

HUNCOTE VILLAGE NEWS

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BROUGHT TO YOU BY HUNCOTE PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Council Welcomes Two New Councillors

In September, the parish council was able to co-opt two new Councillors onto the council, to fill some of the vacancies.

We are happy to announce that Liam McEntee and Matt Jones have joined the parish council, to help expand our knowledge and reach within the local community, so we can better understand what you would like to see happen in the village.

A list of parish councillors and their contact details is on the reverse of this sheet.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Huncote Women's Institute

At our recent AGM, we looked back on 12 meetings with a wide variety of speakers/ demonstrators – something for everyone of all ages and interests. In addition, we enjoyed trips to the theatre, outings, walks, lunches, as well as fundraising events and a Murder Mystery evening!

We got involved in national campaigns to improve rural bus services, encourage more women to have routine smear tests and address the problems of plastic pollution.

We meet on the second Friday of every month at 7.30pm in St James church rooms; a warm welcome awaits all women. Your first two meetings are free, so why not give us a try?

Preparing Your Council Budget for 2020/21

The parish council is currently reviewing it's budget requirements for 2020/21, and would like to know about any ideas you may have for future projects for the village.

Is there something that you think the village needs? i.e. play equipment, facilities, events, activities?

It may be that it'd take time for us to obtain quotes, so the sooner you let us know, the more seriously we can consider it.

All suggestions must be submitted to the Clerk or a Councillor no later than the parish council meeting on Thurs 2nd Jan.

Update from St James Church

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and many thanks for all the support given to church fundraising activities during the past year. Our final event will be a Christmas Coffee Morning & Sale on Saturday 14th December from 10 am to 12 noon in the Church Rooms. The Church will also be open during this time. Everyone very welcome.

Leading up to Christmas, we have our Carols & Crib Service on Sunday 22nd December at **3 pm**. Midnight Mass will be on Christmas Eve at **9.30 pm**.

Advance notice that St James Church and Huncote Methodist Church will be holding their Joint Churches Charity Coffee Morning on Saturday 25th January from 10 am - 12 noon in St James Church Rooms. We look forward to raising as much money as possible for one of our local charities.

Huncote Methodist Church

Christmas Eve Family Service 6.30 – 7.30 pm.

with refreshments and mince pies, all welcome

Clubs are: Mondays Fortnightly Lunch Club

Tuesdays (Term Time) Scouts

Wednesdays (Term Time) Girls' & Boys' Brigade

Thursdays (Seasonal) Jr HATS

1st Saturday Monthly Breakfast Club 9-11 am £4

For more details of any event or activities

email: huncotemethodist@gmail.com

Visit us on Facebook: [@HuncoteMethodistChurch](https://www.facebook.com/HuncoteMethodistChurch)

Call: Amanda: 07702 535 457



Decorating the Christmas trees around the village

This year, the parish council have tried to improve the Christmas lights display by bringing in more multi-coloured lights opposite St James Church and lighting up more trees on The Green and outside the Community Centre.

Please feel free to add your own (non glass) ornaments, to the Christmas tree on The Green, though we take no responsibility for their safekeeping.

EU Settlement Scheme Application

While we're all tired of not knowing the exact outcome things are going to have with the dreaded 'B' word, it may be important to know that if you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30th June 2021. If your application is successful, you'll get either settled or pre-settled status.

You may be able to stay in the UK without applying - for example, if you're an Irish citizen or have indefinite leave to remain.

Sign up for email updates about the scheme at www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families.

The EU Settlement Scheme is open. You can apply now if you meet the criteria. The deadline for applying is 30th June 2021; Dates still relevant after 31/10/2019. Which status you get may depend on when you apply.

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal you will need to be living in the UK before it leaves the EU to apply. The deadline for applying will be 31st December 2020.

This year's Huncote Hash race will take place on Sunday 29th December at 11.00am, from Huncote Pavilion, and is a mainly off-road event. However Croft Hill Road will be crossed twice by the anticipated entry of 400 runners. The event will have experienced marshals at these points, who will be stopping runners and not traffic.

For more information and entry details please see www.huncoteharriersac.co.uk/huncotehash/. Entry capped at 400 runners.

There will also be two fun runs for younger runners: a 1-mile children's race and a 2-mile youths race, which will start at 10.15am this year.

Entries for these fun runs will be taken on the day and the entry fee will be £1 with a bar of chocolate for all participants.

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Christmas Tree Recycling Points

While real Christmas trees can initially look nice in your home, there will come a time when the needles drop on the floor and you want to get rid of it.

We'd like to remind you that there is an official tree collection point near the recycling bins on Sportsfield Lane, where trees will be collected daily from Thursday, 2nd January 2020, by Blaby District Council.

Residents do also have the option to present their (real) Christmas trees alongside their garden waste bin if they subscribe to this service. We just ask that the tree is cut into 1 metre length pieces to enable safe loading into the collection vehicles.



Alternatively, trees can also be taken to Leicestershire County Council Household Waste and Recycling Centres. The locations and opening times for these can be found at the link below.

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/waste-and-recycling/find-a-recycling-and-household-waste-site

Whetstone - Thurs-Mon 9a-4pm
Closed - Tues & Wed
Barwell - Sat-Wed 9am-4pm
Closed - Thurs & Fri

FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Blaby District Community Grants scheme supports the voluntary and community sector to develop and strengthen community facilities and activities.

Working in association with CountrysideProperties, Everyone Active and Blaby District Youth Council we have been able to expand our offer to the local community.

Do you belong to a group or organisation?

Are you a volunteer?

Are you thinking of setting up a community group?



The following grants are available:

Capital Grants - up to £3,000

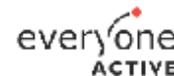
Revenue Grants - up to £750

Everyone Active - up to £500

Youth Grants - up to £1,000

We can provide advice on which grant is most suitable for your group or organisation's needs.

Visit: www.blaby.gov.uk/communitygrants E: beth.colbert@blaby.gov.uk T: 0116 272 7718



Introduction to Fr Andrew Lee, Priest at St James the Greater

I am very happy to be able to write in the village newsletter about my lovely adventure with the faith in the Church. My journey began in Cheong do, S. Korea in 1965, 54 years ago. I am an Italian of Korean origin. I am married to Sara and I have two children, John and Anne. John is 12 years old and Anne is 9. I am very happy to live as a priest and thank God that he has both called me to be a priest, and given me this opportunity to work in Huncote and Eyres Monsell in the Leicester Diocese.

During my time in the Seminary in Rome between 1993 and 2000 I obtained a BA in Philosophy, a BA in Theology and an MTH in Theology at Pontifical University, Gregorian, Italy. I served as Assistant Curate at the Parish Church of St Anselm for 7 years and finally as Parish Priest at the Parish Church of St Patrick in Rome for 1 year.

My next move was to England where I had experience as a Parish worker in Peckham, London. From there I went to St Stephens House in Oxford and it was with great joy that I stayed in this college where I could learn about the Church of England and English culture through the college life and personal studies which I did for 2 years. In July 2012 I was appointed Assistant Priest at the Parish Churches of St John and Mary Magdalene, Goldthorpe and St Wilfrid, Hickleton in the Diocese of Sheffield. In March 2014, I was appointed Priest in Charge at the Parish Churches of St Nicolas, Ryecroft and Holy Trinity, Dalton and have really enjoyed working as a Priest, Missionary, and Evangelist in South Yorkshire.

Having now ministered in South Korea, Italy and England I am very much aware of the cultural and religious differences between people of different nationalities and believe that I am quite able to adapt and learn from each new situation. I hope and pray for the people of Huncote and Eyres Monsell and also wish to meet you all and abide with Jesus' Love.

God bless you all and you are all lovely in Christ!



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 a.knight.hpc@gmail.com;

Cllr JILL CHEESMAN - (0116) 319 3991 or jcheesman.hpc@gmail.com;

Cllr FAY PITTAM - (0116) 286 4186 or fpittam.hpc@gmail.com;

Cllr ROY BAILEY - (0116) 286 6773 or rbailey.hpc@gmail.com;

Cllr LIAM McENTEE - l.mcentee.hpc@gmail.com;

Cllr MATT JONES - m.jones.hpc@gmail.com.

8x PARISH COUNCILLOR SEATS TOTAL - Anyone interested in becoming a parish councillor can put themselves forward for consideration to be co-opted. See existing Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk or the ['Become a Councillor'](#) page on our website for details of what's involved and how to apply.

Cllr MAGGIE WRIGHT (County Councillor) - 07815 450 031 or maggie.wright@leics.gov.uk;

Cllr MAGGIE WRIGHT (District Councillor) - (01455) 888 306 or cilr.m.wright@blaby.gov.uk;

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

or clerk@huncote-pc.gov.uk. Find us on the web at www.huncote-pc.gov.uk.

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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