

AUGUST 2021-

# Local flora and fauna in Freefall

Duke Street resident, Beverley Jefferies, compiled a journal comprising accounts and observations based around her daily walks among the woods, fields and footpaths close to her home. Beverley writes...

Our family arrived here en-masse from Yorkshire in August 1997, looking for a quieter and more peaceful way of life. In 2001, I decided to do a journal on the flora and fauna in this beautiful county, having realised that the warmer climate meant a much wider variety of species. Now 20 years on, I am, once again, researching our wildlife, and have been shocked

and saddened by the sheer drop in numbers. In 20 years, there have been 43 new houses built on Duke Street alone, taking away valuable wildlife habitat and hedgerows that will never be replaced. Where once Duke Street was a quiet road, it is

now a racetrack for people who seem to be in a constant hurry to get somewhere, leaving a trail of road kill in their wake. The skies that used to be filled with the shrieks of the swallows and house martins, now only one or two can be heard. The fields behind Duke Street that were full of wild flowers and butterflies rising in clouds as

you walked, now hold no wild flowers and only a few lonely butterflies searching for food. The gradual small changes year after year that tend to have gone unnoticed, the fewer house sparrows, the hedgehogs that have all but disappeared and many of our wild flowers that once covered





the road verges have all dwindled. Suffolk is no longer the place it once was. We have lost half of our ponds and hedges and over 55% of our farmland birds. We cannot just blame climate change and global warming for this travesty, it is our generation that has plundered our natural resources with not a thought about the environment and the irreversible damage we are doing to our natural world. The time has come to take action before it is too late and to make sure that our grandchildren will still be able to enjoy this beautiful county.





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 Vicar, Rev Jackson, at rev@kind.church 01473 657349 www.kind.church/handc

The village website address is: www.hintleshamandchattisham.onesuffolk.net

# The View From Here ...

Mark Jefferies, Clinical Director of the Barn Veterinary Practice, writes:

When the pandemic first took hold and we went into a national lockdown, all our clinical staff were split into teams of two and the rest were furloughed to ensure the business's long-term survival. These remaining teams of two manned both our surgeries and carried out the tasks normally completed by a team of 20+. Vets learnt to take phone payments, run blood samples and even, dare I say it, mop floors! We then had to take all possible steps to ensure none of the teams were asked to self-isolate. As some of you might know, vets must provide 24-hour emergency cover and unlike most practices in Ipswich, we provide our own. Losing one of our 5 teams to self-isolation would have meant



putting extra pressure on already over-stretched teams working 50+ hour weeks.

Sixteen months later, we are still consulting outside and still providing 24 hours a day service. I am immensely proud of my team who have provided a near normal level of service for all our patients throughout the pandemic. Hopefully, as restrictions ease, even more normality will return. But until then, as clients wait for their appointment in the car park, I think it is safe to say, when the sun is shining, the birds are singing and the odd Barn Owl flies by, there are worse places to be kept waiting.......

# Amendments to The Village Directory 2021

Page 1: Parish Council National Grid/BAPTC representative Peter Eaton Page 6:
Accountants
Emmerson Accountants Ltd
All enquiries to Elizabeth
Stones,

Tel: 01473 729917

Email: liz@

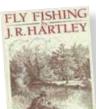
emmersonaccountants.com

Page 8:
Garden Services
Locally based gardeners
Garden maintenance work
20 years experience
Contact Gary and Glen,
07707 167428

# JR Hartley moves to Hintlesham & Chattisham?

JR Hartley, the kindly-looking, elderly gent who used to advertise Yellow Pages on TV, may soon be tempted to move to our villages, given the great sport currently being enjoyed by members of Hintlesham's fly fishing club, which is based at a pair of lakes in the village.





Keen angler, Gerald Main, writes ...

My late Uncle Jim used to mock fly fishers in pursuit of trout as 'stick wavers' who spent their time and efforts thrashing the air trying to project a small steel hook, dressed in fur and feathers, onto the nose of wily old trout or salmon. Unbeknown to most in Hintlesham, there is a very active fly fishing club in the village, who wave their sticks by the

side of a beautiful pair of lakes, stocked with rainbow trout which would fill the largest of your best dinner plates, after a few minutes on the

barbecue, under the grill, or my preferred way, in the smoker. But this stick waving business is not all about catching fish. There is stunning wildlife to enjoy. One afternoon last year, I spent a magical hour, as dusk fell, fishing next to a grazing muntjac deer, as cuckoos called across the valley to each other, and an electric blue kingfisher flitted up and down the length of Lake1. What a scene of joy and tranquility, and all protected by hidden CCTV cameras. For more details, email club Chairman William Frankham w.frankham. uk@gmail.com

Please note the club should not be confused with Hintlesham Fisheries on Hadleigh Road in Burstall.



John Squirrell writes ...

# GARDENER'S ASSISTANT VACANCY

Start Date: Friday 1st October 2021

Role: To assist and be a member of a 3-person gardening team, mowing, strimming, trimming, pruning, planting, weeding. Tree work, hedge work and lots more.

**Environment:** Outside work in all weather. (Wet weather gear provided)

Skills/Values Required: A strong will to work, attention

to detail, being a team player.

Location: Based at Hintlesham, we work within a 15mile radius, mostly private clients, and a few big estates and business parks.

Requirements: A daily pack lunch, a good size water bottle. It being a physical job demands a good personal food and sleep routine.

Background: We are a small family business, Dad and 2 sons, one is now joining the army and we plan to replace him.

Perks: Driving around beautiful Suffolk, a bit of

down time between jobs, well established friendly client base, with cups of tea and sometimes biscuits. Working in lots of very nice gardens.

Routine: Meet at Hintlesham HQ for a 7.30am depart to first job, normally 4-5 clients a day, back to Hintlesham for 4pm most of the time.

Contract/Wages: There would be an initial 3 month trial period for you to try us and us to try you. Wages to be discussed in relation to age and experience.

How to apply: Please email: jnuts@brightpost.co.uk with a Cover Letter of why this Job would suit you.

#### **SESAW** seeks volunteers

Pat Ferdinando writes ....

After another July downpour some of our bedraggled ladies could be heard laughing and chatting as they exercised the rescued dogs in the garden. Bev has notched up three years at SESAW whilst caring for her own horses. She thinks people don't realise that cleaning kennels is mucky, hard work particularly in the winter, "the TV programmes make it look so glamorous".

Seven years ago, Debbie chose to work four full days a week leaving a day for volunteering. She finds it rewarding to spend time with the dogs, building their trust and

seeing them go to new, loving homes." Other helpers agree and some also help sort donated goods for fundraising.



Despite the tough times, no matter what they've been through, our volunteers keep coming for love of the animals. One lady recruited her husband as chauffeur cum dog walker after suffering an arm injury!

We are lucky to have such dedicated volunteers, but the numbers are dwindling due to various life changes. If you have what it takes to care for the animals, help with general maintenance or assist with fundraising, please contact us and don't forget to leave your phone number.

Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Registered Charity No.1124029, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP. Tel: 01787 210888 www.sesaw.co.uk



## **Midday Supervisor Vacancy**

#### Organisation:

St Edmundsbury & Ipswich MAT

Place of work:

Hintlesham & Chattisham C of E Primary School **Job term**:

Part Time

Appointment:

Permanent

Closing date:

Monday 19th July 2021 09:00 AM

- £18,198 pro rata
- 5 hours per week, 38 weeks per year (Monday Tuesday Wednesday and Friday 1.25 hours per day) We are happy to consider applicants on a job share basis.
- · Permanent contract
- · Required from September 2021

We are looking for a friendly, caring, and flexible person to join our team and support our children during their lunch break.

The role will be to assist the children during lunchtime, setting up and clearing away the tables, cleaning during and afterwards and to provide playground support and supervision, including basic medical care where necessary. You will be expected to facilitate or lead play across the school. (Support and training will be given where necessary.) You will be working both inside and outside the school building and you will need to be able to work effectively as part of a team, enjoy working with children and reflect our school values.

Please contact Sally Gooderham, Office Manager on 01473 652344 or email admin@hintleshamchattisham.suffolk.sch.uk for more information.

If you are interested in applying for the post, the job description and application form are available on the school's website https://www. hintleshamchattishamschool.com/vacancies or from Sally Gooderham.

St Edmundsbury & Ipswich MAT is committed to safer recruitment, equal opportunities, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check will be required.

# **H&C Parish Council Meeting Notes -**

Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held in Community Hall on Thursday 8th July 2021 at 7:30pm

Chris Leney writes:

#### Present at the Meeting:

8 Parish Councillors, 1 District Councillor – David Busby, 5 Members of the Public

#### Apologies for Absence were received from:

Debbie Archer, Ian Bryce, Jamie Bostock

It was noted that no apologies were received from County Councillor Christopher Hudson.

#### Parish Council Vacancies

Mr Jim Murphy and Mr Jim Hammond were co-opted onto the Parish Council.

#### District Council Report

Councillor Busby reported that the new pool at Hadleigh was now open, following a £2m+spend. Joint Local Plan hearings at Copdock had technical problems and now both stages of the plan (policies and allocation hearings) were due to be held in September together. They were still on target to have the new Local Plan in place by spring 2022. Bolton Brothers had terminated their contract with Babergh District Council for paper recycling, as the price of paper had dropped. Babergh District Council are currently reviewing their options, but in the meantime Councillor Busby suggested putting newspapers etc in the blue bins with other household recycling.

Councillor Busby reported that the development of the former Babergh Council offices at Cork Lane had hit some problems with flood zones, but they are still planning to go ahead with phase 1, being the conversion of the offices themselves. The Council's investment arm (CIFCO Capital – www.cifcocapital.com) had now fully spent its allocation on commercial investment properties. It was noted that the properties

were now worth less than had been paid and some units were empty following the coronavirus outbreak.

#### Planning

#### DC/21/03710

Side Garden of Cottage, Duke Street, Hintlesham – Sub-division of plot.

The Parish Council objected on the basis of highway concerns, as per the previous application.

#### DC/21/03507

Land Rear of Lilivan, Duke Street, Hintlesham – Discharge of Conditions

The Parish Council noted concerns that the conditions were not being dealt with adequately and there were other aspects of the planning permission that had not yet been dealt with.

#### DC/21/03299

Mill Farm Barns, Priory Road, Hintlesham – Tennis Court and Ancillary Storage Building.

No objections.

## DC/21/02671 Land North of A1071, Ipswich

Erection of 750 Dwellings

Following contact from Sproughton Parish
Council, the Parish Council agreed to
support the objections of Sproughton Parish
Council, in particular highlighting concerns

of highways and the additional traffic that

would impact severally on our villages.

# **Hintlesham Playground Improvements**

David Marsh, former Chair of the Parish Council writes ...

At the end of 2018 the Parish Council, following earlier discussions, agreed to set up a joint working committee with the Community Council to investigate ways of improving the Playground area, both with regards to the surface there and possible additional equipment that could be added.

The committee first met in early 2019 and quickly decided a more resilient and safe surface was needed, rather than the existing bark topping and that whilst doing this work, consideration should be given the installation of some adult exercise equipment. Quotes from several suppliers were sought (the easy part) and then ways of funding it were discussed (the hard part). Whilst both the PC and the Community Council had access to some funds, it was in no way sufficient to cover the costs, attention then turned to securing the balance by grants. Various organisations were contacted and amongst them Babergh District Council and Suffolk County Council, via Cllr Hudson's locality budget, contributed between them, sufficient funding to allow the project to go ahead. Having got the final go-ahead, the Pandemic then hit, delaying proceedings somewhat. Finally, in May this year, work started and was completed by early June, a little later than originally planned due to the need to carry out some repairs to the legs of some of the play equipment, the extra cost of this met by additional funding from the Community Council.

The play equipment is now surrounded by a "wet pour" rubberised mix providing, as intended, a safer, more resilient and virtually maintenance free surface and adjacent to it are

free surface and adjacent to it are three freshly installed pieces of adult exercise equipment. The double health walker allows two people to use it simultaneously and provides

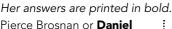
a lower body workout, whilst having a low

impact on hip and knee joints. The rower improves upper body and core muscles and can be used for both gentle or intense workouts, whilst, finally, sky stepper provides all round cardio-

vascular exercise with its back and forwards motion. All of the machines have information plates attached, giving advice and instructions for use. Hopefully, now mums and dads can give themselves a workout whilst their kids use up some energy on the swings etc and when they have exhausted themselves, some of the more senior members of the community can take some more gentle exercise to help improve their fitness levels.

# End of year test for the Headteacher

With the Summer exam season now behind us, 'The Link' decided to turn the tables on Hintlesham School's headteacher, Debbie Jackson, and set her an end of year test.



Craig?

Indian or **Chinese** take-away?

Rolls Royce or Ferrari?

**Debbie**, Debs or Deborah?

Nutella or **lemon & sugar** on your pancake?

Salt & vinegar or Cheese

and onion crisps?

Romans or The Victorians?

Samsung or I-Phone?

**Tea** or coffee?

Marmite or **marmalade**?

**Bees** or butterflies?

Sunflowers or roses?

**Staff meeting** or Governors' meeting?

**New handbag** or new shoes?

**Swings** or roundabouts?

Read a book or watch TV?

Picasso or **Constable**?

**Diamonds** or pearls?

Wimbledon or Wembley?

**Summer term** or Christmas term?

# 200 Club Lottery -The Community Fundraiser

Annie Eaton, 200 Club Co-ordinator writes... If you are not a member you can join by contacting me at hccc200club@gmail. com Membership is £12 a year, the money raised is given out in prizes and supports the Community Facilities.

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Prize Money	JULY 2021	Member No	
	Draw Winners		
£40	C Bartley – Hintlesham	459	
£30	J Davies - Chattisham	450	
£20	B Pittock – Hintlesham	412	
£15	S Watson – Hintlesham	292	
£15	J Robinson - Hintlesham	333	

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#### MOBILE LIBRARY

Mobile library van visits Timperleys at 3.05pm until 4.00pm each month on the following dates:

11th August

8th September

6th October

3rd November

29th December

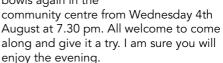
## **SONGS OF PRAISE**

Covid restrictions permitting, we hope to hold a Songs of Praise service at St. Nicholas Church Hintlesham on Sunday 26 September at 3pm. Light refreshments will be available and all are welcome. Further details in the September Link.

#### **BOWLS CLUB**

Frank Wilkin reports..

Good news! We are able to start playing bowls again in the



Contact Frank 652506

## **WALKING GROUP**

Barry Williams writes...

We have decided NOT to do a walk in August as we nearly all hope to get away on holiday. We will meet up in September. Have a good Summer!



Contact Barry 652632

#### **TUESDAY CIRCLE**

Hilary Deakin writes...



Thursday 2nd September 2021 at 7.30 In Main Hall at Community Hall.

#### Cake & Catch up

(New members welcome, Meetings 1st Thursday of month)

Come & sign up

Members Fish & Chips supper in October Lisa Kellet (author) speaking in November Christmas meal in December

Contact Hilary 652109

# **COME FOR A SWIM**

Diana Bryce writes ...

Birch Farm indoor pool is available for hourly family hire every day during the summer holidays. £35 for up to 4 people and £40 for up to 6 people. If interested, please email me at birchfarmswimclub@outlook.com

## 4YP HINTLESHAM & CHATTISHAM FRIDAY YOUTH CLUB

The Hut, Timperleys, Hintlesham IP8 3PS

6-8pm

12-16 years

Dates: July 30th, Aug 13th - 27th, Sept 10th & 24th, Oct 8th - 22nd

Contact Suffolk Young People's Health Project 01473 252607





# CHURCH SERVICES August 2021

1 August	Morning Service	9.30 a.m	Chattisham
8 August	Parish Morning Service	9.30 a.m	Hintlesham
15 August	Holy Communion (Rev Jackson)	9.30 a.m	Chattisham
22 August	Family Service (Rev Jackson)	9.30 a.m	Hintlesham
29 August	5th Sunday Service on line		

**NEXT MONTH:** 

5 September Morning Service

9.30 a.m Chattisham

**NB:** These services may be subject to alteration.

Please check the website or look out for Notices on Church Notice Boards.

Click www.kind.church/handc for the latest church news, events and service times.

The deadline for the September edition of The Village Link: **10am Wednesday 18th August 2021** – but the earlier the better please!

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# **Final Words**

The only two things that money can't buy That's true love and homegrown tomatoes John Denver