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Hindolveston Newsletter

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‘Carol Sexton took the very well attended Remembrance Sunday service at the church and war memorial on 9th November. As the village hall was booked for another event, Tim and Mary Walsh kindly offered coffee and biscuits at Coopers House. The church and bucket collection at the war memorial raised £190.85 for the British Legion.’

Well 2025 is on its way out and this year seems to have flown quicker than ever before !
I would like to say a huge thank you to those people who make this newsletter possible.
First all a huge thank you to Dave Carter who sets out the newsletter so beautifully. Thank you to Joanna Otte who prints them all off . Thank you to all the deliverers and of course a big thank you to the contributors
I would also like to thank all my fellow parish councillors and our very special clerk who make such a good team on the Parish Council .
We wish you all a very happy Christmas and and a prosperous and healthy New Year
Mary

Hindolveston Crafts in Action

Hindolveston Crafts in Action will be running a programme of arts and crafts workshops in 2026 in the village hall. Details of the workshops available will be published in future editions of this newsletter and published on the Crafts in Action Facebook page.

Before this our first workshop will take place just before Christmas.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Saturday 13 December 10am - 12pm, Hindolveston Village Hall

Cost £40 to include tuition, all materials, tea or coffee and cake.

To book email alison@theoldbakerynorfolk.co.uk or call Alison Thomas on 01263 862802.

Advance booking is essential.

Kind regards,

Alison

Christmas Craft Market

Don't miss the Christmas Craft Market at Hindolveston Village Hall on the first weekend in December. Join the makers on Saturday evening from 6.30pm until 9pm – shop for beautiful hand made items and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. On

Sunday (7th) doors open at 10am for a full day of opportunities to buy something unusual and beautifully made by your neighbours.

We'll have woodwork, willow baskets, ropework, pewterwork, crochet and knitted work, textiles, art, ceramics, jewellery, wirework and quilting among the selection offered by the talented residents and former residents of Hindolveston. The café is open all day, too. Entry and parking are free.

Village Hall 100 Club November
1st Prize (£40) No. 47 S Minting
2nd Prize (£20) No.41 R Poland



SATURDAY DECEMBER 13th
OCEANS with DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

‘Ocean with David Attenborough’ takes viewers on a breath-taking journey showing there is nowhere more full of life, wonder, or surprise, than the ocean. Through spectacular sequences featuring coral reefs, kelp forests and the open ocean, Sir David Attenborough shows why a healthy ocean keeps the entire planet stable and flourishing. Stunning, immersive cinematography showcases the wonder of life under the seas, and exposes the challenges facing our ocean.

“Released on his 99th birthday, Sir David’s authority is matched only by nature’s grandeur in this visually stunning film. A passionate case against the ruination of the seas” – The Guardian

St George’s Church Hindolveston
Newsletter, Autumn 2025

We thought it was time we told you what we’ve been up to since our very successful appeal some months ago. We raised £2,000, which was so gratifying. “They do care!” we rejoiced, because at the start we really wondered if anyone did. But our church is more than a place for a once a month service. It’s a refuge, a place of calm, a centre for all the little things that we can do for each other.

So, what’s been happening? The money we raised was to start grant applications for repairs, both to the church and the Church Room. We are teetering on the brink of putting in applications, held up only by a delay in appointing a church architect. Hindolveston is in a group of ten churches and two of them – Briston and St. Mary’s Burgh Parva – are in a far worse state than us and Briston in particular needs millions. The current architect is far too busy stopping them falling on people’s heads, so Trudie, our senior vicar, is trying to find us a competent and available new one. We really should take our hats off to Trudie, the problems of vicarhood these days are daunting. But undaunted she is and our architect will come.

In the meantime, we’ve started an EcoClub, a Men’s Club and a Plant Stall (very superior, stocked by Sharon Walton, who knows stuff). We are also very fortunate to have Carolyn Sexton, newly ordained, attached to us this year. She has obtained a grant for a children’s Messy Saints group which she runs once a month, and she has also had the great idea of putting warm coats, sweaters and boots, free to all, in the church porch. Please help yourselves, and tell everyone they are there. And if you have any warm clothing or boots you would like to donate, just take them in and hang them up.

Following a wonderful bequest we are also replacing the hangings behind the altar and making new altar cloths. We are working on designs, so if anyone would like to come and help, feel free. Embroiderers, designers, textile people of all sorts will be very welcome. Our plans for a new stained glass window are awaiting the architect, but if you have ideas, we would love to hear them.

You may notice that throughout the summer from time to time the church has been closed. This is because there are people (and dogs) camping in it. It’s a thing. We’re hoping to encourage families next year – so if you know anyone who fancies a night of fairy lights in our calm and welcoming church, go online and book. champing.co.uk. They even do gift cards.

Then there are our events. We make a big thing of the big festivals, Harvest, Easter, Christmas and so on, and our church decorators do a fabulous job. Flowers, produce, the lot. Even if you don’t come to the services you should come in and have a look. We have also raised more money, although we make a point of not charging for much and asking only for donations. We had the appeal, you contributed very generously, and we want you to feel happy to join us without thinking it’s going to cost money.

Nonetheless, our plant stall has raised around £70, the Fete and Yard Sale £750, the Jumble Sale £238, and the Musical Afternoon by the Hindolveston Mini Band (amazingly good) £216. They are coming again for our Carol Service and Christmas Party on 14th December, so make a note. We would love them to play for a Garden Party too in the summer, so watch for news of that.

Date

Sunday 14th December, 11 am. Christmas Carol Service, with Hindolveston Mini Band. Mulled wine, mince pies, sausage rolls and Christmas things in the Church Room afterwards.

Wednesday 24th December, 5 pm. Crib Service. The start of Christmas. You must come.