



Hintlesham & Chattisham

THE VILLAGE LINK

DECEMBER 2021

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Hall lunch

Thursday 16th December

12.30pm

Community Hall, Hintlesham

Chattisham Carol Service

Sunday 19th December

6pm

Chattisham Church

Christmas Carol Sing along

Sunday 12th December

3pm

Hintlesham Church

Christmas Grand Draw

Saturday 18th December

7pm

Social Club, Community Centre, Hintlesham

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Tuesday 14th December

10am – 12 noon

Chattisham Church

Midnight Mass

Friday 24th December

11.30pm

St Nicholas Church, Hintlesham

See inside for further details of all these events and more.

Wishing all our readers a very merry Christmas



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

A Christmas message from Reverend Jackson

Put your head out of the tent...

It's an ancient Arabian proverb. When someone is feeling stressed and anxious, concerned about what's happened or what may happen. The proverb goes like this "Untie the cords and loosen the flaps, put your head out of the tent and look at the stars".

Or at least that's the English translation. In the original Arabic it's a flowing idiomatic river of words, and I think there's something about the fortitude of a camel, or that may be my poor Arabic, which is a little rusty and I get confused between the Arabic word for camel and their word for colour which is the same as their word for chameleon. Never mind, on with the story.

Jeff Bezos said he was humbled when he went up to space for seven minutes in his 3 billion pound phallic rocket, because he could see the earth and the stars. I personally wonder if he's quite grasped the meaning of the word humble. As the option to join him on his space jaunts isn't open to us, we need something different. Which is where the Arabic proverb comes in. I mean, last Christmas was stressful and tricky, but this year Christmas is going to be realllllly tricky. It's going to be full of the E word. It's going to have lots and lots and lots of the E word. It's going to be wrapped up in the E word, basted in the E word and roasted in goose fat and the E word.

Yep, you've got it. Expectations, or as we're going to do to ourselves **EXPECTATIONS** yes, I really did make that word bold, italic and underlined. If I could have used green ink I would have done. We're going to be told by our esteemed politicians to have a normal Christmas, which is Boris Johnson's code for "spend as much as you can, we really need the VAT". Which is one reason why we've decided that all presents in Rectory Towers this year will be from charity shops. But enough of my greenwashing, what I want to say is this...

When you try your best but the roast is burnt

When you don't get what you want or like what you need

When your family messes up the room and it's covered in stuff

And the plans are stuck in rever er se (apologies to Coldplay)

Well that's when you quietly leave the room. Open the front door and take a few steps, look up and see the stars. It might only be a couple of them, in fact it'll most likely be cloudy anyway. So make a note to yourself: pop out tomorrow and go to St Nicholas or All Saints because they're open every day, all daylight hours.

And sit in there for a few minutes. Look at the crib and the lights and the illuminated plastic stars. Take a few minutes to put yourself in the Christmas story. A woman called Mary who saved the word by giving birth to the saviour. A person, you, loved unconditionally for who you are, not for the quality of your mulled wine or roast turkey. Loved unconditionally for being you.

And if you do that, if you take ten minutes out of your Christmastide to look at the stars and thank God that He says you matter, really matter. Then you'll have changed yourself and your Christmas. You, the Christmas story and ten minutes in church. Go on, you're worth it.

See you at the School service, the midnight service, the carols service and maybe one day you'll pop into church and see me sitting in there, looking at the stars, because I really need to this year.

All the best, Jackson

A MESSAGE FROM THE WHITE FAMILY

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of my husband David White.

Many people in the village have already reached out to us with touching messages of love and support and we would like to thank them dearly.

David's funeral is due to be held at St Margaret and All Saints Church, Chattisham at 1:30pm on Wednesday 8th December.

Janet, Clare and James White

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

Gerald Main writes...

Early morning rain on Remembrance Sunday didn't deter people from attending the annual service, held again this year in the churchyard of St Nicholas Church. The service was led by Church Warden, Jenny Cox, and attended by a congregation numbering over 50. Jenny was assisted by Stephen Ramsey and, as has become the tradition, the names of those listed on the memorials in Hintlesham & Chattisham were read aloud by Cathy Leney. These included that of Harold Tipple who is buried in the churchyard and whose name was added to the Hintlesham Memorial in August 2020. He is known as 'the last man on the memorial'. At 11 o'clock, as the leaves fell, Haydon Wilding played The Last Post and the Reveille on a trumpet.

Harold's story is told on the Hintlesham War Memorial website:

<http://hintleshamwarmemorial.com/news/>

Jenny wishes to thank everyone who attended or played any part in the annual service.

POPPY APPEAL

Auriol Wilson writes...

I would like to say an enormous thank you to all who gave so generously this year, and particularly to Jenny, Eileen, The George and Hintlesham Hall for all they did. We raised the wonderful sum of £708 – our contribution to an amazing cause.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Christine Shackell and Jane Henderson who have kindly volunteered to take on deliveries of The Link in Chattisham.

EARLIER LINK DEADLINE NEXT MONTH

Please note the deadline for the next issue of The Link (January) is earlier than usual:

10am Wednesday 15th December

CHATTITUDE ART WORKSHOP – CHATTISHAM CHURCH

SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER – 2PM FOR 2-2½ HOURS

This second workshop will be a little more structured than the first, a little more serious but still fun, it will include drinks and cookies. The theme will be still life. There will be 3 set pieces to choose from, local artist Kieran Smith will give a brief presentation then draw some of his ideas while you make your choice. You will then make a drawing before moving on to add colour. Kieran will be on hand throughout this to offer advice and guidance. If time permits everyone will be given an item to decorate, if not it can be taken to work on at home ready for the next class.

We will finish with any questions and choosing the subject for the next workshop.

TICKETS – Adults - £12.50

Accompanied children and students - £3.50

Available from Judy Bradley – 01473 652071 or – candj@cjbradley.co.uk

BACON BAP BULLETIN!

Roger Luxmoore-Styles writes...

Many thanks to all those gents who came along to the Gents' Breakfast on 6 November - it was well-attended: many a cup of coffee was sunnily slurped and many a bacon bap merrily munched, as we chatted about all manner of compelling topics of the day (oh,... and sport). Who knows? Maybe we will do it again some time...! We even had an impromptu collection which raised £50 for the Porch Project in Hadleigh. Thanks also to Richard de Banks for facilitating the use of the (clean and tidy!) Community Hall.

ADVENT BOXES

In light of the fact that so many families are struggling – reduction in universal credit, rising heating and food costs etc. and in light of the fantastic response we have had to this appeal in the past, we thought we would do Advent Boxes again this year to help the work of FIND.

The idea is that for the 24 days of Advent, starting on December 1st, you place a food item per day in a box, which we will then take to FIND. We will not be taking the boxes until January – so no fresh items! Meals in a tin are welcome, often people have only one pan in which to heat food. Big soup, beans and sausages, biscuits, microwaveable rice, cereals, coffee, tea and toiletries – or if you would prefer vouchers (£5) from any of the supermarkets.

Thank you – Jenny 652466



Hintlesham and Chattisham Community – mid-year update

Tym Moore writes...

I am really pleased to say that the Community Council activities are starting to return to pre-covid levels; however, it is still early days.

- The re-formed Events Committee have been working hard with the Social Club Committee and the Hall Management Committee in organising events once again, starting with a very successful Bingo Night and then an Oktoberfest.
- I must say I'm delighted to have John Whyman elected as Social Club Chair; together with his very hardworking committee members, they are building a great atmosphere for members to have a drink and enjoy each other's company.
- Richard DeBanks is doing amazing work in re-scheduling new and existing hirers and to help them use the Hall in a safe and secure manner.
- The more eagle eyed of you may notice the area around the hall is looking smarter, for which Jane Whyman and her Hall Environs team members must take full credit.
- We have taken on a contractor (Jason Bullard) to maintain the Hintlesham and Chattisham playing fields which are looking far healthier and in better condition due to his fantastic stewardship. Jason also helped replace fencing between the field and The Old Rectory which was in very poor condition.
- Mark Smith, with his regular Woodland Working Parties are making serious improvements to the Church Belt woodland, and in the spring, Mark worked with external contractors to make safe trees close to the A1071.
- Annie Eaton has done a great job running the 200 Club for many years; she has now handed over the reins to Liz Stones and Jill Warner to continue her excellent work with the able assistance of her collectors. The draw now takes place in the Hall the last Friday of every month so, please, come along and watch - and perhaps stay for a drink.

Treasurer's Interim Report - As at 30 September 2021

In 2021 the Hintlesham & Chattisham Community Council's ordinary course of business was once again impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic. The restrictions early in the year meant that the Community Hall had to close once more and all income from the hire of the hall ceased. Fortunately, grants were available from Babergh DC and the H&CCC received a total of £17,374 between January and May 21, this included a grant of £8,000 to assist with 'reopening' costs.

With Hall hire starting again properly in June and with revenue from other income streams such as playing field hire, recycling and the monthly draw etc, the total income achieved for the 9 months to 30 September 21 was £29,773.

Thanks to the grants received both this year and last, the Community Council has had sufficient funds to be able to proceed with some substantial projects already agreed to prior to the pandemic. The Community Council has been involved in the funding of two main projects so far this year.

The playground at the Hintlesham playing field was resurfaced, this work was funded by the Parish Council but the H&CCC contributed £11,000 towards the cost. Unfortunately, when the resurfacing began it was discovered that remedial work was also required to repair the legs of the play equipment itself due to decay. The Community Council met this unexpected cost of £4,493.

The second major project undertaken was the felling of trees in the Woodland Church Belt surrounding the Community Hall. The trees had been identified as unsafe so this essential work at a cost of £8,500 was carried out in March 21.

Other smaller projects included the repairing of the fence between the Hintlesham playing

field and the Old Rectory at a cost of £1,826 and the resetting of the goal posts on the playing field.

It is hoped, that with the successful reopening of the hall and steady increase in revenue, the Community Council will be able to plan for essential maintenance on its property and consider improvements for the future.

We could really do with your help!

I conclude with an appeal.

Running our facilities is all done by our very generous volunteers, but we are always looking for extra willing hands. If you can spare a few hours a month, then please let us know. No specific skills are required, just

enthusiasm and a willingness to muck in. Our tasks vary from helping run events, serving behind the bar, filling in rabbit holes in the playing fields, through to becoming more involved in our committees. If you have the time and interest, we can find a satisfying role for you! Our sole purpose is to provide services to the Hintlesham and Chattisham Community, so to enable us to keep providing services, please get involved; join us, help us out and have some fun!

Full information about the Parish Council and the Community Council. What Is On, who to contact etc. can be found on this link <http://hintleshamandchattisham.onesuffolk.net>

Feedback is really welcome so please feel to comment and contribute to village life.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Cris Langton writes...

The SC has been opening regularly since 24th April 2021! Thank you to all the members who help keep our "taps" running both behind and in front of the bar. We're always looking for more member volunteers, particularly on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

We're now inviting existing members to renew their memberships for 2022 (due by Jan 31st 2022). Please look in your email inboxes or by post boxes, if we don't have another contact for you, for forms and payment methods. These will also be available from the village website (under Clubs/Social Club tab) and bar w/c 6th December.

We plan to be open on 24th Dec, but additional openings between 26th Dec and 2nd Jan will be published on the village website & the community hall and Facebook noticeboards as soon as they are confirmed. Please text John if you'd like to be included in the Whatsapp group (07850 634724) to receive the most up-to-date news and to discuss joining or volunteering. Our new email address is socialclub.HC@gmail.com. Cheers!



Christmas at The George

December at the George (Open as usual to 24th)

Christmas Eve	Quiz & Raffle
Christmas Day	(Sorry Closed)
Boxing Day Lunch	(Restaurant - Bookings Only) Bar open for drinks 12-3pm
28th, 29th & 30th	Lunchtimes Only 11:30-3pm
New Year's Eve	Pie & Quiz Night (Restaurant - Bookings Only)
New Year's Day	Lunchtime Only 1-3pm
Sunday 2nd January	11:30-4pm



Please see website for more details www.ghfood.uk

SESAW NEWS

Pat Ferdinando writes...

It's time to thank all the wonderful people who support SESAW in so many different ways - those who look after the animals, carry out maintenance, organise fundraising, donate items or cash, visit our stalls at events to mention but a few. Your efforts ensure the charity continues to care for animals in need. We plan to hold sales again in 2022, assuming no Covid restrictions prevent it. Please leave a message on our ansaphone or email if you would like to help at events or can commit to one morning a week for animal care.

Copies of Frank Payne's book "Here Today, Gone Tomorrow" are still available, an ideal Christmas present when combined with the Author's next instalment, "Well Worth Waiting For". Frank details his wartime childhood, National Service leading to his career as a Sports journalist. Phone 01206 263006 to order the two volumes for £10, all proceeds to SESAW.

We do not rehomed animals over the Christmas period, so we will be closed from 10th December to 10th January 2022 except for emergencies. Season's greetings to all our readers and to Jean and Gerald with thanks for giving us a voice.

Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare Tel: 01787 210888 www.sesaw.co.uk



HSA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

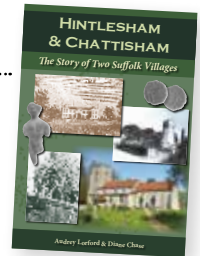
The Hintlesham School Association is delighted to be able to hold a raffle this Christmas. All proceeds will go to the school, helping to fund resources and enrichment activities for the children. Tickets (£1 each) will be available from the Social Club, The George Pub, the school office or directly from Cris Langton (07958 522079). We are putting together a fabulous selection Christmas hampers and vouchers. Keep an eye out on the village website and Facebook noticeboard for photos of the prizes from mid December! Please also contact Cris if you would like to make a donation. We're keeping all our fingers crossed for a Christmas Fayre with all the trimmings in 2022. THANK YOU and Happy Christmas!

VILLAGE HISTORY BOOK

After a reprint, we have more copies of our local history book: 'Hintlesham and Chattisham – the Story of Two Suffolk Villages'.

With 380 well illustrated pages for £20, this would make the ideal Christmas gift.

If you would like a copy please phone Diane Chase on 652359 or email r.d.chase@uwclub.net



COFFEE STOP

Welcome to Coffee Stop on
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month

**Drop in between 10-12 on Wednesday 8th December
at the Community Hall No Coffee Stop on 22nd December**



Come and meet your friends or bring a neighbour and enjoy a cup of coffee and cake.

Unlimited coffee, tea £1 Homemade cake, cheese scones 50p

More info from Margaret Langton 652210



at Birch Farm, Hintlesham

'CHRISTMAS HAMPERS'

order now/collect for Christmas!

To order please go to www.woodlandsfarmshop.co.uk

As we are now opening Monday 31st January 2022, we have created 10 different virtual hampers, packed full of local products, to showcase some of our suppliers.

Prices start from £7.50 to £75

The Fabulous Family Foodie

Mediterranean Memories x2

Chocolate Lovers Heaven

Tasty Tasty Cheese Sensation

It's all in the Pink

Gin Many Ways

Super Charged Chilli

Low Alcohol/Great Taste!

Hearty Bold/Cheese & Beer

As our hampers are fully loaded with local products you are guaranteed your hamper will be here ready for Christmas!

We also have beautiful table centres/wreaths for pre order created by Twenty Roses (Hintlesham), as well as some gift sets, toys and books – for children and adults

Woodlands will provide a shop, with LOCAL producers at the heart, where you can shop to produce a meal using local, fresh, additive free ingredients, at an affordable cost

Every supplier has made it their goal to offer the very best, whether it is supplying a product or creating one, their aim is to provide the freshest, most healthy, yet sustainable product possible

We are promoting our suppliers individually, presenting their products with their own story and ethos, bringing the customer closer to the producer

Buying healthy, natural, high quality local products has never been so important, to reduce carbon miles, whilst supporting the local community.

CHATTISHAM ANIMAL AND BIRD WORLD THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

By Pat & Bryan Sandford

The deer population has declined over the past years with very few crossing the fields and fox numbers have also dropped as have hedgehogs. However, badgers are on the increase, feeding on worms and using many gardens as toilets. There was one sad report involving badgers when fifteen chickens were killed.

Just one or two hares but more rabbits seen before myxomatosis returns. A black tom cat we know keeps the rat population at bay.

The bird population is stable in most breeds and migration seems earlier each year with blackbirds going to Devon and Cornwall to winter. Not so many around in the last few years. Climate change?? The late singing and early rising of our song birds is a treat for us all and there has been a big increase in blue tits. We have a new hunter eyeing a meal below with two old and three young Red Kites, although they mainly eat dead creatures or carrion. There are plenty of pigeons who breed all the year round. A welcome sight in our garden is a family of pheasants. Nine young hatched out in the Spring and several are still there. We have seven magpies, around fifty starlings and some coloured doves regularly around the feed tables.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

19th December 6pm ...

...Is to be different again this year.

We will have it outside at Chattisham Church by candle & torch light. A shortened version to protect the toes and noses ! All welcome for mulled wine and mince pies served from the church afterwards. If weather bad, please refer to website <https://kind.church> for contingencies.

Mary L-S 652423,
Stephen Ramsey 652585



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Ailsa Denny of Chattisham who won this year's Christmas tree competition. The correct answer was 7000 Christmas trees. Thank you to all who entered the competition.



EMPTY PILL PACKS

Jenny Cox writes...

Thank you so much for your continuing support for this great recycling project – and now here's another - STAMPS for the RNIB – I am happy to receive these and to send them on. The stamps need to have a paper border round them, so tear or cut them from the envelope leaving a border please. Just pop them in my letter box and I will let you know how we get on!



Raydon Christmas Trees

We have around 7,000 Nordmann Fir and Norway Spruce trees available.

Put your wellies on and come along to choose your tree.

Tag-it in Oct/Nov for collection/delivery at a later date.

Potted trees and wreaths available.

Find us on Facebook
fb.me/Raydonchristmastrees



**From £6
per ft**



Opening Times

October 2021							November 2021							December 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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W : raydonagricultural.co.uk
E : christmas@raydonagricultural.co.uk
M : 07515472742

A : Blackstump Cottage, Woodlands Road,
Raydon, IP7 5QD
Near Raydon Railway Walk

H&CCC MONTHLY DRAW- THE COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

The December Monthly Draw will take place on Friday 24th December at the earlier time of 6pm. Everybody welcome!

Membership of the Draw is only £12 a year and the money raised is given out in prizes and supports the work of the Community Council. If you are not already a member of the Draw and would like to join please email liz.stones3@gmail.com

Prize Money	October 2021 Draw Winners	Member No.
£40	David Presley	331
£30	Maria Ward	149
£20	Jane Macdonald	279
£15	Cathy Leney	145
£15	Lindy Lander	403



BOWLS CLUB

Frank Wilkin reports...

We never thought it would happen this year but we started our league campaign last week. We played Harkstead away losing 8-2 but it was good playing competitive bowls again.

Matches coming up:-

Belstead at home 25th November
Bentley at home 9th December
Chelmondiston away 17th December

Club nights as normal every Wednesday at 7.30 pm at Hintlesham village hall.

I would like to wish everybody a very Happy Christmas and New Year and stay healthy everybody.

Contact Frank 652506

WALKING GROUP

Barry Williams writes...

Thursday 9th December:
Meet at the Community Hall at 10am for a 2 hour walk on familiar paths. After the walk we will have a Christmas drink in the George. Everyone welcome! More info. from Barry on 652632.



FAnTa

CHRISTIAN YOUTH GROUP

The last FAnTa of the year will be a film night in Hintlesham Church on Friday, Dec 3rd from 17:45. All school children aged 13+ are welcome to attend. Please bring snacks to share! The first meeting of 2022 will be on Friday Jan 21st 18-19:30.

For further info contact Cris on 07958522079

TUESDAY CIRCLE



Members at our November meeting were treated to a very interesting talk on writing and producing children's books for publishing to a world wide audience by Lisa Kellet.

Donations of £210 were made to the Tree House (EACH).

In December members are meeting for a Christmas meal at the Golf Club 7 for 7.30.

Then in the New Year 1pm on 6th January is Soup and Sweet.

Back to 7.30 on 3rd February, when Subs £20 will be collected.

An 'Open meeting' with Justin Kett of Fork Deli in Hadleigh, demonstrating and speaking on his cookery inspiration.

Please bring along neighbours and friends to join us, guests £3.50.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Seasons Greetings from your T. Circle Committee.

Contact Hilary 652109

MOBILE LIBRARY

Mobile library van visits Timperleys at 3.05pm until 4.00pm each month.

Next visit: 29th December



CHRISTMAS HALL LUNCH

THURSDAY 16th December, 12.30pm at the Community Hall.

Contact Stephanie 652297 for further details.

CHURCH CLEANING

If you would like to help, we clean at 9.30am on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, meeting in church. It usually takes about an hour. Chris 652464



CHURCH SERVICES

DECEMBER 2021

5 December	Morning Service	9.30 am	Chattisham
12 December	Christingle Service	9.30 am	Hintlesham
	Christmas Carol Sing-along (with Band)	3.00 pm	Hintlesham
19 December	No Morning Service		
	Carols by Candlelight	6.00 pm	Chattisham
24 December	Crib Service	4.30 pm	Hintlesham
	Midnight Mass	11.30 pm	Hintlesham
25 December	Festival Eucharist	9.30 am	Chattisham
26 December	No Services		
2nd January 2022	Morning Service	9.30 am	Chattisham

Services subject to alteration. Notification will be given.

You are warmly invited to an informal **"Christmas Carol Sing-along"** with the Ensemble of the Phoenix Brass Band on Sunday 12 December at 3 p.m. in Hintlesham Church, with coffee/tea and biscuits afterwards. All welcome. Retiring collection for the Band's charity. Enquiries: Margaret Engle 652646 (eves only).

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

The deadline for the January edition of The Village Link:
10am Wednesday 15th December 2021 – but the earlier the better please!

The magazine welcomes contributions, but reserves the right to amend, shorten or reject any article or advertisement submitted for publication. Any views expressed by contributors are not necessarily shared by the magazine's committee.

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Final Words

I wish you a hopeful Christmas

I wish you a brave new year

All anguish, pain and sadness

Leave your heart and let your road be clear

Greg Lake – I believe in Father Christmas.

