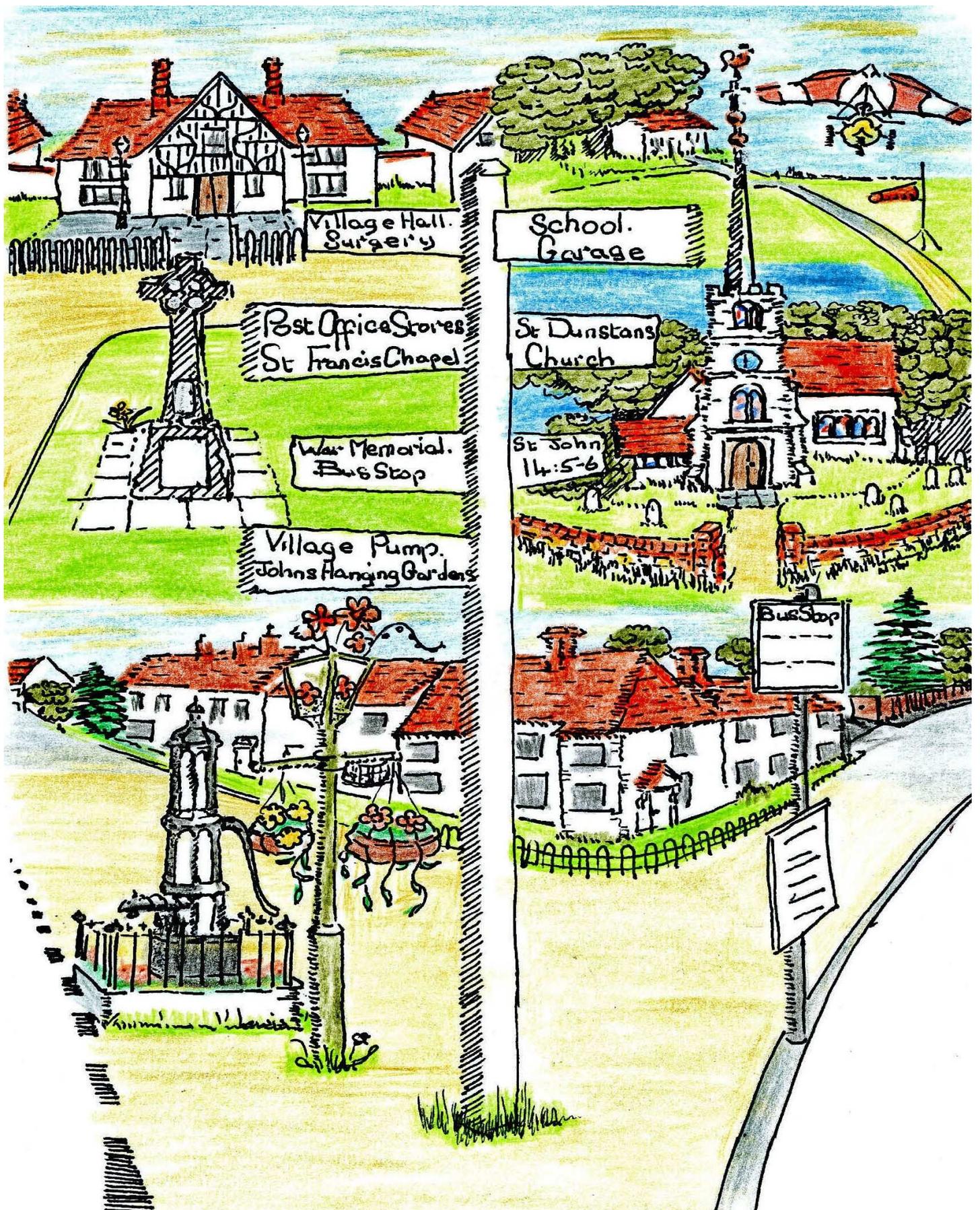


Welcome to Hunsdon





Welcome to Hunsdon!

Historical records show there has been a community here since the Domesday Book was compiled in AD 1086. I stand as the latest in a line of Parish Priests serving the residents who we can list back as far as AD 1325. As a representative of the longest standing institution in the village, it is my privilege and my pleasure to welcome you amongst us.

We are confident that you will find Hunsdon a pleasant place to live. The tranquillity and natural beauty of the surrounding countryside are complemented well by our proximity to number of significant urban developments with all their amenities.

Within the village, as well as several useful services like the Post Office, shop, garage, pubs and village school which are immediately visible from the High Street, there are others, less obvious, which also make a vital contribution to the life of the village, not least our award-winning Village Hall (pictured right). You will also find a number of social organisations which may be of interest to you, depending upon your stage of life and your own interests and passions.



The purpose of this pack is to provide you with details of as many of these amenities as possible to help you settle in quickly and well amongst us.

We recognise that moving home is often a stressful activity, and breaking into a new community, finding your way around and making new friends can be daunting and lonely work. Here in Hunsdon, we want to make this as easy as possible for you. We trust you will find us friendly and hospitable, and will want to get involved in the vibrant life of our village for many years to come.

If you have any query at all, please do not hesitate to contact me. I'll do my best to point you in the right direction.

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you as you find your feet in Hunsdon.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Mark Dunstan'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Revd Mark Dunstan

March 2012

Local History and Preservation Society

The Hunsdon Local History and Preservation Society aims to encourage awareness of and interest in the history of the Village, honouring the heritage of Hunsdon and maintaining an archive of relevant material. We also run monthly talks on a broad variety of topics – both local and of wider interest – yet all with a historical theme! In the summer we organise a few outings to places of interest – again the theme is diverse, but could include museums, themed walks round local area, visits to historic houses/venues etc. We actively encourage new members and are open to new ideas.

The Society has published three books. Hunsdon and Widford, a local history, The Royal Air Force at Hunsdon by Fred Hitchin (now sold out) and Hunsdon Heritage by Gladys Palmer.

Our membership is a snip at £5.00 per annum, or £2.00 per talk if you prefer to contribute that way. Our talks are always held at the Village Hall at 7.45pm. on a Monday.

So why not come along and see what we're all about. For further info or to purchase the Society's publications,

Please feel free to phone Glen or Pat Thompson 01279 841421

A Short Village History

Much of Hunsdon, although mentioned in the Domesday Book, dates from the 15th and 16th century with the 15th century Village Hall, at one time the village school, flanked by a number of pretty houses of various ages from 15th to 18th centuries, all blending to make an attractive village High Street. Little remains of the 5 village greens making up the original village except that on which the WW1 Memorial now stands, once known as Harlowes Green opposite the Village Hall then a house called Harlowes. On this green up to the late 19th century stood the village lockup.

Further south stands Hunsdon House, located behind the Church. This house came into ownership of the Crown in the 16th century. Henry VIII rebuilt the house into a splendid Palace and enjoyed hunting in the very extensive deer parks around it. In 1558 Queen Elizabeth gave the house to her cousin Sir Henry Carey creating him Lord Hunsdon. After several changes of ownership it was aquired by the Calvert family in 1759 who made many changes to the house, the village and the surrounding area. The Calverts bought a doctor's house in the village in 1819 converting it into a public house and coaching inn called The Horse and Groom which was a very popular inn on the coaching route between London and Bishops Stortford. The name was later changed to The Fox and Hounds.

Opposite The Fox and Hounds and set back from the road is the small house called Quaker Cottage built in 1695 as a Quaker meeting house by a local well known Village Quaker. over the years it has been used as a Mission Hall, a tea room, eventually becoming a private dwelling.

Some Useful Contacts

Hunsdon Parish Council	www.hunsdon.org.uk	01279 458847
District Councillor	www.eastherts.gov.uk/councillors	01279 448672
County Councillor	www.hertscouncillors.org/rogerbeeching	
Member of Parliament	www.markprisk.com	
Rev.Mark Dunstan	www.hwwchurch.org.uk	01920 877276
Health Centre		01279 842242
Out of hours medical service		0300 333333
Police	Non emergency	101
	Emergency	999
	Office	01992 533160
	Radio	01707 354192
	Mobile	07736 225354
Hunsdon JMI School	www.hunsdon.herts.sch.uk	01279 842644
Hunsdon Ducklings Pre School	(office hours)	01279 841044
Mobile library		0300 1234049
Hunsdon Village Hall (bookings)		01279 843124
Local travel info	www.intalink.org.uk	0300 1234050

Village Clubs and Organisations

We hope that you will find something to interest you. New members are always welcome. See pack for more details.

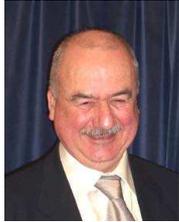
CLUB	TIMES	CONTACT
Badminton Club	Tue 8.00 – 10.100 p.m.	Sue Barker 01279 842821
Carpet Bowls Club	Wed 7.15 – 10.15 p.m.	Betty Fricker 01279 843254
Ducklings Pre School	Mon – Fri mornings	Gill Lewis 01279 841044
Gardening Club	See info for Yearly events	Jackie Carthy 01920 872597
History & Preservation	Monthly on Mon	Glen Thompson 01279 841421
Mother & Toddler	Thu 10.00 = 12.00a.m.	Esther Nicklin 07736 436070
Over Three Score	alternate Wed 2.30 – 4.30p.m.	Diana Gee 01279 843815
Quintessence (Drama)	phone for details	Jackie McDonald 01279 843172
Scout Group	Beavers Tue, Cubs & Scouts Fri	Karen Osterley 01279 841247
Tennis	Members have use of courts	Henry Mayes 01920 877876
Youth Club		Bud Carthy 01920 872597
Scrabble	Tue 2.00 – 4.00	Morag Pummell 01279 842786

HUNSDON PARISH COUNCIL

What is it?

Hunsdon Parish Council was first formed with the introduction of the Local Government Act of 1894. It is a Council of six Hunsdon residents who have been elected to represent the village in the first tier of local government. It is your initial link to East Herts District Council.

Who are they?



**David Gibbs
(Chairman)**
01920-871433



**David Kitching
(Vice Chair)**
01279-843293



Bob Toll
01279-842783



Stella Oliver
01279-842863



Helen Brown
01279-843124



Nigel Clark
01279- 841279



Joy Robinette
Clerk to the Council
01279-458847

hunsdonpc@btinternet.com

When do they meet?

The Parish Council meets in Hunsdon Village Hall on the penultimate Monday of every month, except in August and December. Members of Hertfordshire County Council and East Herts District Council, representing the Hunsdon ward, are also normally present. Members of the public are most welcome to attend.

What do they do?

Firstly, Hunsdon Parish Council decides how best to spend its annual income in maintaining those village amenities and services for which the Parish Council is directly responsible.

Hunsdon Parish Council is also responsible for reviewing and commenting on all planning applications affecting property in the village.

How does it obtain income?

Each year the Parish Council sets and agrees the annual precept for Hunsdon. The precept is that part of the Council Tax directly attributable to Hunsdon. It cannot be capped by the government and, once set, it cannot be changed by higher authority.

The Council also receives rent from residents for use of the allotments in Drury Lane and from the Tennis Club for that part of the recreation ground.

The Council can occasionally receive other income, for example the cash prizes attached to the Village Of The Year awards.

How does it spend income?

The Council pays for the equipment in the Children's Play Area and for their maintenance to a safe standard.

The Council pays for the litter and dog bins located throughout the village and for the clearing of these bins on a regular basis.

The Council is directly responsible for the maintenance of the following:

- The Recreation Ground.
- The Children's Play Area.
- The Dell.
- The War Memorial.
- The village car park.
- The village allotments.

The Council pays for grass cutting on a regular basis in each of the above areas.

The Parish Council does not own the Village Hall. This is owned and maintained by a charitable trust, with trustees representing regular users of the hall.

Planning

When notified of a request for Planning Permission by a resident or business within the bounds of Hunsdon, that request and all associated papers are circulated to each member of the Council. Parish Councillors review planning applications for their impact on the village as a whole and pass their individual comments to the Parish Clerk. The Parish Clerk then collates and summarises these comments in a single response to the EHDC planning Dept, who will take this and all other submissions from interested parties into consideration when reaching their decision.

Agenda and Minutes of Meetings

The Agenda and Minutes of all meetings of the Parish Council are published and available to the public. They are displayed on the Hunsdon village web site:

<http://www.hunsdon.org.uk/>

April 2012

HUNSDON VILLAGE HALL

45 High Street, Hunsdon, Hertfordshire SG12 8NJ



REGISTERED CHARITY No 302408

This unique historic venue in a rural village environment is available to hire for private parties, wedding receptions, functions, meetings and for regular events.

- Large main hall with curtained stage and theatre lighting.
- Separate new meeting room equipped with full audio/visual presentation facilities.
- Tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery, glassware and a modern fully equipped kitchen.
- WiFi and broadband internet access.
- Hearing loop in main hall and meeting room, with full access for the disabled.
- Paved and grassed patio area, suitable for gazebos.
- Music and dance: the hall is licenced for 120 guests plus helpers.
- Tables, chairs and gazebos are also available for hire separately.

**For details and bookings please contact
HELEN BROWN on 01279 843124
in office hours**



HERTFORDSHIRE

CONSTABULARY

Emergency 999

Non-emergency 101

YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

PC (334) Nicola Hunt



PCSO (6604) Francis Higgins



Office: 01992 533160

Radio: 01707 354192

Mobile: 07736 225354



Neighbourhood Watch is a group of concerned neighbours who combine together with the aim of reducing crime and the fear of crime in their immediate areas.

OWL (Online Watch Link) is a new, innovative and very secure computer-based system designed and developed by Hertfordshire Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) and Hertfordshire Constabulary in partnership.

OWL has the capability to distribute crime alert messages rapidly through a variety of media including e-mail, voice mail and mobile SMS messages. Registered members can select their preferred method of communication and times at which they would prefer not to be contacted, either permanently (eg overnight) or temporarily (eg when on holiday).

OWL also allows members to record incidents, observations and comments in a diary-like fashion. NHW Coordinators can subsequently view and search such incidents to gain insight into local concerns or suspicious activity. Registered NHW members can amend their schemes and personal details and Watch Coordinators can send messages throughout their watch.

For residents without computer access or who do not wish to be contacted by computer, NHW will still be available and function as normal, with crime alerts being distributed to registered subscribers by automated voice mail or mobile SMS messages.

If you wish to be registered with OWL please print, complete and return the registration form overleaf. Please include your postcode. Registered users will be given password access to the following secure web site: <http://www.owl.co.uk>

All information provided will be stored securely on OWL and is subject to the Data Protection Act. All information sent to or from your computer will be securely encrypted. Information stored on OWL can be viewed by District, Ward, Area or Watch Coordinators appropriate to their level of access and will be used solely by Hertfordshire Neighbourhood Watch.

David Kitching

*East Herts, Deputy District Coordinator
Hunsdon Ward, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator*

17 Drury Lane, Hunsdon, Hertfordshire SG12 8NU

Tel: 01279-843293

ONLINE WATCH LINK (OWL) REGISTRATION

I wish to register as a Neighbourhood Watch OWL subscriber.

Name

Address

e-mail

Telephone

Mobile: (required if you wish to receive SMS crime alerts)

Preferred means of contact: (e-mail/telephone/mobile/any)

Preferred contact times: (eg 0900-2200 or at any time)

FAMILY PLANNING

Contraception advice by appointment with the nurse. Emergency contraception is also available. All family planning advice & treatment is, of course, confidential AT ANY AGE

CERVICAL SMEARS

By appointment with Practice Nurses.

WE ARE AN APPROVED YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION CENTRE

DIABETIC CLINIC

Wednesday morning by appointment.

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

For child health surveillance (well children only please). Run by & details from:
The Health Visitors: 01279 722694.
Mondays 13:15-14:30

** CHILD IMMUNISATIONS BY APPOINTMENT
WITH THE PRACTICE NURSES **

PRIVATE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS & other services

(e.g. Insurance, Pre-employment, H.G.V. & elderly driving medicals) are by appointment.
The BMA recommended fee will be charged.

ATTACHED STAFF

District Nurses
Midwife

Messages should be left with reception for the district nurse.

COUNSELLOR

We have a trained & experienced Counsellor in Ware, who is available by appointment on referral by your doctor. Please ask the Doctors or at reception for details. A £40 per session fee is chargeable.

GENERAL SURGERY TIMETABLE

Much Hadham

Monday to Friday 8:30-11:00, 16:00-18:30

& Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:00-8:00

1st & 3rd Saturdays/month 8:30-11:00

Hunsdon Village Hall Branch Surgery

High Street, Hunsdon Ware Herts

Monday & Friday 8:30-11:00

Alt Thursday 8:45-11:30

Dispenser

Wednesday 11:00-11:30

Little Hadham Village Hall Branch Surgery

Little Hadham Ware Herts

Monday, Friday & alt Thursdays 8:30-11:00

Dispensing by GP

Monday & Friday 9:30-10:00

EMERGENCIES

We are a member of the Hertfordshire Out of Hours Service. Local GPs work together to provide an emergency service at night, weekends & Bank Holidays. Tel: 03000 33 33 33

CASUALTY

Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow
Telephone (01279) 444455

Also, the Herts & Essex Hospital has a Minor Injuries unit open weekdays 09:00-16:00 & you are free to attend unless aged under 2

The NHS Walk-In Centre in Harlow is open 7 days a week 09:00-22:00 for all medical problems except eye/chest infections

YOUR COMMENTS

We aim to provide our patients with a first class medical service. We have a formal complaints procedure. Please address any complaints or comments to our Practice Manager.

We have a Zero Tolerance Policy to abuse and violence. Patients may be asked to leave the Practice

**THE HEALTH CENTRE
ASH MEADOW, MUCH HADHAM,
HERTS. SG10 6DE**

Telephone:

MUCH HADHAM (01279) 842242

Fax: (01279) 843973

WEBSITE: muchhadhamhealthcentre.co.uk

OPENING HOURS

8.30 -18:30 Monday - Friday

DR PAUL HAIMES (Partner)

BSc; MBBS; DRCOG; MRCGP Cert.

University College Hospital
London 1983

DR JOHN CONWAY (Partner)

MBBCH; MRCGP; DTM; MD
College of Surgeons Dublin 1979

DR NATHALIE OATES (Partner)

MBBS
The London Medical College 1985

DR SARA MACBAY

BSc, MBBS, MRCGP

University College London 2002

You can ask to see the doctor of your choice

The practice is NOT a limited partnership

We are not a Teaching Practice

To register as a patient please complete an application form. These are available at the reception desk or on our website.

Office Hours

08:30 – 18:30 Weekdays

IN AN EMERGENCY PLEASE PHONE

During the working day:

Main Surgery (01279) 842242

During the night, weekends & Bank Holidays:

Out of Hours Service 03000 33 33 33

NHS Direct 0845 46 47 or online

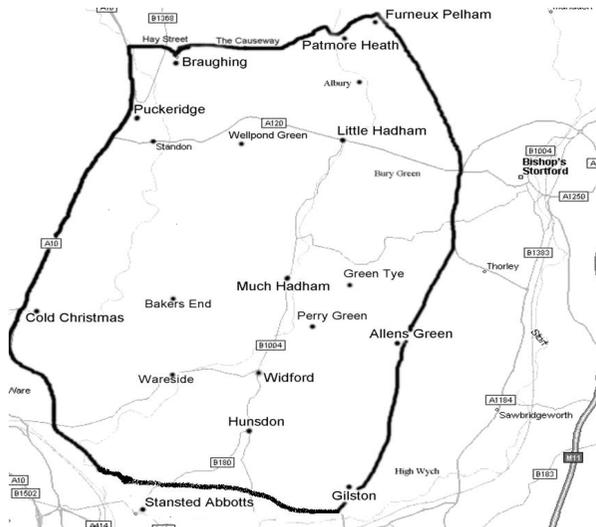
NHS Walk in Center 1a Wych Elm, Harlow, Essex

WELCOME TO MUCH HADHAM HEALTH CENTRE

We are a Dispensing Practice with two full time & two part time doctors, operating from premises with good parking facilities & access for disabled patients

**Dr Haimes joined the practice in 1990,
Dr Oates in 2002,
Dr Macbay in 2007
& Dr Conway in 2009**

PRACTICE AREA



This map is an indication only & shows our practice area borders (bold line). Please contact our receptionists to confirm whether you may be eligible to join our list

HOW TO SEE OR TALK TO THE DOCTOR OR NURSE

Consultations are **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**
Please telephone **(01279) 842242** during office hours to make urgent or routine appointments. Urgent appointments are available at 8.30am daily. If you wish to speak to a Doctor, please leave a message with as much detail as possible with a receptionist & a landline telephone number for the Doctor to call you back if presently unavailable.

HOME VISITS

For home visits, please try to telephone before 10:30 so that Doctors can plan their rounds. You will be asked for details of your problem.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Please allow **two working days** for the request to be processed, or **three working days** for dispensed prescriptions. Please send or hand in the side slips with the appropriate boxes ticked.

Repeat prescriptions may be ordered via our website – muchhadhamhealthcenter.co.uk the fax line, by post, dropping your repeat slip in or by email (much.hadham@nhs.net)
By arrangement, your medicine can be collected from Branch Surgeries.

TEST RESULTS

Please telephone between 10:30 & 16:30.

YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS

All medical records are treated with the strictest policy of confidentiality, written/ computerised. Your Medical records will only be shared with relevant professionals or other parties only after your permission has been given. Circumstances where this may not be the case would be for legal reasons where confidentiality must be breached (i.e. concerns of acts of terrorism, child safety, self harm or possible harm to others). For a standard recommended fee for administration you may have access to your own records.

JACK MAY TRUST FUND

A registered charity has been formed for those patients wishing to make donations to the Health Centre. These donations are used to help in ways that we, & the trustees, feel are of benefit to the practice population, allowing medical equipment etc to be purchased. Please contact the reception staff for details.

NHS Hertfordshire- 01707 390855
Charter House, Welwyn Garden City. Herts

PRACTICE NURSES

**Carmel Naughton RGN Angela Swift RGN
NURSE PRACTITIONER**

Oonagh Morris RGN RM NPD

They are qualified in Family Planning, Asthma, Smear taking, Well Woman Screening, Diabetes Care & Health Promotion.

General Nursing Clinics

Monday to Friday

9:00-12:30 & 16:00-18:30

Diabetic Clinic

by appointment

Asthma Clinic

by appointment

Family Planning

by appointment

Travel Clinic

by appointment

The nurses can discuss general health problems, give health education advice, vaccinations, travel immunisations & perform general nursing procedures including ear syringing.

DOCTORS CLINICS

**In addition to General Surgeries, the Doctors provide a range of other medical services, including minor operative procedures
Medicals etc.**

ANTE-NATAL CARE

The Doctors & Midwife hold ante-natal clinics on a shared care basis. Please contact Reception to make a booking appointment with our Midwife if you discover you are pregnant, or call Maternity Reception at QEII Hospital to speak to the duty midwife on 01707 365159 for general advice/guidance.

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC

Midwife

Tuesday 13:30-16:00

All sites have suitable access for disabled patients



Welcome

to the Parish of St Dunstan, Hunsdon!

Christians have been meeting here for hundreds of years, and, like the saints of previous generations, we would love to serve you and would be delighted if you should wish to join us in worshipping the living God.

Sundays

Details are published in the Parish Magazine which the church produces, but the pattern of our weekly meetings is as follows each month:

1 st Sunday	Holy Communion	11am	St Dunstan's
2 nd Sunday	Chapel Praise	11am	St Francis'
3 rd Sunday	Family Service	11am	St Dunstan's
4 th Sunday	Holy Communion	11am	St Dunstan's

When there is a 5th Sunday in the month, services may be held in one of our sister churches (Widford or Wareside).

Our services are in modern language with a mixture of traditional and contemporary music. Children are welcome to all the services, and on the 1st and 4th Sundays, they can join *tekna* for age-appropriate and fun learning activities. Fairly-traded refreshments are served after our meetings giving us a chance to enjoy each other's company informally.

Image: Harvest, GLOW, Father's Day Picnic, Rectory Garden Party & labourer's doughnuts!

Weekdays

We firmly believe Jesus is not just for Christmas, and God is not just for Sundays. Our varied 7days programme gives us an important opportunity to spend time together in smaller groups of supportive friends, and some of us meet for Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in the St Francis' Chapel in the grounds of the Rectory on Acorn Street.



Specials

The church organises events through the year, like the *Rectory Garden Party*, *Harvest Lunch*, and *Carol Singing with the Salvation Army Band*. For children, there's the summer *Holiday Club*, and for families, *GLOW* – a wholesome alternative to Hallowe'en.

Links

We're linked with the churches in Widford and Wareside as part of what the Church of England calls a "United Benefice." We also have connections with a GP in Tanzania, two charities in Kenya and a family working in the Philippines. We regularly support the work of the *Children's Society*, and are registered as a *Fairtrade Church*, campaigning for justice for the poor and oppressed around the world.



Questions?

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith, we run an annual course which is an ideal opportunity for you to ask your questions. Called *Christianity Explored*, it really does what it says on the tin! Or perhaps you might be interested in having a baby Christened or in getting married: we can probably help you with these important events too.

You might like to look up our website: www.hwwchurch.org.uk

Or, for a more personal service about any matter under the sun, you are very welcome to contact the Rector at the address below.

We look forward to meeting you!

Revd Mark Dunstan
The Rectory, Acorn Street,
Telephone: 01920 877276
Email: rector@hwwchurch.org.uk



The United Benefice of Hunsdon with Widford and Wareside
Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

March 2012



Welcome to Hunsdon JMI



We believe that children should be given the opportunity to reach their full potential in a happy, secure and disciplined environment. We aim to provide a calm, purposeful atmosphere where good behaviour, respect for others, moral development and positive relationships are encouraged so that a secure and friendly place for learning is created and maintained. We also believe that a good, working partnership between school and home is essential in enabling a child to fulfil their potential and in promoting their well being.

We are committed to every child:

- **Being healthy**
- **Staying safe**
- **Enjoying and achieving**
- **Making a positive contribution**
- **Achieving economic well being**

(As defined in the Children's Act 2004 "Every Child Matters".)

Our Ofsted report (March 2010) says,

" Hunsdon JMI school provides good education, doing most things very well and has a number of outstanding features.

Chief amongst these is the excellent care it gives to all pupils..."

"Pupils, parents and carers think very highly of their school. Pupils delight in the friendly atmosphere and appreciate the lively teaching."

We are very proud of our school and would both welcome and encourage visits to our school.

Please phone the school Office if you would like to come and have a look!

For more information including a prospectus, please visit our website.

Tel: 01279 842 644

E-Mail: admin@hunsdon.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.hunsdon.herts.sch.uk

April 2012

Refuse and Recycling

East Herts Council operates a system of Alternate Refuse Collection (ARC). With ARC waste collections will be on the same weekday but alternate so that one week your black bin will be emptied and the following week your brown bin with your green and blue boxes. Collection day throughout Hunsdon is generally Friday, but while half the village is having its recyclables being collected, the other half is having its non-recyclables being collected, so you will need to establish from your neighbours which schedule applies to you.

What can you recycle?



✓ YES PLEASE

- Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, Yellow Pages, directories, catalogues, brochures, white paper and envelopes.
- All colours of glass bottles and jars (no lids or corks).



✓ YES PLEASE

- Plastic bottles (only items made of plastic and shaped like a bottle).
- Cans and tins (steel and aluminium).
- Aerosols.

Please rinse bottles and cans and place materials loose in the correct container. Place any extra plastic bottles, cans, paper or glass which won't fit into your recycling boxes in a carrier bag and leave next to your boxes. Please don't put recyclable materials in black sacks as these won't be collected.



✓ YES PLEASE

- Food waste – cooked and raw; meat, fish, dairy, breads, fruit and vegetables (use your green kitchen caddy to collect your waste food, then transfer it to the brown bin).
- Newspaper/paper bags for wrapping food waste – no plastic or any other bags.
- Cardboard – except waxed/coated.
- Garden waste – grass, leaves, twigs, plants and flowers, bedding from small vegetarian animals eg rabbits. Real christmas trees must be cut up and contained in the bin with the bin lid closed.



✓ YES PLEASE

- This should contain items which can not be recycled or composted.

Please do not place general waste in your brown bin or recycling boxes. They will not be emptied if they contain the wrong materials.

 **recycle**
for East Herts
01279 655261
www.eastherts.gov.uk

Mobile Library



The Cheshunt Mobile Library calls at Hunsdon every other Friday, stopping by the pump 10:35—11:35. Generally the library will call on **even** weeks of the year (ie 8 Jan 2010). For information about mobile library services please phone: 0300 123 4049 (Mon-Fri 08.00 to 20.00, Sat 09.00 to 16.00) or visit the relevant HCC webpage at <http://www.hertsdirect.org/libtleisure/libraries/where/mobtralibs/chesmob276/chesmobroute5>.



BEATING HEART DISEASE TOGETHER

Have you ever thought about what you would do, if your loved one, friend or child collapsed?
Have you ever thought about what your loved one, friend or child could do, if you collapsed?

The British Heart Foundation now run "FREE" no obligation training session in Resuscitation.

In addition training will be given in how to use Hunsdon's Defibrillator which is now available to all who have been trained.

To book a session please contact

davidrobinette@btinternet.com

or

call him on 01279 842716

April 2012

HELPING YOU TO ENJOY THE COUNTRYSIDE SURROUNDING HUNSDON

We are indeed lucky in Hunsdon, whilst situated near to several large towns and being able to tap the amenities they provide, we still live in a village in the true sense totally surrounded by open countryside.

Most of the landscape consists of arable farmland, the livestock having disappeared some years ago and is interspersed with areas of woodland to add further interest. The undulating land allows these two features to provide panoramic views from various vantage points.



To enable you to fully explore the countryside we have an extensive network of public rights of way which the parish council helps to keep maintained for your enjoyment. A map of the paths in Hunsdon and the adjoining parishes of Eastwick & Gilston is enclosed with this sheet to help you find your way around. In promoting the use of the paths the council is endeavouring to encourage the more casual walker and families and has developed two initiatives to make them more walker friendly.

As a way of catering for people with limited mobility and also for young families who perhaps do not wish to undertake the more arduous cross field walking, the County Council has improved the surface of two existing Restricted Byways to the west of the village.

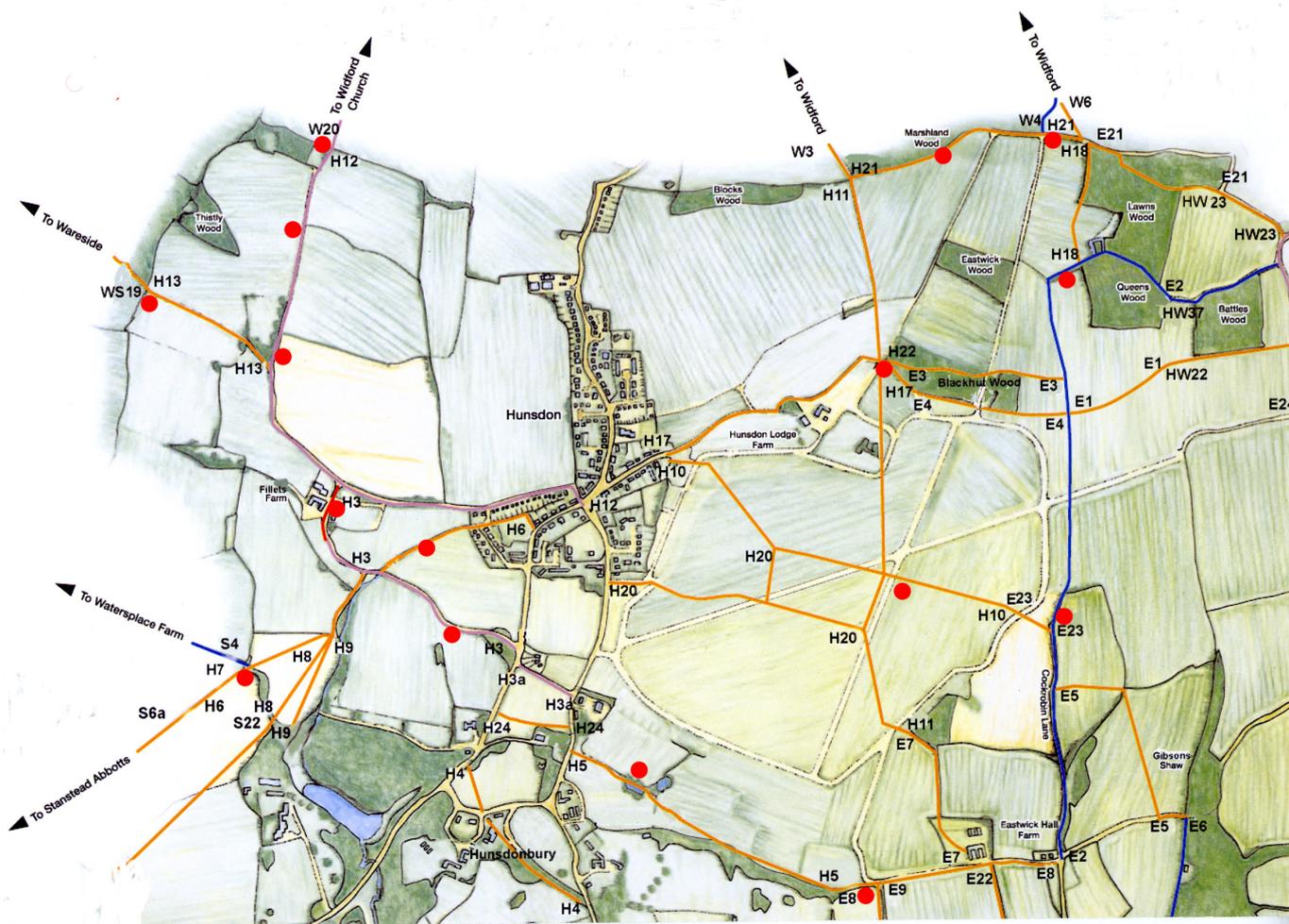


One forms a circular route, the other a direct line finishing at the northern parish boundary on an out and home basis. They both have the benefit of places to pause and rest on benches whilst taking in wide views of the surrounding countryside. The walks start and terminate in the village centre, where there is parking for visitors to the area. Bench sites are denoted by a red spot on the adjacent map. The prefixes to the path numbers denote H-Hunsdon, S-Stanstead Abbots and W- Widford.

A written description of the walks is on the village website, see overleaf.

Restful Walks

Here again the parish council is seeking to attract the more casual user who just want a short undemanding walk in the area surrounding the village. Working as a member of the Parish Paths Partnership with funding through the County Council's Countryside Management Service, it has erected a series of sixteen wooden benches at strategic places on the paths throughout the parish. These sites have been chosen not only to break up long stretches of walking but also allow walkers, whilst resting, to take in the views of the woods and fields with which the parish abounds.



Red symbol denotes bench site

Prefix to path number:-

H - Hunsdon

W - Widford

S - Stanstead Abbots

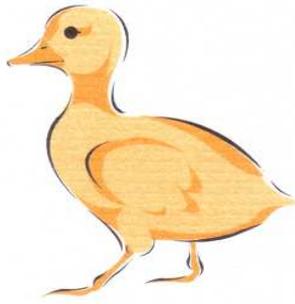
WS - Wareside

E - Eastwick & Gilston

HW - High Wych



Further details of these and other local rights of way initiatives can be found on the village web site, www.hunsdon.org.uk, click on *community* and follow the links.



Hunsdon

Ducklings

Pre-School

Reg. Charity No. 1042209

Hunsdon pre-school

Hunsdon Ducklings Pre-School is a small and friendly organization that provides pre-school, play and learning opportunities for children aged between 2 years and 9 months and 4 years old. We hold sessions in a dedicated Portacabin classroom to the rear of the Hunsdon School site and have access to our own enclosed garden and the school playground/field for outside play. You can find us through the school pedestrian gate.

We welcome visits to our sessions from prospective parents and children by appointment with Gill Lewis our Pre-School manager on 01279 841044 or Email hunsdonducklings@btconnect.com. Gill can then advise you on the immediate availability of places for eligible children, or to register your child for a place once they reach the minimum age.

Links with Hunsdon School

Most of the children, although not all, progress to Hunsdon School following the pre-school. In order to foster links to ensure a smooth transition for all the children who are rising 4, there are weekly visits to the Early Entry and Nursery class for a group story and music and movement. The Pre-School staff accompany the children for these visits. We have an excellent relationship with the head mistress and the teaching staff at the JMI School. Our Pre-School also has extremely good resources and are lucky to have staff qualified to NVQ 3 and beyond.

Breakfast club

We operate a Breakfast club for children attending the Pre-School and the Primary school. This is open Monday to Friday 7.30 to 9am.

Lunch Club

We also operate a lunch club, which is available to the Pre-School and the Early Entry children. This is open Monday to Thursday 12 noon to 1pm.

Afternoon sessions

One afternoon is a play session for Pre-school and the Early Entry children, plus the village mother and toddler group are invited to join us to help with the transition of rising three year olds soon to be entering Ducklings. This is held on a Tuesday from 1pm to 3pm.

The second afternoon is for the Pre-School and Early Entry children, here we join the Nursery and Reception children for a sound and phonic session. This reinforces a smooth transition into the school when the time comes. All children are accompanied by the Pre-School staff. At the end of the session a group story is held and a star of the week is picked, parents are invited to join us for this at 2.50 PM. This is held on a Thursday 1pm –3pm.

Hunsdon Ducklings Opening times are:

Monday	7.30am- -----1pm	Tuesday	7.30am -----3pm
Wednesday	7.30am-----1pm	Thursday	7.30am-----3pm
Friday	7.30am-----12pm		

April 2012



Contacts: Mrs Diana Gee
01279 843815 (chair)

Mrs Molly Wiseman
01279 842858 (secretary)

Over Three Score Club

This is a club for our older residents. The club meets every other Wednesday in the Village Hall 2.30 – 4.30p.m. Membership fees are £5 per year. Our meetings are very varied; we have speakers, entertainment, outings, 'bring and buy' afternoons and sometimes we have a 'beetle drive'. We are a friendly club and take great interest in all our members.

Scrabble Club.

The Scrabble Club takes place every Tuesday afternoon in the Village Hall.

Set up at 1.30p.m. Play 1.45 – 4.15 p.m.

It is a friendly and sociable club and we welcome all standards from beginners to experts. Do come along and join us. If you need further information contact Morag Pummell. Tel. 01279842786.



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Hunsdon Gardening Club

- Annual subscription only £2.
- Our year starts in March/April with the AGM and social evening, with perhaps a quiz, a demonstration or an illustrated talk.
- In June we have a plant stall at the Village Fete with masses of good quality plants for sale at very reasonable prices.
- Our main event is the Autumn Show at the beginning of September, which everyone in the village is welcome to enter.
- We usually run two outings a year, a long one and a short one. Coach outings are usually subsidised, with members paying a reduced fee for the coach.
- We also hold one or two indoor meetings during the year, usually on a Thursday evening. These are free for members, non-members pay £1.00.
- Members can order bulbs from Parkers and seeds from Thompson & Morgan at greatly reduced prices.
- In March each year we put our annual brochure through every village door. This lists all our activities for the coming year and contains our Autumn Show schedule. Watch out for it – it has a yellow cover.



New members are always welcome.
Contact Jackie Carthy on 01920 872597,
or any committee member (names are in the annual brochure).

March 2012



QUINTESSENCE

Quintessence is our village 'amateur dramatics' group. We usually put on a Pantomime each year and occasional plays and reviews. We also write our own murder mysteries which we perform for a number of charities and organisations both in and out of the village. All of our income is donated to charity. New members are always welcome (both on and off stage). No experience necessary just come and enjoy the fun!

We are a friendly bunch so why not ring to find out more!

Jackie McDonald 01279 843172 or
Lorraine Newman 01279843358 April 2012

Hunsdon Mother and Toddler Group

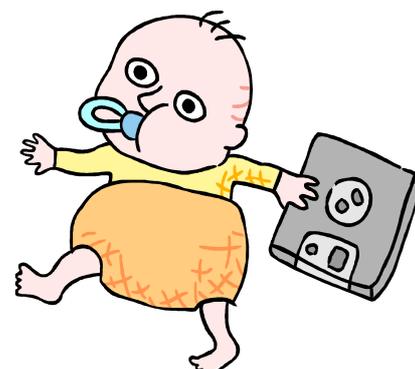
Hunsdon Mother and Toddler Group meets twice a week in the Village Hall. For many children attending mother and toddlers this is the first opportunity to interact with other children of a similar age and learn valuable social skills such as sharing, turn taking and playing with others. All of these skills help to ease the transition of starting at pre-school and eventually school. If you have, or are a carer to a young child do please consider coming along to join us. We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing some new faces very soon.

Hunsdon Mother and Toddler Group

Thursdays 10.00 – 12.00

£2 a session (first session free of charge)

**Any enquiries contact
Esther Nicklin 07736436070
Or Kelly Ayres 07824774200**



Mothers, Fathers,
Grandparents and
Carers are all
welcome.

Please do come along and enjoy some adult company and let your child take advantage of the vast amount of toys, play equipment, playdough and craft activities whilst your house stays tidy!!!

Price includes refreshments and biscuits

May 2011



Hunsdon has a thriving Scout Group run by an enthusiastic leader team who are dedicated to providing a varied programme. Scouting in Hunsdon offers young people opportunities to participate in all kinds of activities, with adventurous pursuits outdoors as often as possible, and several camps during the year.

Our sessions are based in Hunsdon Village Hall, where we work towards gaining activity badges and challenge awards, learning traditional scouting skills, working in teams, playing games, being creative and generally having a lot of fun. Sometimes we invite visitors along to help out with particular projects, and often we are out and about in the community. We go on outings and camps and we participate in most of the District competitive events throughout the year such as the tug of war competition, swimming gala, night hikes, cooking competition, fun run and go-carting, lightweight and heavyweight competitions and Green Beret.

In 2011 we celebrate the centenary of scouting in Ware and District, and a number of special events are programmed, including a District all-section camp and a big party in December.

Here are some comments from members of the Group:

"I really enjoyed doing my Global Challenge Award because I like finding out about other countries and I want to visit India one day."

"Doing the Creative Challenge Award was the best fun because we got messy when we were making things."

"The go-kart competition was excellent. I never had so much fun!"

"The best thing about Scouts is that you get to go on excellent camps and do lots of activities with your friends."

"The best bit of Scouts is when we get physical and grubby outside like learning how to make fires and building camp in the forests. The best camp to go on is the Green Beret."

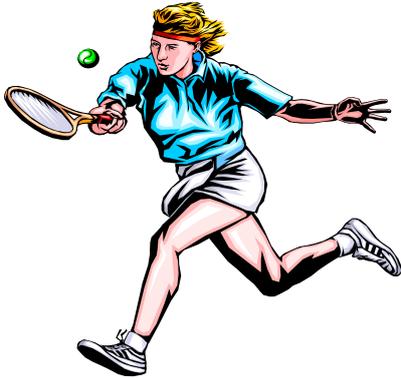
"I like all the fun activities and listening to what's happening in Kenya and writing letters to send there."

"The best competition I participated in was Oxley Shield because everything about it was fun. I had to learn lots of new skills and remember it all on the day!"

If you know a young person who would like to join in, please contact one of the leaders.

Scouts (10½ – 14½):	8.00 – 9.30, Fridays	Martin Hunt 07706 647425
Cubs (8-11):	6.15 - 7.45, Fridays	Karen Osterley 07971 753193
Beavers (6-8):	6.15 – 7.15, Tuesdays	Simon Roberts 07545 571441
Group Scout leader, Gwen Norris		

Sports Clubs



Hunsdon Tennis Club

The tennis courts are located at the rear of the Village playing field. The tennis club is run by a small committee. We currently have over 50 members. The membership rates are Adults £25, Junior £10 & Family membership £50.

To join, contact

**Henry Mayes 01920 877 876 -
hmayes@hotmail.com**

May 2011

Carpet Bowls Club

The carpet bowls club meets in Hunsdon Village Hall on Thursday afternoons 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. New members always welcome
contact Betty Fricker 01279 843254 Apr 2012



Hunsdon Badminton Club

If you are interested in playing badminton you are very welcome to join us on Tuesday evenings 8 to 10pm at Hunsdon Village Hall - £2.50 per night. We are a sociable club of varied abilities and ages 16 – 80+. We take a break for the summer months May – August returning the first Tuesday in September. If you would like to find out more before you come along telephone

Sue 01279 842821 or email

sue_barker@btinternet.com

Apr 2012

ZUMBA

Thursdays 8 – 9p.m.
Hunsdon Village Hall
Contact:

fitnesswithdominique@hotmail.co.uk



Hunsdon Youth Club

The Youth Club opened in the summer of 2005 and is affiliated to Pro-Action (The umbrella group for all Hertfordshire clubs for young people).

The club has benefited from grants from the following bodies to help in the running of the club: Hertfordshire County Council, the Herts Association 4 Young People, The Village Hall and two grants from the Parish Room Trust.

Monies have been used to purchase equipment and to defray the running costs of the club, which is a loss making organisation.

The youth club is held in the village hall on some Saturday evenings (see posters outside village store and village hall notice board & facebook 'Hunsdonyc Saturday') 6.30 -9pm and averages 15 plus attendees, aged 10yrs and above.

Equipment includes 2 table tennis tables, a pool table, 2 playstations, board games, a dance mat, a Wii and a CD/radio player; we also run a 'tuck' shop.

The real need for the club is an increase in the number of regular helpers. The Youth Club continues to support the Village by providing activities and development opportunities for young people.

The Youth Club stopped running in March of 2011 but we hope to reopen in a month or so, probably on a Wednesday evening.

Please ring if you would like more information, Bud 01920 872597.

May 2012

