

# HUNCOTE VILLAGE NEWS

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### 1st Huncote n:vestigat group celebrate success



Youngsters from the village have recently been presented with an award from HRH The Prince of Wales at a ceremony held at Buckingham Palace

The Prince was presenting awards as part of the Youth United Social Action Awards, which recognise groups which provide social actions for others in their community and recognise that they care.

Members of 1st Huncote n:vestigat group (aged 4-9) were selected as Youth United's youngest social action award winner in 2017, as winners of the Dedication category, having participated in a games night, where they donated their subscription money to sponsor the mother of one of the girls in the group who was having her hair cut off to raise money for 'Little Princess Trust', helping deliver a fundraising event for a hospice charity and donating Easter Eggs to the local food bank.

Through taking interest in a range of causes, the children have been able to see social action as an important aspect of life and something that is worth committing their time and energy to. The children's enthusiasm to participate showed how they have developed their passions for helping other people and supporting both those within the local community and further afield. 1st Huncote n:vestigat unit is proof that age is not a barrier to making a difference.

During the Awards the Prince of Wales, who is Youth United's founder and patron, told guests at the Buckingham Palace ceremony: 'Interestingly, I was a cadet myself years ago, dread to think it was in the 1960s I suppose, and I did rather enjoy my time as a cadet, very good for me it was I think.'

The Prince also joked about his days as a schoolboy coastguard, wishing an aircraft carrier would run aground so he could save everyone on board.

1st Huncote launched in February 2015, and continues to meet at Huncote Methodist Church on Wednesdays during term time.

For further details about the group, please contact Amanda Sadler.

# Burglary Message from Leicestershire Police

During the year we regularly put out messages encouraging people to take precautions to try to reduce the chances of you becoming a victim of crime.

Although most people always make sure their houses and out building are secure, we still attend burglaries that maybe could have been avoided.

Therefore we would urge you to take the following precautions, where possible, to help deter people from targeting your property:

- Keep doors and windows locked at all times – even if you pop outside to the garden or go upstairs
- Always lock doors behind you and remove the key from the lock
- Keep valuables, bags, cash and keys out of sight and keep them in a safe place, ideally locked away if possible
- If you are unsure who the person is at the door, don't open it and always check their ID if they claim to be from a company, even if you are expecting them.

This is advice you will have heard time and time again but it really can make a difference. We rely on you to keep us informed of suspicious activity in your area, if you see something that doesn't seem quite right please report it to us by calling 101. In an emergency or if there is a crime in progress please call 999.

# ANYONE HOME?

## Protect your home and belongings from burglars

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- ➔ Keep valuables, bags, cash and keys out of sight and keep them in a safe place
- ➔ Don't leave the packaging from expensive items outside your house - take it to be recycled or put them in the bin
- ➔ Install a visible alarm system and security lighting to act as a deterrent
- ➔ Prevent easy access to the back and sides of your home with locked gates or fencing
- ➔ Make sure your home looks occupied by using automatic timer switches to turn on a light when it goes dark, even if you are just out for a couple of hours
- ➔ If you're going away, don't advertise it on social media
- ➔ Ask a neighbour or relative if they could collect post and open and close curtains while you are away
- ➔ Register your belongings with [immobilise.com](https://www.immobilise.com)

#lockuplightup

 [leics.police.uk/burglary](https://leics.police.uk/burglary)



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## Upcoming Parish Council Meetings

The next meetings of Huncote Parish Council are due to be held on Thursday 6th April, 11th May, 1st June and 6th July beginning at 7.00 pm in St James the Greater Church Hall, Narborough Road

All residents are invited to attend Parish Council meetings, with up to 15 minutes set aside at the beginning of each meeting for you to air your views about local issues/services and meet with the District and County Councillors for the area.

## Neighbourhood Plan consultation begins

Over recent years, the Fosse Villages have taken their first steps towards producing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan offers the chance for all residents and businesses to have their say on future development within the area and influence how their neighbourhood evolves. Huncote is one of the Fosse Villages and it faces many challenges and opportunities over the coming years. By working together we can ensure the village develops in a way that meets the needs of everyone.

Since 2012 the Fosse Villages Board has consulted those living and working in Huncote, together with key stakeholders, asking how you wish to see the village develop to 2029.

Further information on the Neighbourhood plan is available via the 'Planning > Neighbourhood Planning' section of our website.

We have prepared a questionnaire which seeks your views on the main issues facing Huncote and the other Fosse Villages. We encourage every member of your household to complete this questionnaire. Your answers to these questions will help us prepare the next version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The questionnaire is available online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/fossevillages>

Your completed questionnaire should be **returned by Friday 31 March 2017**.

Paper copies of the questionnaire are available from and can be returned to:

**Alec Knight**, 23 Narborough Road, Huncote, Leicestershire LE9 3AW

**Huncote Parish Council**, c/o 3 Mountfield Road, Earl Shilton, Leicestershire LE9 7LW

## Remembering Barbara Kilby

The Parish Council would like to pay their respects and remember a stalwart of the community, and had been involved in many aspects of village life

Barbara Kilby had served as a parish councillor for many years. Our thoughts are with her friends and family at this sad time.



## Huncote Community Cinema moving from strength to strength

As you may be aware the Pavilion held its first screening of their new Community Cinema programme on 17/12/2016 and 13/02/2017.

Working in Partnership with The Phoenix Community Cinema the Pavilion has secured funding through the British Film Institute supported by the National Lottery to become a neighbourhood cinema venue. The aim of the programme is to bring together local communities to enjoy film for all, that don't necessarily have access to a traditional cinema, in a relaxed social atmosphere.

The programme will focus on reducing social isolation and loneliness and improve health and wellbeing through Arts activity, supported by the Health and Arts Development Service.

Future films are currently scheduled for:-

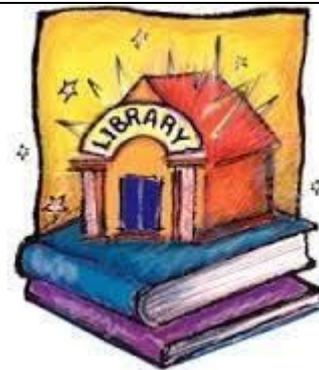
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 2.30pm - **Finding Dory** (Family favourite) - U

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 1.00pm - **The Golden Years** (Crime, Action, Comedy) - 12A

Tickets are available in advance from the Pavilion reception for £3.50 or £4.50 on the door. Concessions and group tickets are also available. Tickets are limited to 40 people for each showing. For more information about the programme or to book the tickets please contact The Pavilion Team on 0116 275 0246 or email [leisure@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:leisure@blaby.gov.uk).

Details of future film showing will be published via the Huncote Facebook Page of the Community What's On Calendar of the parish website - [www.huncote-pc.gov.uk](http://www.huncote-pc.gov.uk).

## Huncote Community Library set to reopen in new location in coming weeks



Ever since the old village library had to close on the school site, the library management committee; a group of volunteers from the village who help to finance and resource the facility for the betterment of the village, have been hopeful of finding a new home where they might reopen.

After discussions with Leicestershire County Council Library Service to ensure resources would be accessible in the new facility, the committee have secured the necessary funding, a range of volunteers to staff the facility and thanks to the Methodist Church, have been able to agree a lease on the use of part of the church hall.

With building work to provide a new entrance and other works now complete, the finishing touches are being applied to ensure the new library can open to serve the community of Huncote and the surrounding area.

Please keep an eye out for a notice through your letterbox for the official reopening details.

In the meantime, anyone wishing to donate to the library can do so through [www.easyfundraising.co.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk).

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Stan Pateman, Jo Smith, Maureen Curley

## How to Contact Your Local Councillors

Should you have an issue to raise or a question about something going on in your community that you would like answers to, please don't hesitate to contact the Clerk or one of your local Councillors for help, support and advice.

**Cllr ALEC KNIGHT (Chairman) - (0116) 284 1285 or [alecjanet@aol.com](mailto:alecjanet@aol.com);**

**Cllr STEVE CRANE (Vice Chair) - (0116) 286 4525 or [stevecrane93@hotmail.com](mailto:stevecrane93@hotmail.com);**

**Cllr CHRISTINE MEADOWS - (0116) 286 4718 or [christinemeadows@intamail.com](mailto:christinemeadows@intamail.com);**

**Cllr CLIFF BROWN - (0116) 286 5052 or [brown.cliff@sky.com](mailto:brown.cliff@sky.com);**

**Cllr JILL CHEESMAN - (0116) 319 3991 or [jccheesman@gmail.com](mailto:jccheesman@gmail.com);**

**Cllr FAY PITTAM - (0116) 286 4186 or [f.pittam@btinternet.com](mailto:f.pittam@btinternet.com)**

**2x PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES - SEE EXISTING PARISH COUNCILLORS OR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF WHAT'S INVOLVED AND HOW TO APPLY**

**Cllr MAGGIE WRIGHT (District Councillor) - (01455) 888 306 or [cllr.m.wright@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.m.wright@blaby.gov.uk)**

**Cllr ERNIE WHITE (County Councillor) - (01455) 272 136 or [ewhite@leics.gov.uk](mailto:ewhite@leics.gov.uk)**

**Contact the CLERK (STUART BACON) on (01455) 844 539, 07875 291 366**

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Would you like to know more about what is happening locally?

Have you been keeping up to date with the Parish Council and what's happening in the village on Twitter or Facebook? Why not look us up and 'Like' / 'Follow' us to be kept up to date with the latest news and info from the Parish Council and links to other helpful, informative and important news from our partners.



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