



*Made in Hintlesham & Chattisham*

# 240 YEARS OF MARRIED BLISS IN THE VILLAGE



## *Celebration at Hintlesham Golf Club*

*Back row L to R:* Leslie Leeks, Alan Spraggons, Terry Weddell, Keith Deal

*Front row:* Rosemary Leeks, Margaret Spraggons, Miriam Weddell, Jennifer Deal



Hintlesham & Chattisham Community Hall  
 To book the Hall or Meeting Room 'phone  
 Richard on 07497 292699 (9.00am – 9.00pm only)

To talk about a  
 wedding, baptism or funeral  
 please contact the  
 Lay Chair of the PCC  
 Jenny 01473 652466

## 240 YEARS OF MARRIED BLISS IN THE VILLAGE

### *Gerald Main writes...*

Four Hintlesham couples have been celebrating their Diamond Wedding anniversaries and, between them, have clocked up a total of 240 years of marriage. The first couple to the altar at St Nicholas Church, on March 31st 1962, were Rosemary Aldous of the Post Office, Duke Street, and Leslie Leeks of the Lodge. Harold Macmillan was Prime Minister, the Beatles had recently played at The Gaumont in Ipswich and Elvis was no. 1 in the Hit Parade, with "Can't help falling in love". Jennifer Aldous, Miriam Leeks and Margaret Butcher were bridesmaids. Within a year, all three of them would be walking down the aisle as brides.

The next couple to be married by The Reverend Clayton, on June 30th, were Margaret Butcher of Lilivan, Duke Street, and Alan Spraggon of The George. Once again, the couple were supported by their good friends. Leslie Leeks was the Best Man and Rosemary Leeks was Maid of Honour.

On July 28th, Miriam Leeks of The Lodge and Terry Weddell took their vows. Terry was a Petty Officer in the Navy and, ten days after their wedding, he was posted to the Far East for a year. Rosemary Leeks was Maid of Honour at the wedding.

The year ended with a winter wedding for Jennifer Aldous of The Post Office and Keith Deal of Southwold, on December 29th. Jennifer's sister, Rosemary Leeks, was Maid of Honour. Keith had just completed five years in the RAF as a Radar Fitter. Following their wedding, he joined the Marconi Company and Jenny became the Marconi Education Officer's secretary.

Reflecting on the anniversaries, Margaret Spraggon commented, *"We were guests at each other's weddings and over the years we have celebrated special wedding anniversaries together. We all feel very blessed to be able to celebrate 60 years of marriage."*

*"I don't know where the time has gone,"* muses Margaret. *"It only seems like yesterday that Rosemary and I were best friends, sitting next to each other at school."*



## ADVENT BOXES

Chris Mac and I were very pleased to be able to take over 40 boxes to FIND.

They were very grateful for all the donations which included vouchers.

Thank you all so much.

*Chris and Jenny*



## PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

We are fortunate to have in our two villages a number of public footpaths.

However concerns have been raised that on occasions dogs are jumping up walkers.

As a reminder dog walkers must always have their dogs under control or they should be kept on a lead.

*Parish Council*

# SPRING GARDEN SHOW



## Saturday 18th March

The schedules for our two Garden Shows are with this Link and we really hope to welcome long time supporters and new faces to our Spring Show on **18th March** in the Community Hall. Hopefully the bulbs will be up and looking fabulous. So go and look around your garden, dust off your baking trays or get your camera out and enter a few classes, or them all!

This fun event is a chance to showcase crafts, baking and the beauty of nature in our gardens.

*We are always looking for extra help to set up on the Friday evening and to assist on show day. If you would like to help please contact Cathy Leney 07949 080119*

## The Friends of Hintlesham with Chattisham Churches CHARITY GOLF DAY

*In aid of Hintlesham and Chattisham Church  
Restoration Fund*

**Monday 27th March 2023** at Hintlesham Golf Club

The Friends of Hintlesham and Chattisham Churches are holding a golf day on Monday 27th March at Hintlesham Golf Club.

This friendly and fun Golf Day is open to players of all abilities with all proceeds going to the Hintlesham and Chattisham Churches Restoration Fund.

The day will start with coffee and a bacon roll and after 18 holes of golf will finish with a two-course lunch. Team and individual prizes will be awarded including the Michael Deakin Trophy.

The cost for the day, including bacon roll and two course lunch, is £55.00 per head (Members £33.00)

Entry Forms are available on request from  
pjhollis20@gmail.com Tel 01473 652566

Peter Hollis, The Cottage, Primrose Hill,  
Duke Street, Hintlesham, IP8 3PN



## MAKE THE MOST OF A SLOW COOKER

Thelma made a delicious chicken casserole which was much enjoyed by all who came last month.

Please come and welcome our next local celebrity cook at the Community Hall on **Friday 3rd February** at 11am for tea or coffee then more ideas for meals made in a slow cooker.

This will be followed at 12.30 by soup and a roll for lunch for £1.50 All welcome to both events or just the demo or the soup lunch

*Please book your place with Thelma at The Social Club bar or phone Margaret Langton 652210 so we have enough soup!*

## SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP

*Cris Velloso Langton*

Please remember to renew your Social Club membership or take this opportunity to join us if you are not yet a member. *Only £5 per year for an individual membership.*



# Hintlesham Community Council

I feel it might be timely to give everyone an update on what is happening under the umbrella of the Hintlesham Community Council. We want our community to shape what we offer, benefit from what is provided, and, if time permits, contribute to sustain and develop what we have.

The village has a website with lots of information – have a look at <http://hintleshamandchattisham.onesuffolk.net> and we have a Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/112564886075658/> and info can also be found in the link, village notice boards in Duke Street, The Street, and outside the Hall in Timperleys.

## How we are structured

We run our community facilities through committees and working groups on a voluntary basis. The Executive is elected annually at an AGM in April and is supported by a Hall Group, a Woodland Group, Playing Field, a Hall Environs Group, and an Events group whom look after the facilities described below. As we are a registered charity, we have a separate Social Club running the bar and their committee is a combination of 3 persons appointed by the Executive and three elected at their AGM in May each year.

## Woodland area

Bordered by the A1071, Timperleys and the Community Hall, there is a lovely Woodland Area, managed and maintained by a Woodland Group, chaired by Mark Smith, and they regularly meet on a Sunday morning to make improvements

## Hintlesham Community Hall

The Hall comprises a meeting room, an events/sports hall, a kitchen and a bar, and there is free Wi-Fi. We host many clubs including yoga, darts, bowls, badminton, through to offering a bundled service for weddings. This year we installed two disabled parking bays adjacent to the entrance.

We have a bar run by volunteers in the hall for members to enjoy a drink and it has outside seating so you can enjoy the English weather.

The Events Committee put on lots of functions for people of all ages, including bingo, Sunday breakfasts, live music, Halloween parties, Oktoberfest, and for the first time held a very successful Beer and Cider Festival.

Outside the hall we have ample parking and the car park houses bottle and paper banks which generate an annual income in excess of £1,000 for us; so please keep - or start - using them.

## Playing Fields

We maintain a playing field in each village. Sadly, village football is no longer played at Hintlesham, although the changing room hut still exists, and we are looking at its future purpose. On the playing field we have the MUGA which I'm delighted to say is well used by our community.

## How can you help?

Our current Treasurer stood down in December 2022, Steve Lee is now the new Treasurer, so a warm welcome to him.

- The Bar is looking for volunteers to run the bar, full training is given, and you get to meet lots of people.
- More generally let me know if you are happy to give up some time, or you have a skill we can utilise. We have a range of projects on the go, requiring lots of help, and enthusiastic volunteers. We could do with electricians, plumbers, general handy people, gardeners, project managers, book-keepers, painters, architects, designers, tea makers, cake makers – we can find a job for anyone, believe me! It would be a great way to contribute and be involved in the community so please don't be shy, come and help.
- Join the Village Monthly Lottery which gives you a chance to win a cash prize, and is drawn on the last Friday of the month in the Bar so a good reason to come along and have a drink.
- Join the Social Club, the annual subscription for a single member is £5, for a family £12, and life membership is £50.

We would love to hear your suggestions as to what we should be doing, what we should offer. As I said earlier we are very keen for you to help and be involved in any way you can.

**IT'S OUR COMMUNITY – LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE IT.**

*Tym Moore*  
*Chair of Hintlesham Community Council*  
*Tel: 01473 652605*  
*Email: [tymmy@sky.com](mailto:tymmy@sky.com)*

# Notes from the Parish Council meeting

held on Thursday 12th January 2023

*Diane Chase writes:*

The meeting was attended by 10 Councillors, Dave Busby (District Councillor), the Clerk and three members of the public.

Dave Busby reported that Babergh had received more money but they were still £250,000 adrift. This shortfall will have to be made up in some way.

A member of the public told of speeding on Silver Hill and hoped that the former police officer would be back to monitor the situation. The Chairman noted that police speed checks had taken place on the Timperley/1071 junction on Sunday 11th January as part of a local blitz and from the 23rd January for a week there will be speed watches across the area.

Another member of the public brought us up to date on a local tree planting plan in Hintlesham along the footpath up from the Pony Paddock. They hope to have a similar plan for Chatisham in the future.

It was also noted that a new bus timetable needed to be put up and whether we were included in the '£2 scheme' for bus travel. The Parish Councillor responsible for transport replied that the new timetable will be put up soon and although we are not included in the scheme, he has written to enquire why.

A Councillor asked that people should keep to the footpaths and any dogs should be under control. He had encountered several aggressive dogs recently off the lead.

## **Planning:**

DC/22/06342 – erection of a two storey side extension at Ashdown, Chatisham. (No objection)

DC/22/06234 – Application for listed building consent – Conversion and extension to recreational outbuilding to form a residential dwelling at Chattisham Hall. (No objection to the extension but request a restriction on a separate dwelling)

## **Granted Planning:**

DC/2205442: erection of an agricultural storage building (following demolition of existing building at Hill Farm, Silver Hill.

DC/22/05323: erection of agricultural building at Mill Farm Barns, Priory Road, Hintlesham.

## **Budget:**

The Parish Council has managed to buck the trend and reduce the budget for this year.

## **National Grid:**

National Grid has stated that they will refuse to put Option two to the Planning Inspector, choosing just Option one. The Parish Council preferred Option two which would have gone over the wood with the existing line and would take away the need for extra pylons skirting outside the wood. A Councillor is writing to our MP to see if anything can be done.

## **Neighbourhood Plan:**

There was a discussion as to whether we should form a Neighbourhood Plan to help control planning issues and find out what our parishioners think about future village needs. Although quite a big task, it was decided to find out more by looking at other local plans and then discuss the matter at the next meeting.

*These notes are my personal interpretation of the meeting and the full minutes can be found on the website.*

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## Job losses as Farm Shop and Café close

*Link reporter, Gerald Main, writes...*

Woodlands Farm Shop and Café is set to close on **Sunday 22nd January**. The news, which sees seven members of staff lose their jobs, was announced on Facebook in January. The owner blamed rising costs and the state of the economy. The staff were informed of the closure when they returned to work after the Christmas break. According to one member of staff, the team was expecting a reduction in hours, but the total closure was “a real bolt out of the blue.” The café received many excellent reviews on Tripadvisor, although one recent posting complained about loud rap background music. Other reviews highlighted the excellent setting, tasty breakfasts and the range of local produce.

*The Woodlands team is keen to thank everyone who has supported the business since it opened last year.*

*Prior to closing, the shop is holding a sale of shop products, with discounts of up to 50%.*





Thanks to a grant from Babergh towards heating costs, we now have a Warm Space every week in the Community Hall

**1st Friday** 11.00- 13.30 Cookery Demo and Soup Lunch

**2nd Wednesday** 09.00 - 12.00 Coffee Stop

**3rd Tuesday** Coffee Caravan Chattisham am and Hintlesham pm

**3rd Thursday** from 10am Tea and Coffee followed by Hall Lunch

**4th Wednesday** 10.00-12.00 Coffee Stop

### HALL LUNCH

**Thursday 16th February 2023**

10am Free Tea and Coffee

12.30pm Lunch

Community Hall

*Contact Stephanie 01473 652297*

### RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN

**Tuesday 21st February, 2023**

10am - 12noon  
Chattisham Church

2pm - 4pm  
Community Hall, Hintlesham.

### COFFEE STOP

**8th and 22nd February**

10am – 12noon

Unlimited Tea and Coffee £1

Homemade Cake,  
cheese scones 50p

Free squash and biscuits

*More info from  
Margaret Langton 652210*

### Village Walk Thursday 9th February

at 10am for a 2 hour walk around Raydon.

Meet at Raydon playing field IP7 5LT .

All welcome and good behaved dogs.

*For further information contact Rob 07517795424*



### Parish Council Meeting,

7.30pm Meeting Room, Community Hall.

**Thursday 9th February, 2023**

Contact parish.clerk@handepc.co.uk

### Carpet Bowls

Matches coming up

**Tuesday 21st February** Bentley Away. Club night every  
Wednesday 7.30 pm at the Community Hall.

### Hilary Deacon writes

'Soup and sweet with added AGM was well received by members in January.

February brings a Talk on Roman Suffolk, following which Subs will be collected for 2023 (£20.00 cash or cheque).

New members most welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you all at 7.30 **Thursday 2nd February** at Community Hall, Hintlesham.

*T Circle committee*



### Cris Velloso Langton writes

The HSA would like to thank everyone who supported the school Christmas fayre in any way. You helped us raise over £1200!

Hintlesham and Chattisham  
Community  
**Full English  
Breakfast**  
£6 per person inc. tea/coffee  
Sunday 12th February  
From 9am to 12pm  
In the Community Hall  
Please book - Contact Lauren  
07539172064



## CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2023

5th February	Morning Prayer	Chattisham
12th February	Cafe Church	Community Hall
19th February	Holy Communion with Rev. Liz Law	Chattisham
26th February	Family HC with Rev. Jackie Sephton	Hintlesham
<b>NEXT MONTH:</b>		
5th March	Morning Prayer	Chattisham

### CHATTISHAM EVENTS

(NB: Events taking place in Chattisham but all welcome)

Tuesday 21 February	Coffee Caravan	10 to 12 noon	Chattisham Church
Wednesday 22 February	Discussion Group	3 p.m.	Chattisham Church
Tuesday 28 February	Craft and Chat	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Chattisham Church



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Janet Drake - Body Mind as One, Charity Farm Estate, Chattisham

# WHAT'S ON - FEBRUARY 2023

Date	Event/Venue	Contact
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>T Circle Meeting 19.30</b> Community Hall: Talk Roman Suffolk	Hilary Deacon 01473 652109
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>Cookery demo and Soup lunch 11.00- 14.00</b> Community Hall	Margaret Langton 01473 652210 or Thelma at Social Bar
4 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Mexican Evening 19.00</b> Community Hall	Lauren 07539 172064
8 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Coffee Stop 10.00-12 noon</b> Community Hall	Margaret Langton 01473 652210
9 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Village Walk 10.00 - 12 noon</b> Meet at Raydon Playing Field Parish Council 19.30 Meeting Room Community Hall	Rob 07517795424.  Parish.clerk@handcpc.co.uk
11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Bingo 19.00</b> Community Hall	
12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Full English Breakfast 09.00-12.00</b> Community Hall	Lauren 07539 172064
16 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Hall Lunch 12.30</b> Coffee/Tea available from 10am	Stephanie 01473 652297
21 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Rural Coffee Caravan</b> Chattisham Church                   10.00-12.00 Hintlesham Comm Hall           14.00-16.00	
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Coffee Stop 09.00-12 noon</b> Community Hall	Margaret Langton 01473 652210

**For the Diary Beer and Cider Festival begins 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023!**

The village website address is: [www.hintleshamandchattisham.onesuffolk.net](http://www.hintleshamandchattisham.onesuffolk.net)

The deadline for the March 2023 edition of The Village Link is:

**10am Friday 17th February** but earlier is better please!!

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## AD RATES

Local business ads (For H&C)	£15
Other business Ads	£20
Distribution of fliers	£25

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

So long as the memory of certain beloved friends  
lives in my heart, I shall say that life is good.

*Helen Keller*