalina is organising Food Truck Fridays in the Village Hall car park every week from 6.30pm, to coincide with the opening time of the Village Hall Friday Bar. There will be four different caterers providing food during May. On May 2nd it's Madalina's own food truck "Rahela's Rolling Kitchen" with grilled pitta skewers, May 9th brings CJ's Burgers, May 16th food from Pull My Leg, CJ's Burgers again on May 23rd and Tato's Food Pod on May 30th with jacket potatoes and loaded nachos. Do come along and support this new venture – and have a drink at the bar!

Hindolveston Trust

Report for Annual Parish Meeting 17 April 2025

The Hindolveston Trust has been established since 1400. It is a charity designed to help those in need living in the village of Hindolveston.

Over the last year the nature of the Trust has changed. At one time, people over the age of 60 were given coal at Christmas. Nowadays we deal with a range of needs. All requests are dealt with by a sympathetic committee of village volunteers. All matters are dealt with in secrecy and details of any awards are never discussed outside of the committee members.

We encourage people in need to ask for help and we consider all such requests.

Mary Walsh (Chairperson of The Trust).

Hindolveston Ladies Group report for the Annual Parish Meeting 17 April 2025

We met once monthly during 2024 with a variety of meetings such as talks by the Air Ambulance and Sue Rider Charities; Gardening for Wildlife, Growing Up in Norfolk and A Journey to Nepal as well as a Garden Visit to Dover Farm Nursery, a Quiz and a Cream Tea.

Plans for 2025 include a visit to the Black Shuck Distillery in Hindolveston, a 'Move it or Lose it' session and a Sharing Poetry evening. We continue to meet once a month and have over twenty members on the books.

Mary Groombridge on behalf of the Ladies Group

Hindolveston Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

17th April 2025

Report from Chairperson Mary Walsh

March 2024 to March 2025 has been a busy year for the Parish Council.

We have welcomed back John Senior as a Councillor and saw the departure of Liz Vickers who is leaving the village – we wish her well in her new home.

As ever, there have been some positive developments over the past year as well as some challenges. The Recreation Ground has continued to be a space enjoyed by youngsters, dog walkers and all villagers. We have had a lot of problems with dog fouling and have now left poo bags at the entrance to the rec. – I'm happy to report it looks much better now. Wayne Jolly kindly repaired the picnic table which had been damaged. James and Mary Jackson continue to cut the play area grass so neatly. The play area continues to be monitored and we always welcome any problems being reported so we can deal with them quickly and safely. The grass cutting on the rec. is going very well – many thanks to Nurture. We have had delivery of a new bench for the play area – this is to replace the bench erected in memory of Chip Davison's brother. We are hoping for some funds for a Monkey Challenge.

The Nature Reserve

The rewilding area is progressing. Over 100 trees were planted in January 2025 – they were donated by the Woodland Trust. We were so pleased to see a large group of volunteers from the village turn up to help with the planting. The hedges will not be cut for 3 years and scrub has been left at the bottom of the hedges for wildlife to flourish. Already there are large numbers of birds and mammals there. We hope that villagers will wander down and enjoy the space. Seb Wiles and Arthur Watson are planning to construct and install a bench in the Reserve as part of their school B Tech studies.

Allotments

The allotments are all fully occupied and looking good. John Senior is hoping to launch a Little Sprouts family allotments initiative.

Church Yard

The Parish Council has continued to maintain the Church Yard. Many thanks to Elijah Hubbard who has kept the area neat and tidy – we wish Elijah and his family well in their move to Wales. John Senior is taking over responsibility for maintenance of the area.

War Memorial

The war memorial stonework has been cleaned and we await the stone mason Howells to repaint the lettering of names on the memorial – this has been funded by the War Memorial Trust. We couldn't add the 2 extra names of the fallen on as they are remembered on war memorials elsewhere.

Environmental Issues

We were asked by a representative of Harrison Civils offering to instal new and more environmentally efficient effluent tanks free of charge- some villagers have taken up the offer.

Solar panels were offered with a grant to help fund by the Council. However, we can't have a smart meter at the rec. pavilion (a requirement for the funding of the solar panels) due to lack of a phone signal. We are aware that NCC using their refuse collection vehicles are monitoring phone signals throughout the area to get a better understanding of problems with lack of phone signal.

Finally, I would like to thank all my fellow Councillors for all their individual support and to Joanna Otte for her professional and friendly support as Clerk to the Parish Council. Thanks also go to Rosie Leeder who manages the Pavilion and to all helpers who assist with preparation, printing and distribution of the Newsletter every month.

Mary Walsh

Chairperson, Hindolveston Parish Council

Hindolveston Village Hall

It's been a busy year at the village hall. A lot goes on behind the scenes to make sure the building is well-maintained and complies with all the requirements for buildings open to the public. We are fortunate in having an excellent team of volunteers who do a great deal of work to look after the hall and its grounds and to organise events for the whole village to enjoy.

Bookings are back to pre-pandemic level for regular hirers. We have Tai Chi, Yoga, Fitness, Weights and Art classes each week, the Stitching group meet for one day each month and so does the Life Drawing group and Art East Anglia have around 12 weekend art workshops each year. Crafts in Action ran two very successful events again last year: a demonstration day in August and the Christmas Craft Market in December. Crafts in Action have donated a beautiful stained glass window, created by Wendy Coe, to the hall.

The hall was used as a polling station twice last year: for the general election and the election of the police commissioner. The Pedal Norfolk Festival raced through the village in July and came to the hall for a meal stop. We've had an open evening where all the activity leaders were available to chat to anyone wanting to find out more about what's available at the hall. We've also hosted family celebrations, pre-shoot breakfasts and workshops.

We've had three music evenings: Blues singer Grey Bryce in September, Bluegrass music from The Dungarees in November and Scottish Folk singer Simon Kempston in February.

The Friday bar volunteers open the bar each week and Coffee shop is busy every Tuesday morning. Cinema evenings remain popular during the spring and autumn seasons.

From 2nd May we will have Street Food in the village hall car park on Friday evenings organised by village resident Madalina Cobzaru.

The Village Hall volunteer working party has been busy as usual, meeting once a month to carry out smaller repairs and maintenance of the building and grounds. Village horticulturist, Sarah Seery, has worked with the group to prune all the apple trees in the community orchard behind the hall and to produce a grounds maintenance plan. This group suggested buying a lawn mower to enable volunteers to mow the grass in the orchard and we had our first season of not having to pay to have the grass cut. We've continued our programme of changing all the lights to LED and we're nearly there with that now. All the portable appliances were PAT tested and some minor electrical repairs were carried out. We've replaced the fold up chairs with new ones.

The hall is now available for hourly hire for table tennis and badminton.

The Village Hall is a charitable trust, run entirely by volunteers and is dependent on the funds raised from hall hire and events to run and maintain the building.

The Easter Eggstravaganza:

Pilgrims arrived at Hindolveston Church on Good Friday morning, on their way to Walsingham, singing as they did so. Hot cross buns were on offer in the church rooms, along with refreshments, allowing all our guests the opportunity to recharge their batteries before continuing onwards in song once more. With HUGE thanks to everyone that donated their time and their cross buns in support of this event, and to everyone that came.

It was lovely to see so many children making Easter bonnets and sitting together drawing on Saturday – and again, huge thanks to everyone that supported this event – and with all the amazing flowers installed in the Church too, (with thanks to all that did), this really was a joy to behold.

Easter Sunday opened with a refreshing church service with Carol and Tony, (and the well-attended congregation on percussion), and concluded with an Easter Egg Hunt after refreshments.

We really cannot thank everyone enough for all their help and support this weekend, Friends, Villagers and Church, all working together – it was awesome! “Thank You”