SPRING 2022

# HUNSTON'S VOICE

*The official newsletter of Hunston Parish Council*

## A Jubilee Celebration to Remember

Following the success of the Hunston Christmas Winter Market last November, the Hunston Events Committee, comprising of members of the Parish Council, St Leodegar's Church, Hunston Community Club and Keyna Patel from Hunston Village Stores, has been meeting regularly throughout the Winter to put plans in place for Hunston to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style. We are delighted to outline the plans below and would like to thank everyone on the Committee for their hard work and dedication.

### Lighting the Beacon and Village Hall BBQ




Kicking off the Jubilee Celebrations you are invited to the traditional lighting of the Beacon on **Thursday 2nd June.** Open to everyone, this wonderful event begins at 7pm with a BBQ at the Community Club (a small charge will be made to cover the cost of the BBQ food) and Lantern Making for Children in the Village Hall. Everyone will then gather on the recreation ground for the Beacon lighting ceremony.

### Hunston Street Party

On **Saturday 4th June**, The Spotted Cow will be hosting a 'Street Party' event from 2pm until 6pm with delicious cream teas, a patriotic singalong and more!

### The Big Hunston Jubilee Lunch

Rounding off the weekend celebrations, on **Sunday 5th June**, everyone is invited to The Big Hunston Jubilee Lunch taking place at the recreation ground from midday until late. A large marquee will be erected on the field under which we can all be together for an afternoon of feasting and fun with family and friends. You are invited to reserve a table which you can decorate (there will be a prize for the best-decorated table) and enjoy an afternoon of picnicking.

There will also be a Bouncy Castle, fairground rides, a burger van, an ice-cream van, children's races, a dog show, fancy dress competitions and a tug of war. A magnificent jubilee pudding will also be made by the wonderful Sue Waite and there will be a serving for everyone to enjoy at the event. Later in the afternoon, we will be holding a barn dance, followed by a disco! Hunston Community Club will also be open to both members and non-members from midday.

**Full details on timings and how to book your table at the Jubilee Lunch can be found on the back page of this issue of Hunston Voice as well as The Hunston Parish Council Facebook Page and in Hunston Stores.**

# HUNSTON'S VOICE

SPRING 2021




## PEDESTRIAN CROSSING UPDATE

Over two years ago, Hunston Parish Council submitted an application to West Sussex County Council for a pedestrian crossing from the Village Hall to the Recreation Ground. Finally, and sadly we heard that we had not been successful. The numbers who would use the crossing did not justify the cost.

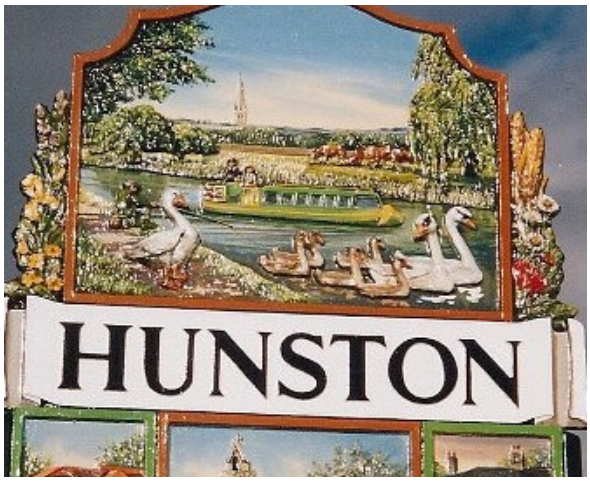
Though not the outcome we wanted, our mission to make Hunston safer for villagers continues.

With the support of our County Councillor, Sarah Sharp, an on-site meeting was organised with our Chair Joan Foster and officers from West Sussex County Council Highways Department who came up with proposals for a safer and wider crossing point to the Recreation Ground. In addition, our request for a footpath and improved crossing point from the bus stop, opposite Oakview, has also been accepted.

## PARISH PRECEPT

After two consecutive years of not increasing the Parish Precept, we have had to make the difficult decision to make a small increase this year in the amount residents pay for the Parish Council in their Council Tax. Like everyone, the Parish Council faces increased costs due to rising inflation. The proposed increase is 2.2%. Based on a Band D Council Tax this means a rise of 0.27p a month.

The Precept is the Parish Council's main source of income and funds all the activities that are undertaken for the benefit of the community.




## Village Spring Clean

Please come and join us for our annual Hunston Spring Clean on Saturday 23 April at 10.00.

We will spend the morning litterpicking the village before reconvening at the Village Hall for a cup of tea or coffee and a delicious slice of cake!

We will meet at the Village Hall. Rubbish bags will be provided. Just bring your smile and together we can continue to take make our village a place we are proud to call home.

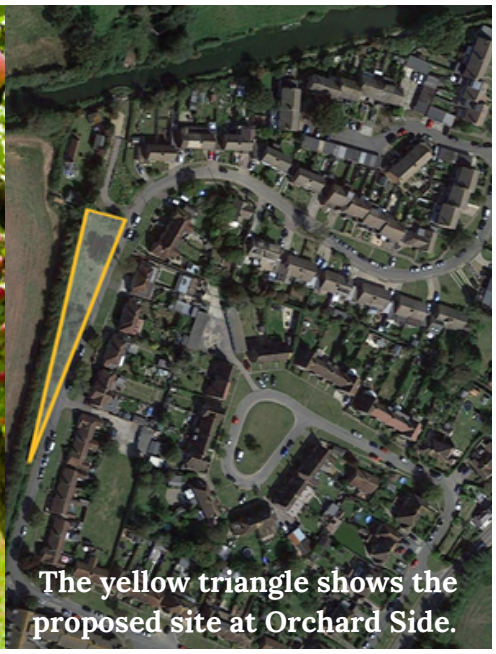
If you would like to join The Hunston Volunteers please email clerk@hunstonparishcouncil.org.uk

HUNSTON'S VOICE
SPRING 2021

# Greening and Blooming Hunston

## Would you like a Community Orchard?





The yellow triangle shows the proposed site at Orchard Side.

We want to plant more trees in Hunston. A suggestion from a local resident is that we clear the scrub area between the Tramway Footpath and Orchardside to create an orchard of fruit and native trees with a bench or two, for us all to enjoy (see map above right).

We have checked ownership with the Land Registry and it appears there is no owner and therefore we can proceed with this exciting vision once we receive funding for the project. But before we do, we want to know what you think. We are particularly interested to hear from the residents of Orchardside. There will be no cost involved in the project, except for volunteers to help preparing and planting. We believe it will being many health and wellbeing benefits to the village. Please let us know your thoughts on the initiatives by emailing the Parish Clerk at clerk@hunstonparishcouncil.org.uk or drop a note into the parish office, open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 09.00 – 14.00 or in the letterbox at the front of the village hall. We would love to hear support as well as any objections and reasons. We can then decide whether to take it forward or not.

## Conservation 2022

Hopefully, you have noticed improvements we have made to the hedging in the green space in Foxbridge. This had become extremely overgrown and will now be much more manageable. Sadly, Storm Eunice bought down trees along the footpath into Foxbridge and onto the roof of the electricity sub-station. Volunteers cleared the broken branches which have now been removed. We were finally able to report the damage to the sub-station after persevering with getting through to Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks.

We will continue to work to keep the Tramway Footpath clear as well as continuing to maintain Church Lane Pond. There is also ongoing nurturing of the wildflowers around the Foxbridge Roundabout.

We couldn't do all this without the time and energy of our wonderful conservation volunteers. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

# THE BIG HUNSTON JUBILEE LUNCH

**Sunday 5 June - 12.00pm 'til Late - Hunston Recreation Ground**

## Timings On the Day

12pm - Set-Up and Table Decoration
1pm - Table Decoration Judging
2pm - Children's 'My Hero' Fancy Dress Judging
2.30pm Children's Races
3.15pm - Dog Show
4.15pm - Adult 'Fabulous Fifties' Dressing Up Judging
5pm - Barn Dance - Squeeze and Shout
7pm - Disco - Dave Whitlock at the Community Club




The Hunston Community Club will be open to Members and Non-Members from midday.

## How to Book Your Table

Table bookings for this event should be made at Hunston Village Stores. There are three options to choose from:



### Option 1

**A table for up to 10 people inside the marquee - £20**

(You must decorate your table and you will automatically be entered into a competition for the most creative and patriotic table)

### Option 2

**A table for up to 6 people in the outside picnic area - £5**

(You will need to collect your table and chairs at Midday from the Village Hall car park and take them across to the designated picnic area)



### Option 3

Bring your own table/rug to the outside picnic area - FREE (subject to space)

Proceeds from table sales will go to St Wilfred's Hospice which this year is marking 35 years of expert care and compassion for people in our local community with life limiting and terminal illnesses.