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# Welcome



In May Bluebell woods are at their full glory, a delicate haze of blue seems to float above the woodland floor in the dappled light and a scent that takes you back to childhood.

## **Over half of the world's bluebells are found in the UK.**

The true English bluebell is a delicate flower, quite unlike the much sturdier Spanish bluebell found in gardens. The nodding blue flowers droop only from one side of the slender, down-curved stem with a grace that the Spanish interlopers can only dream of. Spanish bluebells don't spread easily by seed but the pollen is easily transferred by bees and the resulting seed is viable. Hybridisation dilutes the unique characteristics of the native bluebells, and permanently alters their genetics, so if you live anywhere near a bluebell wood please be brutal, and dig up and destroy any Spanish bluebells in your garden!

There are many bluebell woods around the two villages - enjoy them while they bloom - they don't stay for long!

*Photo: Mark Jones*

# Church Services



This information will always be available on the church website at  
<https://www.hedingham.info/>  
 (look at the tab 'Services and Events')



Date	St Nicholas's,	St Peter's,
	Castle Hedingham	Sible Hedingham
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Family Service
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion Followed by APCM
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am Morning Prayer Followed by APCM	11am Morning Prayer
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	5pm Evening Prayer	11am Holy Communion

## ST PETER'S COFFEE MORNINGS



**Saturday 18th May**

9.30 - 11.00am

**Saturday 22nd June**  
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# CHURCH APCMs

## Annual Parochial Church Meetings

**ST PETER'S CHURCH**  
SIBLE HEDINGHAM  
TO BE HELD  
12.00pm  
**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**ST NICHOLAS'S CHURCH**  
CASTLE HEDINGHAM  
TO BE HELD  
11.00am  
**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY**

*Everybody welcome*

## St Nicholas Church

Visitors to the Church of St Nicholas in Castle Hedingham will soon be able to 'see' a lot more than usual!

Many of you will know that the church was closed for a couple of weeks in April whilst a huge improvement was made to the lighting array in the church.

With a substantial boost from the Friends of St Nicholas (FOSN) and generous grants from The Benefact Trust, Essex Heritage Trust and Braintree District Council, HSE Lighting & Electrical Services and Eden Electrical Ltd have made a super job of enhancing the wonderful features of the church and making it easier to see what you are singing!

The PCC and FOSN would like to extend a big thanks to Graeme Fraser Steele for his outstanding efforts in making the project come together.

**Please join us for a  
fundraising Soup &  
Dessert lunch.**

**Date – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Time – 12pm to 2pm**

**Place – The Memorial Hall**

**Cost £5.00**

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# Baptist Church



*And with that he breathed on them and said, Receive the Holy Spirit. John 20 v.22*

Easter behind us and Pentecost ahead of us, we are in that gap between rejoicing in the joy of the Resurrection and the coming enabling Power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. I wonder how many stopped this Easter to marvel at the notion that Jesus overcame death when He rose from the dead? Fact or Fiction? Relevant for 2024 or not? For Christians who have experienced a transformation in their life through accepting Jesus as Lord and Saviour it is an annual reminder that His death was for each one of us, not a selected few. After His appearances to the disciples He left them and returned to his Father in Heaven but he did not leave them empty handed - He had breathed on them His Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit they were able to experience the 'Peace that passes understanding'. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came to empower them to go out and spread the Gospel to all Nations.

We too can know that Peace given by the Holy Spirit when we trust in Him.

**Sunday Services** 10.30 am. (All Age Service 3rd Sunday of the month)

**Cygnets** Every Monday in Term Time £2 per family

**Food Bank** Tuesdays 2-4pm

**Hotspot** every Thursday 10-2pm Free for everyone .Homemade soup served at 12.00.



An All Age free event for Families  
Saturday May 4th 4-6pm (Crafts, Songs, Story and Food)  
exploring the Fruits of the Spirit.

**For further information please check the church website or  
contact@hedinghambaptist.org**

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*For all events see details on Facebook or Website*

# My Recycling Calendar

## MONDAY ROUTE 6

APRIL 2024



MAY 2024



JUNE 2024



## TUESDAY ROUTE 7

APRIL 2024



MAY 2024



JUNE 2024



## TUESDAY ROUTE 2

APRIL 2024




MAY 2024



JUNE 2024



 Grey bin and food bin

 Different collection day

 Clear sacks and food bin only

 Different collection day

 Green bin, clear sacks and food bin

 Different collection day

 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.

You should only put your bin out by 7am on the day of your collection.

### Green Bin

Garden waste collections are a subscription-based service.

Go to: <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/bins-waste-recycling>





Essex County Council

# Sible Heddingham Library

## Opening hours

Monday 9am-1pm

Thursday 2pm-7pm

Saturday 9am-5pm

## What's On

### Mondays

**Baby and Toddler Rhymetime** 9.30 – 10.00am



**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)*

### Thursdays



**Book Group Meetings** 2.00 – 3.00pm  
*Contact library for details*

**Pokemon Card Swap** 3.30 – 4.30pm

**Family Story time** 3.30 – 4.30pm

### Saturdays

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

**Baby and Toddler Rhymetime** 10.00 – 10.30am



**Lego Coding** 2.00 – 3.00pm  
*Please book via the Essex library website*

**Lego Blockbuilders** 2.30 – 3.30pm

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# CH Women's Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday 15th May, 2pm at the Memorial Hall, Castle Hedingham. The speaker, Joanne Larner will present her talk entitled 'Richard III – Saint or Sinner'. Joanne has extensively researched the life of Richard III and has written a trilogy of novels about him. We all remember the spectacular event when his remains were found in a Leicester car park, but what of his life and how did he live? Was he the ruthless tyrant often portrayed or was his character different? Joanne will look at the pros and cons of her findings and will address the many questions surrounding his life.

We can confirm that the amount raised for The Essex and Herts Air Ambulance from the Coffee Morning and the raffle at the last meeting, was in excess of £300. Well done to all those involved and thank you for all the donations.

Please call Sylvia if you would like to join the group or for any information about it. 01787 469129.

## **COACH TRIPS**

To enquire, for more information or to book any trip, including the weekend break, please call:-

Ann on 01787 469719 or 07442 180237 or Hilda on 01787 461729 or 07513 886288.

Cheques made payable to CHWG.

**Tuesday 4th June – Elton Hall and Gardens, Nr Peterborough.** Cost for coach and entrance to Hall and garden is £42 pp, payable by 13th May please.

**Friday 5th July – Cromer and the Pier Summer Show.** Cost for coach and show ticket is £50 pp, payable by 16th May please

**Wednesday 7th August – Houghton Hall and gardens, Norfolk,** including Anthony Gormley and Magdalene Odundo exhibitions. Cost for coach and entrance to the Hall, gardens and exhibitions is £50, payable by 4th July please.

**Weekend Break 4th – 6th October going to South Downs and New Forest,** including visiting the Weald and Downland Living Museum, spending a day in the New Forest and time in Portsmouth. Cost is £289 pp, single supplement £77 including coach travel, 2 nights dinner, bed and breakfast and entrance to the Museum.

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# The Bell

**Penny and Kylie were thrilled that The Bell Inn, Castle Hedingham was selected as runner-up in the PubAid Community Sustainability Hero Awards.** The awards ceremony was held at The House of Commons on 5th March 2024. Kylie said, *'It was a privilege to attend in such wonderful surroundings and to chat with the other finalists, all of whom go the extra mile to ensure their businesses are increasingly sustainable for their customers and community.'*



The Bell consciously supports local and eco-suppliers, eg, stocking Hedingham based Tuffon Hall Wines and ensuring their crisp packets are compostable.

**The pub also houses a refill station for eco cleaning products and has a charity clothes bin on the premises available for the whole community to use.**



Penny – who started the green initiative at the pub in 2016 – added, 'Following the recognition from PubAid together with the support of village residents and pub visitors, we feel further encouraged and enthused to plough on with sustainable practices'.





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**Admission £3.00**

## **Crafty Nannas**

**Meeting once a month on 2nd Tuesday**

between 2pm – 4pm

The Castle Club, Church Lane, Castle Hedingham with refreshments.

## **T Club**

**Meeting on the last Wednesday each month at The Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Castle Hedingham**

2pm – 4pm

It is a club where older people can enjoy a chat,  
Refreshments & raffle **Admission £2.50**

Should you wish to know further details about any of these activities,

please contact: Jayne Laken on 07458 300 903

**We look forward to seeing you**



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**at Heddingham Baptist Church, 177 Swan Street, Sible Heddingham,  
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members of Heddingham History Group FREE / non-members £5/  
school/students/under-25s FREE

Annual membership £12.50 – you can join at any meeting

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**ALL WELCOME**

For further information, phone 01787 829317 or e-mail [jan.cole.heddingham@gmail.com](mailto:jan.cole.heddingham@gmail.com)

# Sible Hedingham Parish Council



## **MULTI USE GAMES AREA AT THE RECREATION GROUND**

Sible Hedingham Parish Council are extremely happy to share the news of the refurbishment of our Multi Use Games Area on the Recreation Ground

This has been several months in the planning but at last it is coming to fruition.

**We will have a brand new tarmac surface, painted green with the addition of white, blue and orange lines to demarcate A tennis court**

**AND**

**5-a-side football and basketball court.**

By the time you read this article it will be almost finished, with the coloured lines to be added in May, when the surface is fully set. An exciting new MUGA court ready for the Spring and Summer months ahead.

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**The date of our Annual Parish Meeting has been set for Wednesday 29th May 2024 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.**

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.

All members of the public are very welcome to come along and learn more about what we have in our village and also to meet Councillors of the Parish Council and learn more about their role and what they do.

Refreshments will be served.

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

***Could interested businesses, groups and organisations please RSVP clerk@siblehedinghampc.org.uk by Wednesday 8th May to allow us to plan accordingly.***

# Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Abridged Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held in the Village Hall**  
on Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

**In the chair** – Cllr Lee

**Present** Cllr Adam, Cllr Beavis, Cllr Calver, Cllr Cole, Cllr Luxon, Cllr Taylor

Cllr Schwier – present from 7:25 pm due to attendance at a previous meeting.

Mrs L Slade – Clerk, Mrs K Hoye – Relief Clerk 15 Members of the Public

County Councillor's Report The LED lighting replacement programme has been a success; less energy is being used, there are fewer faulty street lights reported and subsequently, fewer requests for engineers.

375,000 trees have been planted on Essex property in line with a five year target; one of the main benefits is to reduce flooding in local areas.

A Water Strategy has been developed to help reduce current water usage.

Cllr Beavis raised several issues of local pot holes and will supply Cllr Schwier with the details.

District Councillors Reports Cllr Beavis replied to a resident's concerns about the green bin charges; Cllr Beavis and Cllr Taylor continue to monitor the profile of the service. The Chief Executive of BDC met with Cllr Beavis and Cllr Taylor; together they looked at public owned spaces, public owned buildings and land designated for the Medical Centre. The non-maintenance of the wooded area at the Riverside Walk and overflowing bins in the play area were also raised. An onsite meeting at the Wethersfield Asylum Centre is to take place and District Councillors are lobbying for more frequent liaisons. Feedback and views are being sought from local Parish Councils.

Chair's Report Cllr Lee attended an EALC meeting regarding elections mainly for the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. There is a Business and Marketing Group to promote the Essex Association of Local Councils. Policing has risen with the addition of many new officers and recruitment has grown. Cllr Lee remarked how lucky we are to have such a good police and fire service.

Sub-committees and meeting dates

**Finance, Governance and Audit** - No meeting

**Climate and Environment** – Meeting scheduled for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Village Hall.

Cllr Beavis to advertise and promote this meeting to encourage attendance.

**Events, Community and Communication** – Meeting held on 7 March 2024, minutes previously circulated.

**Planning** – No meeting **Personnel** – No meeting

Business rates on the Car Park and Office No further update. Cllr Beavis has spoken to BDC's Finance Officer and a reply is still awaited.

To consider filling the vacancies by co-option There are vacancies on the Council, which can now be filled by the co-option process. It is hoped people will come forward. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

# Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Pot holes at the entrance to the Co-op delivery area and the Car Park The Clerk to seek three quotations to repair the pot holes and report back to the Council. An agreement to fund the cost to repair all potholes, regardless of ownership, was proposed by Cllr Calver, seconded by Cllr Luxon, all Councillors were in agreement.

ECC Highways Issues - LHP application for appropriate HGV signage at Cut Maple and Starlings Hill Cllr Schwier has given his support for this, all Councillors are in agreement, which the Clerk will action.

Fitness Classes on the Recreation Ground The previous arrangement was originally with another fitness instructor, not the current instructor. There has been no charge for the use of the Recreation Ground for these classes but this use must not be at any detriment to neighbouring homes and use of play equipment. Councillors all agreed that the fitness classes at the Recreation Ground should cease immediately for the foreseeable future. The Clerk to advise the instructor of the decision.

## Planning Applications

24/00510/VAR Plots 5 & 6 Rectory Meadow. Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of permission 15/01600/FUL granted 07.09.2016 for the erection of 2 no. dwellings and garages with associated ground works (Plots 5 and 6)

Variation would allow changes to the design of plot 5. – No comments

24/00574/TPOCON 33 Swan Street 5 Leyland Cyprus trees – Crown reduction to 3.5 metres above ground level. – No comments

24/00548/FUL Mount Nebo Brickwall Farm. Proposed change of use of Mount Nebo Barn from a Nursery (Class E(f)) to a Wedding Venue and occasional community uses (Sui Generis) – No comments

24/00415/HH Half Moon House 22 Queen Street. Creation of first floor to create office space, incorporating roof dormer and external stairs to existing detached garage. – No comments

24/00507/FUL Land South of Brickwall Farm Queen Street. Erection of detached 3 No. bedroom dwelling with private amenity space and parking, 16 No. Solar PV cells and air source heat pump. – No comments

For information only:-

24/00535/HHPA 43 Abbey Meadow Erection of single storey rear extension. Extension will extend beyond rear wall of the original house by 3.70m, with a maximum height of 3.00m and 3.00m to the eaves of the extension.

24/00527 & 00530/HHPA 1 & 2 Barr Hall Cottage Morris Green Road Erection of single storey rear extension. Extension will extend beyond rear wall of the original house by 4.00m, with a maximum height of 2.85m and 2.65m to the eaves of the extension.

Clerks Report Previously circulated to all Councillors and taken as read.

## Agenda items for next meeting and exchange of ideas only

Casual vacancies to be an agenda item.

Pot hole repair quotations

Meeting Closed: 8:40 pm

**Next Meeting** 13 May 2024      **Annual Parish Meeting** 29 May 2024

# Parish Council Meeting Minutes

## **ABRIDGED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CASTLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024, 7.30PM AT CASTLE HEDINGHAM CLUB**

**Present:** Cllrs Deeks, Doe, Foulkes, Mowle, Smith, Westrop

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

**Also present:** 2 parishioners, 2 representatives of C V Railway, Hedinghams Parish Magazine editor

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies for absence Cllr Allen, Cllr Dover & Cllr Southgate.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

20s Plenty. A resident outlined reasons why they did not agree with a 20mph speed limit for the whole village. They had responded to the 20s Plenty for Castle Hedingham survey at [www.castlehedingham.org](http://www.castlehedingham.org) but wished to add comment and context. The Wheatsheaf corner was a concern and the resident suggested more warning signs and a limit of 10-15mph at this location.

Colne Valley Railway: Paul Lemon, Chairman of the CVR, gave the Parish Council an update.

A1017 pedestrian access: The refusal of Essex Highways to progress an application for a pedestrian footway from Crouch Green to the railway alongside the A1017 was disappointing. Buses are no longer stopping near the railway so visitors by public transport are being forced to walk from Crouch Green along the grass verge. Essex Highways gave the cost of land purchase as the reason for the footpath refusal.

CVR development plans: Proposals drafted out during 2023 for development of railway attractions to the rear of the site have had to be put on hold due to a change of heart from the landowner. CVR have also been asked to clear storage facilities so apologise for any untidiness of the site when viewed from the road. This is hopefully temporary while other arrangements are made. It is not yet known what plans the landowner has for the site to the rear of the Colne Valley Railway.

Hedinghams Parish Magazine: Alison Lilley, magazine editor, gave a brief report on the magazine re-launch in April 2024. Sible Hedingham Parish Council were thanked for their significant financial support as well as local volunteer distributors and everyone who supported by recommending advertisers. Regular advertisers are still needed to support the magazine. It was confirmed that residents are welcome to submit their own photos for future front covers. Please contact the editor at [hedparmag@gmail.com](mailto:hedparmag@gmail.com).

PROGRESS CHECK Annual Parish Assembly: This will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 20th May at Castle Hedingham Village Hall. This is not a formal Parish Council meeting, but an opportunity for residents to attend a more social event sharing news of the village and future plans. Four village groups have booked display tables so far, with more to follow, and some village representatives will make short presentations on the evening. Snacks and soft drinks will be available and the bar will be open at Castle Hedingham Club next door from 7pm. All residents are very welcome to come along.

St James's Fair Saturday July 27th 2024: A village event was confirmed at the Village Park on this date, which was traditionally the time of the old St James's Fair in Castle Hedingham. Plans to be confirmed and presented at the Annual Parish Assembly on 20th May.

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Rewilding New Park Cllr Smith raised ongoing resident concerns about parking on the rewilding area. Action: On-site rewilding meeting date to be organised. Ideas for combatting parking issues to be on the agenda. The new rewilding project officer at the Essex Wildlife Trust will attend if he is available.

**Commonwealth War Grave sign:** Thanks were expressed to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission who had kindly rearranged their schedule to install the sign at the Sheepcot Road cemetery indicating the location of the war grave of Captain John Scantlebury Philp. It is most welcome to have this installed in advance of the service on Sunday 21st April at St Peter's in Sible Hedingham, commemorating the 80th anniversary of the training accident at Gestingthorpe in April 1944 when Captain Philp and 5 other members of the Home Guard were killed.

**Essex Village of the Year 2024:** This has been relaunched by RCCE this year, with the addition of new Rural Community Awards for individual amenities, projects, and groups. An entry will be prepared for Castle Hedingham for Village of the Year, with details to be finalised in time for the Annual Parish Assembly on May 20th. Closing date for entries is 3rd June 2024.

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20's Plenty for Essex: A survey at [www.castlehedingham.org](http://www.castlehedingham.org) had received 41 responses so far. An interim report had been sent to Councillors and the survey will remain available online for the time being. Contact is being made with parents at De Vere Primary School and Hedingham School to raise awareness, as lower speed limits improve the safety of active travel to both schools. It is accepted that there is a wide range of views on 20mph speed limits but the aim of the survey is to encourage people to think about the options. The Essex 20s Plenty group feels that the time is right to raise awareness in Essex, leading up to County Council elections next year and in advance of the public consultation on a new Essex County Council speed management strategy later in 2024. Cllr Tom Cunningham, Essex Cabinet Member for Highways, had sent an acknowledgement of the request from Castle Hedingham Parish Council for 20mph speed limits to be considered as part of the speed management strategy review.

Rosemary Lane: Recycled road planings have been delivered to the Philps farm at Kirby Hall by Essex PROW team. Thanks are noted to John Philp & family who have agreed to spread these along Byway 27 and Rosemary Lane to improve the road surface.

**REPORTS:** Police/PCSO/Neighbourhood Watch. Monthly Rural Essex police reports & weekly Neighbourhood Watch newsletters are on the website [www.castlehedingham.org/community/neighbourhood-watch/](http://www.castlehedingham.org/community/neighbourhood-watch/)

Car number plates discarded at Sheepcot Road have been reported to the local PC team.

Essex CC report: Cllr Schwier's Annual Report 2023-24 is available at <https://castlehedingham.org/latest-news/>.

**FINANCE** The year end bank reconciliation and financial reports had been sent to Councillors and were noted. All financial reports, the Annual Governance statement and the Annual Accounting statement will be ready for formal approval at the Annual Parish Council meeting on May 13th and will be made available on the website at [www.castlehedingham.org](http://www.castlehedingham.org).

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**COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT** A grant fund report had been submitted to BDC for the year 1 Levelling Up Community Garden funding. Two additional raised beds and increased height of two existing raised beds are due to be created during the week beginning 8th April. Councillors approved the final location for a bike rack. This will be at the rear of the Public Toilet block.

**CASTLE HEDINGHAM CEMETERY** A report from the Burial Board had been circulated to all Councillors. A Cemetery fees review will be an agenda item for a future meeting To approve in principle a permanent memorial for the baby/infants area of the Old Cemetery.

## NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday 13th May 7.30pm	Ordinary Parish Council meeting	C/Hed Club
Monday 20th May 7.30pm	Annual Parish Assembly	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.37pm

Full minutes of meetings including planning applications and financial information are published at [www.castlehedingham.org](http://www.castlehedingham.org)

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# Friends of Alderford Mill

For those of you who walked past the mill during February and March were treated to a brilliant display of daffodils. Not bad for bulbs given to the mill late February some 12 years ago.

Work at the mill has continued at a lower level over the winter months. The “Hunts of Earls Colne” Heritage Group donated an electrically driven corn mill to FOAM on condition that we collected it from a derelict farm adjacent to Boreham airfield. This was not an easy task due to the weight of the item, its location in a dark corner of a barn. Its weight and method of fixing it to the floor meant the mill had to be taken apart to move it, at least making for easier transportation. One of the Wednesday Team’s first tasks is to reassemble the mill, connect it to a power supply so the machine can be demonstrated.

Even with the sluice gates open from the beginning of November the mill was flooded after a heavy storm, much of the damage coming from water flowing down the road and under the front door, resulting in having to replace several items stored at a low level. Consequently there is now a need to make adequate storage off the floor without alterations to the mill’s structure.

The Wednesday team has already started to work on resolving the above problems and while there is low water a depth gauge has been fitted and debris removed from otherwise inaccessible areas.

After generous donations to the Mill in remembrance of Brian Mills, Andrew Strudwick and from the Rawlinson Family following the sale of the yard opposite the mill, the plan is to invest these in the materials to make an operational half size boulder, a flour grader.

This year we look forward to welcoming new and old friends to the mill when we open to the public on the second Sunday of every month until October, with demonstrations of milling and the operation of the sack hoist as the number of volunteers and the water level permits. The next opening on the 12th May coincides with the National Mills weekend when we hope to host the Braintree Amateur Radio Group trying to communicate with other mills, not only in the UK, but around the world.

As usual there will be activities for our younger visitors. Hunting the mice and identifying the various parts of the mill.



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# CH Gardening Club

Hi everyone! It seems incredible that this is our May edition of the magazine - the weeks seem to be flying past. The gardens are loving our mild, damp, sunny weather and keeping us busy, that's for sure.

Our meeting in April had us enjoying a very interesting and informative talk entitled "Enclandrias Fuschias" given by Paul Leatherdale. Paul brought along several plants to illustrate how to care for them; for example pruning and propagation.

Our meeting on May 9th will be a talk entitled "When Birds Sing" to include photographs, birdsong and music videos. This will be given by Saffron Summerfield. Please remember to bring along your flower for the monthly competition. This will be our last afternoon meeting until September.

Our summer trips this year will be:

**June 13th - A visit to the farm of Ashley Cooper.** Members wishing for a lift to meet at Memorial Hall at 1.30pm.

**July 11th - A visit to the Gardens and Gibberd Room of Sir Frederick Gibberd,** Harlow. £15 to include a Sandwich Lunch. Members wishing for a lift to meet at the Memorial Hall at 11am.

Any queries regarding the trips please ring Maureen on the number below.

A reminder that our meetings are held at 2pm on the second Thursday of the month at the Memorial Hall, Castle Hedingham. If you are not a member but would like to come as a guest you will be made so welcome, we are such a friendly group.

**Plant Sale Saturday May 25th 10 am - 12 noon**

**Memorial Hall, Castle Hedingham**

**Refreshments and Raffle**

**Cake and Biscuit competition**

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Bye for now Christine, Jean, Maureen, Mary, Barbara and Suzanne.

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## Gardening tips for May

1. Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants
2. Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining
3. Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month
4. Water early and late to get the most out of your water, recycle water when possible
5. Regularly hoe off weeds
6. Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days
7. Mow lawns weekly – but consider leaving some areas uncut for wildlife
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# Hedingham Heritage Society

Our next spring meeting: **Thursday 9th May**

'Eric Ravilious and Tirzah Garwood : Artists of Bardfield and Hedingham

Dr Janet Dyson, author, teacher and researcher

**7.30 pm Castle Hedingham Memorial Hall**

The Great Bardfield Artists were a community of artists who lived in this nearby village during the middle years of the 20th century. At its heart during the 1930's was Edward Bawden and although living in Castle Hedingham, Eric and his wife Tirzah Garwood were very much part of this North Essex artistic group that produced a huge amount of work of both local and national significance.



**Dr Janet Dyson** has researched and written extensively on the Bardfield Artists and will be telling us more about their diverse styles and shared love of figurative art and our local environment and will make particular reference to the work of our two Hedingham residents, Eric and Tirzah.

At our **June meeting** we will be looking over the border to our neighbouring river and its navigation with a talk by **James Lunn from the River Stour Trust.**

**Thursday 6th June – 7.30pm -Castle Hedingham Memorial Hall**

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Kenny the Chihuahua is on watch for "those scary Asian Hornets" leaving me to write this month's news from a feline point of view. He doesn't realise there is too much activity for them to settle in the garden. Our friends from the Colchester office of Informa have returned to paint the kennels and clear debris from the winter storms. We very much appreciate them sprucing up the Centre.

# SESAW

Unfortunately our maintenance programme has stalled at time of writing due to continuing emergency admissions. Although we are closed to visitors, re-homing continues unabated by appointment only. We have many dogs, including nine year old Mecho, a neutered male Caucasian Shepherd cross, known as the 'Gentle Giant'. He is with us due to family circumstances, no fault of his own.



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Turning to cats, we have Jill and her family, pretty as a picture although that should NOT be a deciding factor when choosing a pet. (Mother wouldn't be without me despite my plain black coat and grumpy disposition!) Jill arrived heavily pregnant last Autumn, yet another 'covid castaway'. Now she and her five kittens are neutered, chipped, vaccinated and ready to be homed in pairs. They have been let down twice so please make this third time lucky.

I really must check on Kenny in case he's poked his nose in somewhere and been stung for his trouble. That daft dog is a constant worry to me, Ollie (the Black) Cat.

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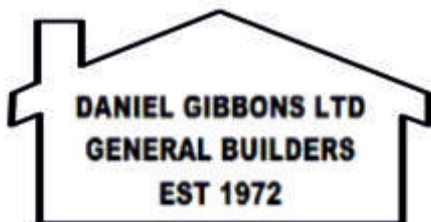
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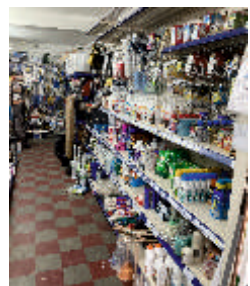
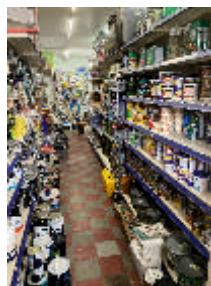
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