

## Our 2018 objectives:

- ◆ Traffic calming
- ◆ Village field development
- ◆ Neighbourhood plan
- ◆ Being a strong voice for Hunston village

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## New Parish Chair

### Hunston Parish Council has a new Chair, Councillor Joan Foster.



Councillor Joan Foster, new Chair of Hunston Parish

Joan was unanimously voted in by members at the Annual Parish meeting, after Councillor Steve Baker stepped down as Chairman. Steve has been Chairman since 2016 and before that he was Vice Chair. Indeed, Steve has been serving Hunston as a Parish

Councillor for over 20 years.

Joan Foster said: "I'm honoured to have been elected Chair of Hunston Parish Council and delighted that Steve is staying on as councillor for another year. Key areas for the Parish Council are:

- Lobbying at the highest levels for improved traffic calming measures.
- Campaigning for the A27 'northern route'
- Reigniting our Neighbourhood Plan
- Securing funding for our playground and recreation area.

- Installing a Disabled Toilet in the Village Hall

Most importantly, our primary aim is to support our community, bring people together and have fun through events such as our wonderful Village Tea!"

Outgoing Chair Steve Baker said: "I would like to congratulate Joan on her appointment. The leadership, hard work and dedication she showed in organising the inaugural Hunston Village Community Tea and Bake Off is evidence in itself that she will do a great job as Chair of the Parish Council. Hunston Village is lucky to have her at the helm."

## Hunston Neighbourhood Plan

### A Neighbourhood Plan sub-committee met on 25th May to discuss the next steps for a Hunston Neighbourhood Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan creates a strategy for development in the local community and can help local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work.

Committee members fed back to each other on research and discussions they had undertaken with other local Parishes with similar neighbourhood issues. It was agreed at the meeting that Hunston should have its own Neighbourhood Plan and the Committee will now engage with a

consultant to agree on the next steps for developing a vision for Hunston village.

"Consultation will be at the very heart of this process. We want to develop a shared vision for our neighbourhood that we are proud of." said Councillor Chris Vinton.

## Welcome and congratulations!

Hunston Parish Council would like to welcome a new member of the team Rachel Swanton. Rachel will be working with our Parish Clerk Carol Smith to support the ever growing administrative functions and duties of running the Parish

Council and The Village Hall. Parish Clerk Carol Smith said: "Rachel has hit the ground running and is proving to be an invaluable asset to the Parish Council."

Hunston Parish Council Chair Joan Foster said: "We would like to wish a

warm welcome to Rachel and at the same time offer enormous congratulations to our Parish Clerk Carol who has once again navigated the Parish through a highly successful audit process. Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated."

## Community Pulls Together



Immediate action by Hunston Parish Council led to the swift removal of a small group of Travellers from the playing field in early May. Within an hour of the travellers arriving, Hunston Parish Council had reported the Traveller's presence to the relevant authorities and reassured Villagers via The

Hunston Parish Council Facebook page, that action was being taken to remove the Travellers. Less than 48 hours later Hunston Parish Council was able to confirm to villagers, again via Facebook, that the Travellers had gone. Early the next morning a team of Hunston villagers, led by Councillor Chris Vinton, worked tirelessly to clear the playing fields of the rubbish and detritus

left by the Travellers. Councillor Vinton said: "The removal of the Travellers and tidy-up afterwards was a wonderful example of teamwork and it made me proud of the village, City and the County I live in. Chichester Police and West Sussex County Council supported us admirably in this operation and we are tremendously grateful to their efforts. On behalf of Hunston Parish Council I would like to thank everyone involved."

## 2018 Key Objectives

### Recreation Ground

After successful public consultation meetings and an online survey, Hunston Parish Council is now working to secure funding for a new playground.

Popular ideas from villagers included an adult gym, zip wire and tunnel slide.

"We're delighted to have engaged so many villagers. Armed with their suggestions, we look forward to reporting back on our progress in seeking funding," said Councillor Chris Vinton.

### Footpaths

The footpath along the back of Merle Court is impassable as is the footpath from the B2145, parallel to Meadow Close. Cutbacks at County mean footpath clearance is on a 9 month rolling programme.

So while nesting season is in full swing we wanted to know what you think we should do:

- A) Wait for County to do it.
- B) Pay a company to do it.

- C) Call on Hunston volunteers and do it ourselves.
- D) Ask local businesses, who have the necessary equipment, to do the job.

Let us know your thoughts on our Facebook Page:

@hunstonparishcouncil

Or email:

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## Successful Village Tea

It was standing room only in Hunston Village Hall for the Community Tea and Bake-off Competition on Sunday 15 April. Organised by Hunston Parish Council with fantastic support from Hunston W.I., local businesses and villagers, the event surpassed all expectations.

Twenty entries were received for the inaugural 'Great Hunston Bake-off Competition', including six under 10's and three men. The judges were Hunston's very own Mary Berry: Sue Waite, Reverend James Russell (vicar in North Mundham and Hunston, and Jamie Fitzjohn (West Sussex County Councillor, Chichester South).

Then the announcement everyone was waiting for – Hunston Star Baker 2018 –



Hunston's Bake-Off Winners

Hebe Winstanley with her highly creative and delicious tasting cake.

Villagers were entertained by the Community Gospel Choir and their generosity in buying raffle tickets and making donations resulted in £460 raised to contribute to the

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urgently needed disabled toilet in the Hall. Huge thanks go to those who donated raffle prizes: The Spotted Cow, Hunter's Lodge Riding Centre, Chichester Golf Club, Kirklands Shop, Hunston Post Office, local artist Gaye Clear and more. The Parish Council were delighted with the support from local shops and businesses

Particular thanks go to the ladies who worked tirelessly in the kitchen and all those who so generously donated sandwiches and cakes for the tea. This date for next year's Community Tea and Bake Off Competition is 8th April 2019. The Bake-Off theme will be The Chichester Canal.

## Ray Stenning Memorial

A permanent memorial will be erected in Hunston Village in memory of Mr Ray Stenning who was tragically killed in a road traffic accident in April. Hunston Parish Council, together with help from Mr Stenning's wife Sandra, will fund the memorial. The Council will also seek the relevant permissions and pay for the upkeep of a fitting memorial that meets the wishes of Mrs Stenning and her family.

"We know the entire village has been deeply saddened by Mr Stenning's death," said Councillor Joan Foster. "On behalf of everyone in the village we would like to reiterate our sincere condolences to Ray's family and friends."

## Diary Dates

- ◆ Fit Fig Pilates – Mondays at 8.30am
- ◆ Tai Chi - Mondays at 10.30am and 7.30pm
- ◆ Smart Yoga - Mondays at 6pm
- ◆ KTroo bounce class - Tuesday at 9.30am
- ◆ Hunston Bowls Club - Tuesdays at 6.30pm
- ◆ Hannah Mason Pilates - Thursdays at 9.30am
- ◆ Hunston Brownies - Thursdays at 5.30pm
- ◆ Roadtrip Yoga – Thursdays at 7.45pm

## New Guard at Spotted Cow

**We would like to welcome Francis Hele, the new Landlord at The Spotted Cow, to the village of Hunston.**

We are sure many of you have already met Francis and enjoyed the friendly, lively atmosphere he and his team are creating.

If you haven't popped in then please do. The Spotted Cow is an extremely important asset to the village and it is important we show a keen loyalty to the pub and support all Hunston's local businesses.

[www.spottedcownhunston.co.uk](http://www.spottedcownhunston.co.uk)





## A word from your local MP Gillian Keegan



**It's been just over a year since I was elected as your MP, and what an amazing year it has been.**

I have had some great jobs over 30 years working in international businesses, but being your MP is by far the

best job I have ever had. It's been a busy first year, with local issues like Southern Rail, the A27 and education funding. It hasn't been any quieter in Parliament with debates and votes on issues like Brexit that go on into the small hours and I expect many more late nights to come until March 2019.

The best bit of the job is being here in the constituency, visiting schools, businesses and charities and being part of our community. So far I have met with 37 schools, held 21 advice surgeries and visited numerous businesses, charities, GP's and Hospitals

throughout Chichester. I am particularly looking forward to joining Hunston Brownies to celebrate ninety years since everybody was given the right to vote at their 'EqualiTeas' event later this month. It was also great to hear the 'Hunston Bake Off' was a resounding success, with £460 raised to install a disabled toilet in the village hall!

If you want me to attend an event or you need my help then please do get in touch, all my details are available at:

[www.gilliankeegan.com/contact](http://www.gilliankeegan.com/contact)

## Parish Council Supports Mitigated North Route

Hunston Parish Council has voted unanimously to support the A27 Mitigated North Route put forward by consultants following an A27 public consultation process. Councillors came to its decision based on three key reasons:

- The Northern route is undoubtedly the best 'long term' solution and also has wide ranging considerations to mitigate the impact on the environment.
- The "Full South" Concept offers "modest" increases in capacity whilst the northern route can facilitate the significant growth in population envisaged in Chichester's Local Plan.
- The Parish is deeply concerned about the adverse economic impact the disruption of the "Full South" concept would have



on the village and neighbouring villages on the Manhood Peninsular not to mention the additional air pollution near where people (including children) live, work and are schooled.

Councillor Steve Baker said: "We, along with several other Parishes in the Manhood Peninsular, have concluded that the Mitigated Northern

route is the only solution we can justifiably support."

### Contact Us:

If you would like to put forward your opinions on the A27 or any other local matters, Parish Councillors can be reached via our Facebook page @hunstonparishcouncil or the website [www.hunstonparishcouncil.org](http://www.hunstonparishcouncil.org)