

DECEMBER 2020

#### **Secret Santas**

Hintlesham's Santas declare: "Ho Ho Ho ... It's Christmaaaaaaaas!"

But can you identify them?

Answer inside.



#### **Operation Christmas Card**

The children at Hintlesham School are determined to put a smile on everyone's face and a touch of magic on mantlepieces across H&C. They plan to make and send special Christmas cards to anyone and everyone (including YOU!) who's had a tough 2020.

"It's been a difficult year all round and this is the children's way of spreading a bit of Christmas cheer across the villages," says Headteacher, Debbie Jackson.

To receive a card, or nominate someone to be sent one, simply send an email to admin@hintleshamchattisham.suffolk.sch.uk by Saturday 5th December with "Christmas Card" in the title. Include the name of the person you would like to receive a card, their address and your name ... and the children will do the rest!

"The children are so looking forward to rolling up their sleeves for Operation Christmas Card, so please get involved," adds Mrs Jackson.



#### **Golf Course Birdies**

A survey of bird life at Hintlesham Golf Club has just been completed. Robins are thriving, but not all species are faring so well. Full report inside.



#### **Golden Couple**

50 years ago, Edward Heath was PM, the ten-shilling note ceased to be legal tender and Woodstock by Matthew Southern



Comfort was at number one ... and Rosie and lan Bryce tied the knot! Congratulations on your Golden Wedding from all family and friends.

#### 2020 Goes out with a bang

London's New Year's Eve firework display is cancelled, but Hintlesham Hall's annual display will go ahead at the earlier time of 9.30 pm. Senior



Events Manager, Tracy Cole, announced the change just before the November lockdown.

## Things YOU didn't know about OUR St Nick

Hintlesham church is dedicated to St Nicholas, but how well do you know our saint?

See inside.

A Merry Christmas to all our Readers, Contributors & Delivery Team



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

#### The View From Here ...

Hadleigh High School student, Ruth McDonald aged 13, from Duke Street, writes:

Every Christmas, huge quantities of plastic are being produced and often used only once before being discarded. This is ruining our planet. So, what can you do to help?

How about investing in re-useable napkins that can be washed and used every year? Maybe you could have a go at making your own Christmas crackers (especially as we now all have more time on our hands!). If you do not feel like making environmentally friendly items, there are lots of eco-friendly retailers around. Why not have a look in Morrisons and purchase some of their glitter and plastic-free cards, crackers and other products? They estimate their changes will save around 50 tonnes of plastic this Christmas! Perhaps you even feel like supporting small businesses. Hadleigh High School pupil Martha cares a lot about the environment, so decided to set up an eco-friendly business as a small step to reducing plastic waste (find her on Instagram at martha makes ). Have a great Christmas and stay safe!

To talk about a wedding, baptism or funeral, please contact the Vicar, Rev Jackson, at rev@kind.church 01473 657349



## ADVENT BOXES FOR F.I.N.D.

Jenny Cox writes:

Thank you all so much for your gifts for our Harvest Appeal, we were able to deliver lots of food to FIND (Families in Need). Now it is time for Advent Boxes. If you remember, the idea is to FIND (sorry), a box and on each day of Advent pop in an item, you should end up with 24 items. Advent starts on December 1st

Chocolate, toiletries, biscuits, crisps, food. Vouchers for supermarkets are very welcome as FIND use them to buy school uniform and shoes.

Boxes can be delivered to Jenny (tel. 652466) at 39 Timperleys.

#### **Christmas Winner**

Congratulations to John Shapland who was first out of the draw in The Link's tinsel-tastic Christmas tree competition. (The answer was Norway donates the Trafalgar Square tree.) Thanks to all who took part in The Link's most popular competition to date.





#### Laddie's Field Fades Away

The Pony Paddock next to Baalham's Yard on Duke Street is set to be renamed Ladbrook's Meadow following a vote at November's meeting of the Parish Council.

A Mr Ladbrook once owned the land which is currently being developed resulting in 6 new houses.

One "senior" resident of Duke Street holds fond memories of cows grazing and children playing there. "We called it Laddie's Field and it was where we threw our jackets down for goalposts and played football." He also remembers the nearby chapel staging events: "Once a year the Church Army would set up a big tent and hold Revival meetings."

At the beginning of November, contractors erected wooden boards around the site after which diggers removed the tree where horses often sheltered. Within 48 hours, another piece of our village history and its landscape were gone forever.

#### The Rural Coffee Caravan

The Rural Coffee Caravan will be in Chattisham and Hintlesham on Tuesday December 15th complete with its usual fare of delicious drinks and conversation. In Chattisham in the morning from 10am-12pm and Hintlesham in the afternoon from 2pm-4pm. Bring a mug for your hot drink, please, and a chair if you are visiting in Hintlesham. No need to bring a chair in Chattisham unless you wish.

Look out for news of a chance to make Christmas wreaths too!



#### **School Christmas Raffle**

Jessica Bell writes:

Sadly, the School Christmas Fayre has been postponed, but our traditional Christmas raffle for a chance to win luxury Christmas food hampers will still be taking place. Ticket purchasing will be slightly different this year to ensure it remains Covid-secure.

Tickets are £1 each and can be purchased by making a payment directly into the Hintlesham School Association bank account (sort code 20-44-51, account 10540021). Please put your name as the reference. When you've made a payment for tickets, please inform Cecelia (07950 662206) or email

hintleshamschoolassociation@gmail.com to ensure we have a contact for you. You will be assigned a raffle ticket number by email or text message. If you would prefer to purchase by cash or cheque, please contact Cecelia.

The winning numbers will be selected by a random number generator with a live draw on Thursday 17th December 2020 at 6pm via Zoom (Meeting ID: 724 3447 0372 Passcode: hohoho).

Any donations of Christmas food and drink items or vouchers for shops/venues are warmly welcomed. Please contact Cecelia for details of how to donate. Donations are to be made by 8th Dec please.

Thank you for your support and HAPPY Christmas!



#### Santas Unmasked

Our mystery Santas are landlord and landlady, Natasha & Daniel Foxlow, of The George pub in the village. You can rely on The George this Christmas to offer a warm welcome, great food and something special in a glass! See

https://www.ghfood.uk/home for details of menus, opening times and take away food or call 01473 652 408. info@ghfood.co.uk





#### Chattitude

#### Margaret Anderson writes:

Chattitude will be starting up again, just as soon as we are allowed to meet again in the church at Chattisham, perhaps even before Christmas. Socially distanced and very safe, of course. There will be an evening of Poetry Reading by Candlelight - bring you own poem and listen to others reading, including poems in other languages and in translation. Later, we plan to have an archaeology event, hearing all about a local dig at Freston, run by a Suffolk-born and raised professor, beamed in from Canada to answer all your questions. We'd love ideas for new events that you'd like to come along to. Please email chattishamchurch@gmail. com



#### The Bumbley Benches

"In the land of the Bumbley Boo The People are red, white and blue, They never blow noses, Or ever wear closes, What a sensible thing to do!"

- Spike Milligan

#### Margaret Anderson writes:

The newest, coolest place to meet in Chattisham is the Churchyard. There's a growing collection of benches in the Churchyard popping up, festooned with poems, from Spike Milligan's Bumbley Boo to the Irish Blessing and from the French existentialist Albert Camus. Let us know which poem you'd like to see on the benches, and come along to read those that are there already. It's the perfect place on a sunny day to arrange to meet a friend for coffee, or just to swing by and see who else is there.

#### Jaxx Cafe in December

Cris Velloso - Langton writes:

Following a wonderfully welcoming launch in November, with a roaring fire and frothy lattes, Jaxx cafe will be back on Tuesdays at the



George. Opening will be from 8:40 AM on 8th and 15th December, for those on the school run, and from 10 AM on the 22nd of December, subject to whatever restrictions are in place on each date. All COVID-secure guidance will continue to be followed meticulously at the pub. All welcome for a cuppa and a chat! (for info Mary 07833 665381 or Cris 07958522079).

#### Posada 2020

#### Cris Velloso - Langton writes:

Posada is a Spanish word that means 'inn' and is also the title of a Mexican Advent celebration. In our parish, nativity figures travel around visiting families with young children and staying in a different house every night on their way to St. Nicholas church for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

The posada reminds us to make room in our lives for the love of Jesus. This year we'll be doing Posada in a different way. Everyone is invited to make a star or a nativity scene out of materials you have at home. Please share your creation by displaying it where it can be seen from the road, posting on the FB noticeboard or sending a photo to cris. velloso.langton@gmail.com so it can be put on the village website.

To help us prepare for Christmas, we'll also be setting an activity or challenge every week starting Sunday 29th of November. Watch the village noticeboards (real and virtual) and websites (kind.church or hintleshamandchattisham.onesuffolk. net). If you would like to join the Hintlesham Church Family WhatsApp group for families with young children, please text Mary 07833 665381 or Cris 07958522079.

#### **Fly-Tipping**

Incidents of fly-tipping have been on the increase this year .... One local resident, who didn't want to be named, wrote to The Link: "I regularly drive, walk, run and cycle around our beautiful lanes and footpaths and have noticed a considerable increase in fly-tipping in recent months. This is a real bugbear of mine, but I have been heartened a little by the swift response of the council fly-tipping crew, who are very quick to collect and clear up rubbish once they know it is there."

There's an online form to report fly-tipping. Simply Google "fly tipping in Babergh" to find it. The anonymous resident adds: "I hope others might also report incidences they see, so that we can keep our lovely villages clean and tidy."

Rubbish tipped near Clay Hill, Hintlesham in November.



#### **Top 3 Xmas Tree Tips from Raydon Christmas Trees**

#### Choose the right tree

The fresher it is the longer it will last as the clock starts from the day it is cut.

#### Trim the trunk

Much like the flowers when you get them home, you need to trim the dry bit off the bottom. I would suggest taking six inches off, but the aim is to get down to the wet wood as the tree will have started to dry out. Drop it in a bucket of water and keep the bucket topped up, as a tree can easily absorb a gallon of water if it's been cut a while.

#### Putting the tree up

Position your tree away from sources of heat and the most important thing is to make sure the tree gets a daily drink.

#### And when it's all over ...

As in previous years, Babergh District Council will be offering FREE Christmas tree collections following the Christmas period from Hintlesham Community Hall on Friday 8th and 22nd January 2021.



## H&C Parish Council Meeting Notes - meeting held via Zoom on 12th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

#### Planning:

DC/20/04008 - Ashdown, Chattisham. Erection of 1 detached dwelling.

It was agreed to object as Chattisham is regarded as Countryside with new building strictly regulated. It was also noted that there were flooding and drainage issues near the site.

The following 4 applications had no objections:

DC/2004369 – Acorn Lodge, Back Road, Hintlesham. Erection of a single storey side extension.

DC/20/04584 - Moat Farm, Raydon Road, Hintlesham. Erection of a timber-framed two bay cartlodge, one open, one with garage doors and external stairs leading to storage above.

DC/20/04649 – Linden Cottages, Duke Street, Hintlesham. To allow phased development of already granted planning permission of 1 dwelling and double garage (DC/20/02313)

DC/20/04956 – Lower Barn Cottage, Lower Barn Road, Chattisham. Erection of single storey hobby room/shed store and extension to hardstanding.

After being asked to suggest a road name for the new development at the Pony Paddock, Duke Street, it was agreed that it should be Ladbrook's Meadow, after the Ladbrook family who farmed the land in the past.

There was an update on the vast proposed Solar Farm and Battery Storage Facility – Bramford & Somersham but until the final plans are submitted, our Parish Council cannot comment.

#### Traffic:

Chris Leney reported several accidents and would be grateful if anyone notices any traffic incidents along our roads to email him on: A1071accidents@gmail.com

Dave Busby wondered if we would be interested in joining the Suffolk Quiet Lanes Project. It was thought that Chattisham Lane might be a candidate but with a lack of time to apply, it was decided to postpone the idea.

#### **Telephone Boxes:**

It was thought by some that the Duke Street box was not successful as a library with a defibrillator. However, it was agreed that with some work and rearrangement it should be given more time. The Chattisham box seems to work as the door opens in a different way. Although both boxes still cannot be used to exchange books at the moment because of the virus, they are due to be cleaned and painted.

#### Fly Tipping:

Unfortunately, there have been several incidents of fly tipping, especially around the Chattisham area, but when reported on the Babergh website it is usually quickly cleared up.

#### Grit Bin:

Our new yellow grit bin which was recently installed on the corner of the 1071 and Cherrygrounds has 'disappeared'. Being full of grit, this must have been some undertaking. It was decided to replace the bin with our own money rather than claim on the insurance due to the sizeable excess, but anchor it down in some way.

#### Parish Council Policies:

Councillors will debate next month on new email, recording of meetings, disposal of documents etc. policies. It was wondered whether these were mandatory or guidelines.

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

#### Next Parish Council Meeting

You are welcome to join the Parish Council's next Zoom meeting at 7.30 pm on Thursday 10th December. Meeting ID: 846 7284 1945 / Passcode: 421078.

#### Raydon Christmas Trees

Pick your own or choose one pre-cut

Open 9-5 FRI, SAT, SUN in November Every Day in December until Christmas Eve

You can choose your tree(TAG IT), pay for it and come back to collect closer to christmas

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## Celebrate Christmas at Hintlesham Golf Club

Christmas Day and Boxing Day tables available

Christmas Day £75pp

Boxing Day £30pp

hintleshamgolfclub.com 01473 652761







## 5 Things You Didn't Know about St Nicholas

The story of Santa Claus begins with St Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara in Asia Minor. Hintlesham Church is dedicated to St Nicholas, but did you know .....

- Nicholas was an early Christian bishop and because of the many miracles attributed to him he is known as Nicholas the Wonderworker.
- He is the patron saint of repentant thieves, brewers, children, pawnbrokers and sex workers.
- His statue is in the south aisle of the church and the dedication plaque reads: "To the children of Hintlesham in memory of the dear life of Cecil Margaret Plummer at rest 10th December 1937".
- Nicholas is alleged to have "resurrected" three children who had been murdered and pickled in brine by a butcher planning to sell them during a famine.
- He is reputed to have anonymously, at night, given bags of gold coins to a man who had three daughters but couldn't afford their dowries. The rest, as they say, is history.



#### **SEESAW NEWS**

Pat Ferdinando from Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare writes: We will be selling 'classy gifts' and running a Tombola at the Festive Fair on Sat 12th December at Bridge Farm Barn, Monks Eleigh, IP7 7AY.



If you would like to give someone a present that will help a needy animal throughout the year, a regular payment for as little as £2 will help us so much at the moment. Cheques, BACS or standing orders welcome via www. sesaw.co.uk / 01787 210888 / info@sesaw.co.uk

We are still taking in and re-homing animals but cannot accept donated items without prior arrangement. Everything must be quarantined to protect volunteers and bedding, food or sale goods left at random make this impossible. Thank you to all supporters, past and present, and best wishes for a safe and peaceful Christmas.

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2020

A short service and wreath laying on Remembrance Sunday was well attended. Due to government Covid restrictions, the service could not take place within the church.



The outdoor event was led by church warden Jenny Cox, the names of those listed on the memorials in Hintlesham were read by Cathy Leney and the Chattisham names by Stephen Ramsey. The name of 19 year old World War 2 pilot, Harold Tipple, whose name was added to the memorial earlier this year, was also commemorated.

### **Babergh District Council**

# Christmas & New Year Waste Collection

	Usual Collection Date	Revised Collection Date	Change
Refuse	Monday 21st December 2020	Monday 21st December 2020	No change
	Tuesday 22nd December 2020	Tuesday 22nd December 2020	No change
	Wednesday 23rd December 2020	Wednesday 23rd December 2020	No change
	Thursday 24th December 2020	Thursday 24th December 2020	No change
	Friday 25th December 2020	Monday 28th December 2020	3 days later
Refuse	Monday 28th December 2020	Tuesday 29th December 2020	1 day later
	Tuesday 29th December 2020	Wednesday 30th December 2020	1 day later
	Wednesday 30th December 2020	Thursday 31st December 2020	1 day later
	Thursday 31st December 2020	Saturday 2nd January 2021	2 days later
	Friday 1st January 2021	Monday 4th January 2021	3 days later
Refuse	Monday 4th January 2021	Tuesday 5th January 2021	1 day later
	Tuesday 5th January 2021	Wednesday 6th January 2021	1 day later
	Wednesday 6th January 2021	Thursday 7th January 2021	1 day later
	Thursday 7th January 2021	Friday 8th January 2021	1 day later
	Friday 8th January 2021	Saturday 9th January 2021	1 day later

From Monday 11th January 2021 refuse and recycling collections return to the normal schedule.

**Please note:** There will be no garden waste (brown bin) collections during the weeks commencing 21st and 28th December 2020. Please refer to the garden waste collection schedule, which is available at: www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services

## Please make sure your bin is out by 6.30am on collection day

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#### **Golf Course Birdies**

With golf suspended during lockdown, club member and keen ornithologist, John Kornjaca carried out a bird survey at the course on a sunny 11 November. Here are the highlights of his report:

In a period of just two hours, 35 species of bird were observed – the highlight being a large RAVEN that passed overhead. Other members of the 'crow' family were also evident with lots of JACKDAW, ROOK and CARRION CROW around, plus their more colourful cousins

MAGPIE (5) and JAY (5). There was no sign of the regularly seen RED KITES, and so the COMMON



BUZZARD (2 of) was the only raptor species seen. Also missing from this list were Kestrel & Sparrowhawk - although both are regularly seen around the course.

HERRING GULL and LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULLS were seen passing overhead whilst the most numerous gull species seen was the noisy BLACK-HEADED GULL - a group of about 60 birds seen feeding in adjacent fields and on some of the fairways.

Along the hedges and woodland, lots of passerines were observed. A large group of about 45 LESSER REDPOLL and a handful of SISKIN were observed feeding in the tops of the many birch trees around the course. These small finches migrate into the south of the UK from colder northern areas such as Scandinavia and Scotland – just as our Swallows and Swifts head south to Africa for our winters. Other finches seen around the course were a good number of the twittering GOLDFINCH (21 seen), GREENFINCH (just 3) and several CHAFFINCH (5).

Large groups of 'Titmice' are not uncommon in Autumn / Winter and a flock of LONG-TAILED TIT (15), BLUE TIT (c20) and GREAT TIT (5) passed along the hedge to the left of the 16th fairway.

A constant around the course, BLUE TITS were heard calling throughout the morning with a total of 27 being counted. Other species that seem to lurk at every corner of the course are ROBIN (9), BLACKBIRD (11), WREN (4) and WOODPIGEON (11). Many of our winter

Blackbird join us from further north and parts of cold Europe & Scandinavia. They are joined by two other winter visitors REDWING (1 seen) and FIELDFARE (4 were observed along the trees lining the 7th fairway). The largest of the thrush family MISTLE THRUSH (4) was observed in the trees around the 6th green – they tend to favour the woodland. Not a single Song Thrush seen.

The smallest bird of Britain GOLDCREST (3 of) was seen – they favour the many conifers scattered around the course. This tiny little bird, at 7 grammes, weighs less than a one pound coin (9g).

Also observed around the course and again favouring the woodland, GREEN WOODPECKER (3) and GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER (1) were seen whilst a smaller less obvious woodland bird NUTHATCH (2) was spotted in trees close to the 3rd green.

Completing the list seen today, a large group of STARLING (c.120) were observed feeding in stubble whilst LINNET (12) was seen and PIED WAGTAIL (7) – also on the course boundary. Finally, a couple of SKYLARK were seen above the 1st fairway.



# HINTLESHAM AND CHATTISHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL MID-YEAR MEETING/EGM TO BE HELD ON ZOOM MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.45PM

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Minutes of the Mid-Year Meeting 2019
- 2. Chairman's Mid-Year Report
- 3. Adoption of an Amended Accounting Procedure into the Constitution
- Adoption of an Amended Trustee Appointment Procedure into the Constitution
- 5. Any Other Business

All residents of Hintlesham and Chattisham are welcome. Full details of the Constitution Amendments and Notes will be found on the HCCC website or will be obtainable on request from lindajones1843@aol. com. The Zoom Meeting Invitation Code will also be available on the website at Hintleshamandchattisham.co.uk

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Prize Money	200 Club – November 2020 Draw	Member No
	Name	
£40	C Banyard – Hintlesham	432
£30	C Shapland – Hintlesham	168
£20	S Stone – Chattisham	261
£15	J Gibbons – Hintlesham	309
£15	J Santini – Chattisham	408



You have to 'Be in it to Win it'. To be "in it", send contact details to hccc200club@ gmail.com . Many thanks for your continuing support of the work of the Hintlesham and Chattisham Community Council.

Best wishes & Seasons Greetings to all 200 Club members and collectors.

Annie Eaton



#### **BOWLS NEWS**

#### Frank Wilkin reports:

Alas once again bowls has had to stop, but health is more important, just about. I take this opportunity to wish everybody a very happy Christmas, however you celebrate it this year. I hope next year we get back to a bit of normality. Stay safe and well.

#### **Memorial Listed**

On 11 November 2020, Armistice Day,

Historic England awarded Hintlesham war memorial Grade II listing to mark the sacrifice of those killed in WW1. It is one of 60 memorials across the East of England to receive the new status.



(www.HintleshamWarMemorial.com)

#### **Songs of Praise**

It is with great sadness the death of Colin Wright, aged 91, from Hadleigh was announced. John Mower writes:

"Colin, from Hadleigh, played a big part in our Songs of Praise for 25 years. He was a great organist and played many times for our two churches in Hintlesham & Chattisham. Colin was a man of great faith and a love of music." R.I.P.





## CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2020

(Subject to Covid restrictions at the time)

6 Dec	Morning Service	9.30 a.m.	Chattisham
13 Dec	Christingle Service	9.30 a.m.	Hintlesham
20 Dec	Holy Communion (Rev Jackson)	9.30 a.m.	Chattisham
24 Dec	Crib Service	4.30 p.m.	Hintlesham
	Online Carol Service	6.00 p.m.	
	Midnight Mass (Rev Jackson)	11.30 p.m.	Hintlesham
25 Dec	Holy Communion (Rev Jackson)	9.30 a.m.	Chattisham
27 Dec	Online Service		

**NEXT MONTH:** 

3 Jan Morning Service 9.30 a.m. Chattisham

See www.kind.church.com/handc for latest church news, events and service times.

The deadline for the January edition of The Village Link: 10.00 am Wed 16th December, 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.

ا believe in Father Christmas – Greg Lake الم