

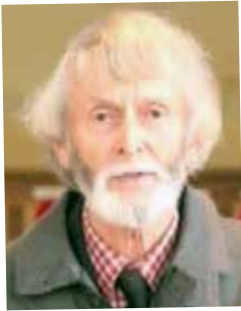


Hintlesham & Chattisham

THE VILLAGE LINK

FEBRUARY 2021

100 Donations Not Out



Peter King, from George Street, Hintlesham donated his 100th unit of blood in December 2020. Friends and neighbours send congratulations and best wishes on a great achievement.



Brown Bin Collections Suspended

Babergh Council has suspended its collection of garden waste until further notice. According to Babergh's website, it is to allow crews to prioritise essential waste collections, such as the collection of refuse, recycling and clinical waste.

VACANCY

Chattisham and Hintlesham Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. The role is home-based with flexible working hours and requires a person who has good organisational, numeracy, communication and IT skills. 3 hrs per wk @ £11.02 per hr. Closing Date 28th February 2021

For further information and detailed job description please contact Jo Brown – Clerk at hintandchat.pc@btinternet.com .

Thank You Hintlesham Hall

Despite being closed due to Covid restrictions, Hintlesham Hall gave the village a firework display on New Year's Eve. As the last rocket lit up the sky above the Hall, calls for "more" and a round of applause echoed around Duke Street and Timperleys.

Chattisham Burglary

Police are appealing for witnesses and information following a burglary in Chattisham. The break-in occurred sometime between 12 noon Friday 15th and 8am Saturday 16th January at a home on The Street in the village. An intruder forced the bottom panel of a door to gain entry. A search was made, and a watch and golf tees were stolen. Anyone with any information, or who saw anything suspicious, should phone 101, quoting crime reference number: 37/2532/21 or email – Christopher.Sinden@suffolk.police.uk



It's
Fixed

Openreach white vans were a very familiar sight in Hintlesham for several weeks during November and December. At times, there were no less than 5 vans parked in Duke Street and George Street while workmen dug holes, erected tents and checked equipment on telegraph poles.

An Openreach spokesman explained: "We've been replacing a faulty underground cable." He added: "The work is now complete, and everything should be back to normal."



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 View From Here ...

Michael Gale writes:

My wife Mary and I with our two young girls moved to Hintlesham about 33 years ago and when we look back, very fondly, over that time it's hard not to reflect on how lucky we are to live in Hintlesham and Chattisham.

We live at Wood Farm, a 15th century farmhouse which, along with several other ancient properties around here, is recorded in that brilliant book "Hintlesham and Chattisham, The Story of Two Suffolk Villages" written by local historian Audrey Lawford and Diane Chase. If you've not read it get hold of a copy, it's a really good reference of our history.

We've had some exciting times over the years, how many of you remember "The Bypass" or "The Pylons", my goodness those two events raised much passion and



not a little controversy. Personally, I think "The Bypass" was the more engaging of the two. Much campaigning went on, leaflets, petitions, covert meetings of opposing sides, official consultations at the village hall, should it be the "Red" route or the "Blue"? Was there a third option? I can't remember now but at the end all the plans were dropped and we went back to our day jobs, some now believing they were experts on bypass planning and of course our houses were not blighted after all.

As for the pylons it was much the same only this time we were all on the same side, demanding the new cables went underground instead of giant pylons despoiling our beautiful countryside. Lots more meetings and campaigning with consultations at the village hall. Well, no new pylons arrived and yes you guessed it we all became pylon experts, and our houses weren't blighted for the second time!

Keep safe and be patient, the vaccine will arrive despite all the bureaucracy getting in the way.

WANTED: Link Deliverer

The Link is looking for a volunteer to deliver the magazine in the Silver Hill neighbourhood in March, April and May. The round is 25 magazines from the White House on the A1071 to Birch Farm on one side of the road and from Peartree Cottage to Tor Gable on the other. (During the current Covid restrictions, delivering The Link should be regarded as "daily exercise" and social distancing must always be observed.)

Please contact Gerald Main at
VillageLink2020@gmail.com

Next Month

In the March edition of The Village Link ...

Tales of the Tall Trees,

a new feature - H&C Questions and Answers
and an update on "The Pilot's Grave" ...

**Plus your contributions are always
welcome to VillageLink2020@gmail.com
by 17 February.**



Gardening Club

Cathy Leney writes:

We hope that everyone who ordered seeds has now received their delivery. Sadly, the Annual Dinner in February, the Spring Show in March and the Garden Trip in the summer have all been cancelled this year. However, we hope the Autumn Show will take place in September – watch this space!

Plant Sale 2021 2nd May In aid of The Friends of Chattisham with Hintlesham Church's Restoration Fund

Spring is approaching and we need to start thinking of our gardens, which have played such an important part in our wellbeing during the pandemic. The intention is to hold the Plant Sale again, even if we do not know yet what form it will take. It would be wonderful if we were to have our normal format, with teas and raffles and a lovely community get-together, but it looks more likely to be a virtual sale again, using the internet and the phone.

Plug plants have been ordered, seeds have arrived and greenhouses are already full of cuttings. If anybody has space in a frost free greenhouse to help growing plug plants, or to accommodate cuttings, please let us know, we need more space! Self-seeded plants in the garden, or split herbaceous plants are also very welcome nearer the time. Please, pot them up and label them. If you need pots, please ask Margaret Langton, 01473 652210. For more information contact Mary Williams at 01473 652632 or baryandmarywtb@gmail.com



Book Club

Jean Sanders writes:

Following her article in last month's Village Link, I should like to pay tribute to Stephanie Coupland for the organisation of our villages' Book Club. In the days when we met at the Community Hall we had cosy chats and some interesting views, but of course all that came to an end with the first Lockdown.

Stephanie, however, was not deterred! After a very short break, she has been running the club herself: collecting the books from Capel library, distributing them all around the villages, collecting them up again a month later, then returning them to the library in order to pick up the following month's books to start all over again. She also sends out emails, so we can let all members have our comments, good and bad, on the book just read - and some very interesting comments have been expressed. It also keeps us in touch with one another at this very difficult and lonely time. All this has meant a good deal of time and effort, so I think we would all like to say, "Thank you Steph, well done, and long may Book Worms continue!"



Speed Sign Update

David Marsh, Chair of the Parish Council, writes:

Back in the May 2020 edition of the Link was the good news that the village was to have its own vehicle activated speed sign. Since it first flashed at incoming motorists from Hadleigh entering via Duke Street at the beginning of April, it has recorded a 10% drop in speeds over 30mph, so its effect in helping reduce speeds is proven and the data obtained from it has been very helpful in gauging vehicle movement levels. At the time, it was announced that it would be moved around the village between various positions.

After much reminding and cajoling, Suffolk highways have finally modified three more posts in order for us to achieve this. The sign has now been installed on Silver Hill to remind motorists entering the village from Ipswich of the 30 mph speed limit. Judging by the reactions from passing cars, there has been an immediate beneficial effect. Further posts sited on George Street entering the Village from Hadleigh, and an additional position in Duke Street for vehicles leaving in the direction of Hadleigh and Chattisham, are now waiting for the sign to take its turn. This, and the acquisition of our own speed gun to allow greater flexibility for our Speedwatch team show the Parish Council's continuing commitment to keeping speeds down in our village.



valentines Specials



Please book by Wednesday 10th

Breakfast-in-Bed - £10 - (9-11am)

(with a short trip to the front door)

Sausage, bacon, scrambled egg, hash brown, black pudding, tomato, baked beans, mushrooms & a mini Prosecco (or Nosecco)
(Vegetarian option available)

Three Course Dinner - £18 - (12-6pm)

Starters

Prawn cocktail with brown bread
Cheesy garlic mushrooms with garlic croutons

Mains

Slow-roasted Steak Diane
Chicken wrapped in Prosciutto & stuffed with asparagus
(both with Dauphinoise potatoes & seasonal vegetables)
King prawn & salmon Thermidor with garlic bread

Desserts

Chocolate salted caramel tart
Red fruit cobbler

Isolation Lunches

Every Wednesday - Delivered between 1 & 1:30pm - Choice of two
from £5 - Phone for details and order before 12 on Monday

Take-Away & Delivery

Available during Lockdown - Tue-Sat - 5-7:30pm & Sundays - 12-6pm
Menu available at www.gghfood.uk - Phone to order or request a menu

Stay Safe - Tasha & Daniel - 01473 652 408

H&C Parish Council Meeting Notes - meeting held via Zoom on 14 January



The first meeting of the year unfortunately begins with notice of the resignation of the Parish Council Chair – David Marsh and the Parish Council Clerk - Jo Brown. They have both served the Parish council well and it will be a real challenge to replace them.

In November 2020 the Grit bin located at the junction of the 1070 and Cherrygrounds mysteriously disappeared. Councillor Jamie Bostock kindly organised a replacement which is now in place, full of grit and ready for use.

Planning:

The following applications were not supported by the council due to them not conforming with the Council's policy of not supporting backfill development within the Parishes.

DC/20/05873 – Rosslyn House, Duke Street, Hintlesham – Erection of 1 no dwelling with garaging and landscaping

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VAS sign:

Thanks go to Les Cole for organising the repositioning of The VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) onto the 1071 recording vehicle speeds as they come into Hintlesham from Ipswich.

Discussion took place regarding the planting of trees and replanting of hedgerows in and round the villages after receiving a paper submitted by resident Ali Martin. The paper promoted the positive effects of increasing biodiversity and improving habitats by reinstating and gapping hedges in these valuable wildlife corridors. Councillors John Whyman and Jamie Bostock agreed to meet with Ali to discuss the initiative further.

Accident reporting:

Councillor Chris Leney reported there had been 3 accidents on the 1071 recently and encouraged people to continue reporting any accidents they were aware of to A1071accidents@gmail.com

MUGA:

Due to Government current Coronavirus guidelines, the MUGA is now locked until further notice. Signs are in place to discourage people from attempting to use the MUGA at the present time.

The Village Directory:

It was decided to put a hold on printing and distributing the new Village Directory until a new Parish Council Chairman and Clerk were in place.

Fly Tipping:

There are still incidents of fly tipping in the villages and the parish council would like to remind people that if they see evidence of fly tipping to report it. Babergh District Council are usually very proactive at responding to reports of fly tipping. You can report any incidents of fly tipping by following the link on their website at: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services/dog-bins-litter-and-fly-tipping/>

These notes are written by Debbie Archer and are her personal interpretation of the meeting. Full minutes will be published on the Village Website.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council's next virtual meeting, using Zoom, will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 11 February 2021 Meeting ID: 863 0508 9046 / Passcode: 909553

Free Parking in Hadleigh Under Threat

Parking charges may be introduced at Babergh Council's car parks, including in Hadleigh, later this year. Proposals which could see free parking limited to just 30 minutes have been discussed at several meetings and a final decision is expected in February. The Village Link asked Councillor David Busby (Lib Dem), who represents the Washbrook and Copdock ward (which includes Hintlesham & Chattisham) for his take on this contentious issue which affects so many car users in the villages.



Short-Term Car Parking Charges – A Tale of Two Towns

I hate paying for car parking, especially £7 for 3 minutes at Luton Airport recently. In 18 years as a Councillor, I have never supported the introduction of car parking charges in Babergh, accepting that financially it is unfair on residents who don't have a car or live in the east of the district, but recognising the support it gives to our market towns. However, there are some compelling reasons to reconsider it – particularly in Sudbury.

Sudbury town centre is in decline despite free parking. There is too much local traffic (40% of car journeys are less than 2km), car parks are too busy, public transport too expensive and there is a need for regeneration. Something more radical is required to stem the decline and support the ongoing projects to improve Belle Vue Park, Hamilton Road, Market Hill and the climate change target.

In Hadleigh, free parking is an attraction to both visitors and the independent retailers who are keeping the High Street healthy. Traffic is less of an issue and public transport less available. Car parks are used as the starting point for circular walks and for parents meeting children from school.

Visitors to the key centres in Babergh expect different experiences from each town and therefore it makes little sense in applying a 'one size fits all parking policy'. As much as I am generally against charging for car parking in our towns there is probably a good argument in favour of a nominal charge of say £1 in Sudbury with Hadleigh staying free for the moment. But, who better to understand their towns than the Town Councils, so maybe it would be better if they ran and financed their own car parks.

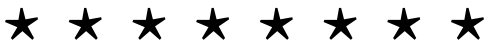
A final decision on parking charges in Babergh District is expected to be made on 4th February.

Welcome Neighbour

A number of removal vans have been spotted around Hintlesham & Chattisham over the last few months. Whoever you are, whatever you do and wherever you're from

You are very welcome!





200 Club -

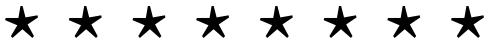
Subs and Coronavirus

Annie Eaton, 200 Club Co-ordinator, writes:

Many of our volunteer collectors are unable to make their usual rounds in January, as they are shielding. The current members of the 200 Club will be entered into the monthly prize draw.

When we are free of lockdown restrictions the collections can commence. If you wish to pay by standing order or join this fun fund raiser to support facilities in the villages please contact me at hccc200club@gmail.com. Best health and stay safe,

Prize Money	January 2021 Draw Winners	Member No
£40	L Kellet – Chattisham	254
£30	T Newall – Hintlesham	369
£20	J Main – Hintlesham	304
£15	D Fish – Hintlesham	298
£15	A Belli - Chattisham	242



WALKING GROUP

Barry Williams writes:

Due to the present situation the Walking Group will not be meeting in February. We will see what March brings. More information from Barry on 652632.




WANTED GRAND PIANO

Helen Rogerson from Hadleigh writes:
 Hope all's well in Hintlesham. I'm looking for a grand piano, preferably in good condition. If anyone knows of one for sale, please get in touch:
tel: 07886 416034



News from SESAW

Patricia Ferdinando writes:

If you, or someone you know, is struggling to look after a pet, please leave a message with your name and number on 01787 210888. Please do not abandon your pets.

We would be grateful for clean duvets, blankets, towels and newspapers for the animals in our care. Please hold on to good quality items for our fundraising sales until further notice.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare,
Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP.

www.sesaw.co.uk



BOWLS CLUB

Frank Wilkin reports:

Things are looking brighter in the longer term, so let's hope we can get back to bowling again soon.

We are holding our A.G.M. on the 8th September starting at 8:00pm in the main hall, everybody welcome.

Stay safe and healthy everybody and look forward to the months ahead.



CHURCH SERVICES

Services are currently only available online. Scan the QR code, or search Kind Church to discover the YouTube channel. The next "face to face" service, subject to Covid restrictions, is due to take place on Sunday 7th March at 9.30 am at Chattisham.

Women's World Day of Prayer - March 5th 2021

Jenny Cox writes:

I am sorry to report that we will be unable to meet this year, guess why! This year's service has been organised by Christian women from Vanuatu, their theme being "Build a Strong Foundation." I will pop service booklets round to our regular attendees and if anyone else would like one, please let me know.

Also, we are very pleased to report that we were able to deliver 33 Advent Boxes to FIND. Thank you so much for all these wonderful contributions. Unfortunately, the need doesn't disappear, and we are always happy to accept any gifts of food/toiletries.

Call Jenny on 652466.

Christingle

Cathy Leney writes:

Thank you to everyone at the school who donated money to The Children's Society via their Christingle candles. £120 was raised.

If anyone else still has a Christingle Candle or a collecting box, please can they contact me – tel: 07949 080119 or email park.farm1@btinternet.com to arrange collection.



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

The deadline for the March edition of The Village Link:
10.00 am Wed 17th February – 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.

Gerald Main (Editor) | VillageLink2020@gmail.com | 07736480342

Ad Rates

The new rates for 2021:
Local business ads (for H&C) £15
Other business ads: £20
Distribution of flyers: £25

Final Words for St Valentine's Day ...

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.

Charles Schulz

