

HUNTLEY HEADLINES

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One of the aims of this newsletter is to keep Huntley residents informed about what is going on in **your** village to give everyone the opportunity to be involved and influence what the village does and what it looks like. Your feedback is therefore very important. Your involvement is even more welcome. There have been requests over the past few months for parishioners' thoughts, opinions and volunteer help but with limited success. PLEASE get in touch and, if you can, do your bit to make Huntley an even more attractive place to live.

On that note, here is a reminder of initiatives around the Parish that cannot proceed without the assistance of manpower (or womanpower!)

1. **Telephone kiosk:** The possibility of getting the kiosk paintwork stripped professionally is being looked into (subject to cost) but volunteers will be needed to paint, reglaze and then decorate the interior. Are you able to help?
2. **Wild flower and bulb planting:** Please come forward if there is a public area near you that you would like to improve the look of. Bulbs etc will be provided.
3. **Speedwatch:** Excess speed is still an issue through the village. If we can get more data that is up to date, this will strengthen our case for cameras to monitor the traffic. If enough people volunteer, then it will only mean giving up just a couple of hours over the course of two weeks twice per year. Could you manage that?

The D day celebrations in Mitcheldean are moving apace and the organiser has approached your Parish Council again to ask if people from Huntley would be prepared to take part on the day to help with organisation, car parking, information, litter picking etc. Please get in touch with the Parish Clerk (Leo Williams 07896 901800/huntleypc_clerk@yahoo.com) or via the editor (07879514853/jillcroxall@hotmail.com) if you are available and tell us what you are able to do. It should be a fantastic day. The event will be on Sunday 9th June.

Preceding this there will be a 1940s picnic lunch party on Saturday 8th June at Huntley Village Hall to get you "in the mood", yes with 1940s music! All welcome, please keep this weekend free in your diary.

Footpaths

The Eleven Rivers Association was formed to promote the three local long-distance footpaths, the Gloucestershire Way, Wysis Way and Three Choirs Way.

- The [Gloucestershire Way](#), runs from Chepstow to Tewkesbury, visiting Stow-on-the-Wold en route
- The [Wysis Way](#), links Offa's Dyke at Monmouth with the Thames Path near Cirencester.
- The [Three Choirs Way](#), is a circular walk running between Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester cathedrals, celebrating the annual Three Choirs Festival.

A consortium of interested individuals, walking organisations and government agencies has formed to promote these routes. The objectives include:

- Maintaining and improving signage;
- Clearance of vegetation and blockages from paths;

- Where possible and appropriate, improving the quality of paths and replacing stiles with gates (or nothing at all);
- Increasing awareness and usage of the paths through promotional activities, improved on-line resources and updated guide-books.

This voluntary body welcomes additional help from interested individuals with a passion for walking. You can contact them and find out more by looking at: cheltenhamoutlier.uk/gloucestershire-promoted-trails.

NDP Review

Work will start after March to update the current NDP in line with the draft Forest of Dean Local Plan which will be available at that time. This will look at the development of the Parish up to 2041. The current plan had input from people mainly over the age of 55 and that generation may have a different opinion from younger parishioners. It is important that younger people become involved as they are the future of Huntley and need to determine what Huntley will look like in the future-their future

If you would like to have a say, please let the Parish Clerk know. Showing an interest does not commit you to taking part-find out what is involved by a simple phone call.

UPCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

The Red Lion	Last Wednesday of every month "Quiz League" Maximum of 6 per team, £5pp to include nibbles Starts 7.30pm
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Huntley Village Hall	AirinG presentation "Desert Island Flicks" Friday 9 th March at 7.30pm Doors open at 6.30pm for bar
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"A blockbuster adventure and rom com rolled into one. 90 of the most memorable movie moments of all time in 90 minutes....including stunts and special effects."

Tickets £12.50pp from ticketsource.co.uk or for sale from Margaret's hairdressers, village hall on Friday 11.00-12.00 or phone Mark Evans on 07707 754745 for more outlets.

Huntley Village Hall	Disco- Friday 19 th April - 8.00 til late.
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Dig out your disco outfits and bop til you drop to the best music from the 70s, 80s and 90s. Licensed bar all evening, professional DJ. Relive your youth!!!
Tickets £5

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