



Hintlesham & Chattisham

THE VILLAGE LINK

MARCH 2022



National Grid: Bramford to Twinstead Consultation

National Grid have finally agreed to hold two public meetings in The Community Hall.

*The first will be a Public Exhibition to be held on Friday 4th March
between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.30 pm.*

*The second is termed an Ask the Experts Session,
to be held on Friday 11th March between the hours of 9.00 am to 2.00 pm.*

Sessions for this meeting need to be pre booked via their website:

*[https://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/
bramford-twinstead/find-out-more](https://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/bramford-twinstead/find-out-more)*

The Parish Council will attend a block booking at 11.00 am for this session.

Peter Eaton



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

Editor's 'To Do' List

Gerald Main writes...

As you know, I have resigned from being editor of this fine magazine and I thank you for all your good wishes as my recovery continues. Several folk have asked what the role of editor actually involves.

So, here's my typical Link 'to do' list:

1. About a week before the deadline, send an email to regular contributors reminding them that the deadline looms.
2. Acknowledge emails, deciding which events and news items are of interest to readers. Copy and paste information into a Word template. Use the spell checker; take/find photos to accompany text. Set the deadline for the next month.
3. Keep an eye open for things happening in the villages which might be of interest to readers.
4. Send completed Word template to the printers.
5. Proof-read and sign off the content.
6. Pick up printed mags from printers in Chattisham and bundle them up for the very helpful distribution team. Deliver the magazines to the distributors.
7. Send an electronic copy to readers around the world via email.
8. Pour a G&T and settle down to enjoy the magazine.

Don't let any of this put you off! Working on the magazine keeps you in touch with the villages and you get to know some great contributors and distributors. If you're interested in learning more, let me buy you a pint at the George and we can discuss it. Call 07736 480 342

We are looking for a new editor for The Village Link

Stephanie Coupland of The Link Committee writes...

It was with much regret that we heard that the Editor of The Village Link, Gerald Main, has resigned, as of the end of February 2022.

The Committee and I would like to thank him for all that he and his family have done over the past 2 years.

Therefore, we are looking for a new person to take on this role.

This is a voluntary post, you need an interest in your Village and some computer skills.

Gerald is willing to give as much help as is needed to get the new person in post.

If you are interested, contact Stephanie Coupland for further details.

couplandstephanie66@gmail.com mobile 07787 581 390



All Saints Chattisham

Reverend Jackson writes...

Our lovely parish church is in the middle of a five year programme of renovation. It is a complicated process involving everything from the council planning department, through the local electrician to the choice of interior paint! Lots of the big work won't be happening for two or three years so we were keen to make the building a brighter, nicer and more comfortable place in the meantime. All Saints is a beautiful building that is used every week for either a Sunday service, discussion group, book club, Chattitude evening, coffee caravan or admin hub for our group of churches. It's a living, breathing heart of Hintlesham and Chattisham village. So, on Saturday 5th February a large team of volunteers got together to make it as beautiful as we can whilst we wait for the major renovations taking place in a few years' time. The flaking paint was removed without damaging the plaster or underlying paint. The mouldy walls were cleaned; the junk room, or bell tower as it's now called, was cleared and cleaned; and every surface you can see was hoovered, dusted or washed. It was hard work, but we really enjoyed it and the church was transformed. Thank you to all those who took part and made such a difference to our local church.

Chattisham Church – a history

David Anderson writes...

Marjorie and Ken Baker's new edition of the Chattisham Church guide (£3) is an engrossing read, focussing not just on the building but on the personalities who have lit up church and village over the best part of a millennium.

Strong women abound, starting with Margaret of Antioch to whom, with All Saints, the church is dedicated. After surviving a forced marriage, torture and being swallowed by a dragon (top tip: tickle its throat with a cross), she was beheaded and declared apocryphal but kept a cult following, especially with pregnant women. In medieval times, the Prioresses of Wix ran the show. But even they were not above the law: in the 1100s one Prioress was fined when, with the Vicar of Chattisham, she "killed a buck in the park".

Puritan iconoclast William Dowsing, visiting the church in 1643, found nothing to destroy: the delightful brass of Mary Revers and her ten children, hidden perhaps after a tip-off, survives to this day. Less fortunate was the vicar, a wife-beater and adulterer who was sacked the following year for being "popery-affected, superstitious and an ale house haunter".

Our peaceful rural sanctuary has been maintained, repaired, remodelled and cherished by countless generations. More work is needed, as Jackson explains in his foreword to the guide, both to improve the church for worship and to make it available for a wider range of uses. The proceeds of this excellent booklet will go to the restoration fund: pop in and buy one!

Chattisham Church Events

Coffee Caravan Chattisham Church, Tuesday 15 March, 10 am to 12 noon

Discussion Group Chattisham Church, Wednesday 16 March, 3pm

Craft & Chat Chattisham Church, Tuesday 22 March, 10 am to 4 pm.
Drop in with your craft work or just come for a chat. All welcome.
Enquiries: Margaret Engle, 652646 (Eves only).

Reminder We are hoping to have a Dedication Service for the Chattisham Church Kneelers, possibly in April, so it would be lovely if all kneelers were completed and in situ by then. A date will be announced in due course.

SESAW NEWS



Spring has definitely arrived. The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming and there is an air of quiet optimism as the volunteers prepare for our Easter Fair at the Old School, Long Melford, CO10 9DX on Sunday 3rd April, 10-3pm.

Our first event in two years will offer a wide variety of stalls, crafts, flowers and plants, raffle, Jeanette's Terrific Tombola, yummy homemade cakes and snacks. Expect a warm welcome from all of us including Frank Payne who will be selling and signing copies of his autobiographical books. Our Octogenarian has led an interesting life and has plenty of tales to tell. His story begins in Blitz torn London, progresses through National Service and onto careers in journalism and football.

Speaking of sport, the Nayland 10K family-friendly fun event takes place on Sunday 10th July, starting at Little Garth School, Nayland, CO6 4JR. Once again, SESA W is one of the charities benefitting from this extremely popular, multi-terrain run through the beautiful Constable countryside. Routes for all ages and abilities, book your place now at www.nayland10k.co.uk

We have some extremely good-natured rabbits awaiting new homes. They are sisters, all living happily together therefore we will be rehoming them in trios or more. They are a large breed and will need very spacious accommodation. If you are interested, please contact:

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

Rural Coffee Caravan

Next visit March 15th 2pm-4pm

Meeting at Hintlesham Community Hall (inside)

Chattisham Animal and Bird World throughout January

By Pat & Bryan Sandford

As we go into 2022 let us hope for a brighter outlook for us all. There is hope around the corner as our bird count has been completed. The pandemic, with all its rules and regulations, has not stopped us caring for wildlife.

Badger numbers have doubled in the last two years and being protected by law, they have become a bit of a headache with our sandy and clay soils. New sets are soon created around fields and ditches, sometimes making it dangerous for walkers. Muntjac deer are also causing damage to newly planted trees and they are also visiting our garden for feed.

It has been brought to our notice over the last few years that stray cats have been seen around and although there are quite a number, it is not their fault as they have been abandoned. Please let us know if you see any.

Our bird population has remained steady, although the finches have taken a knock but not sure of the causes. Wrens and Thrushes do not come back in any numbers. However, our predatory birds such as the Sparrow Hawks, Kestrels, Goshawks, Harriers, Tawney and Little Owls are staying around. Sadly, habitats have gone as have our beautiful Barn Owls. Our earliest dawn feeder is the Blackbird who feed on worms, slugs and snails as do the Thrushes. No snail shells tell us very few Thrushes are around now.

At last, some good news. We have seen hares in the fields.



H&C Parish Council Meeting Notes -

Parish Council Report for the meeting held 10.02.2022 at 7.30pm

Apologies for absence

Jim Hammond
Jim Murphy
Debbie Archer
Jamie Bostock
Tamsin Pearce (Clerk)

District Councillor Report

Cllr Busby advised that BMSDC have recently supported a Pilot project of 80 new, low carbon homes, bringing the total to 102 in the last 12 months. BMSDC have also been selected as one of eleven district authorities to lead on a UK Government Planning Pilot.

Cllr Busby advised that the submission on the consultation from BMSCD regarding the Bramford to Twinstead Pylons has not yet been submitted due to differences in opinion by councillors, some preferring pylons, some preferring undergrounding. Cllr Leney suggested some councillors held uninformed views on the subject. Cllr Eaton advised that the pack sent to the public was not clear enough to allow people to properly make a decision. Two meetings have been set up by National Grid, an 'Ask an Expert' meeting (appointment only) which is on the 11th March and will be attended by representatives of the Parish Council, and an open meeting on the 4th March which anyone can attend. Cllr Eaton advised that it is crucial that all parishioners respond to the distributed questionnaire. Cllr Leney reminded members of the impact on the Grade 1 Listed Hintlesham Hall that another row of pylons would make, reiterating that, in his, and the Parish Councils view, undergrounding is the only viable solution.

Cllr Busby updated the Council on the various Solar Farm applications on the table at present, informing that BMSDC may decide to treat each application individually rather than have a 'blanket' approach.

Comments from Members of the Public

A parishioner asked for clarity regarding the increase in precept and also the use of CIL money. Cllr Cole agreed to provide a written answer to the parishioner concerned.

A parishioner asked if the councillors' emails were working properly, as some had registered problems. It was agreed to review this subject at the next meeting.

Planning

Three planning applications were discussed:

DC/22/00366 – Northlands Cottages, Hintlesham – Erection of 2 storey extension – No Objections (provided the public footpath is not obstructed during construction and that a mobile home on site would be removed after construction).

DC/22/00444 – Corner Farmhouse, Chattisham – Erection of single story cartlodge and store – No objections.

DC/22/0037, DC/18/05372 & DC/19/03467 – Glenhaven, Hintlesham – Creation of new vehicular access – No Objections.

Policies

A Policy regarding 'Rear Garden Development' and one entitled 'Community Infrastructure Best Practice' were discussed, with the latter being proposed and seconded.

Reports from Parish Councillors

Cllr Leney confirmed 2 RTAs in the last month.

Cllr Coupland reported that FP13 is temporarily unfit for use and that the 'boardwalk', part of FP27 has been repaired. All councillors wish to thank Norman Davey for his work on this and also for the construction of a bench in the woods.

Ben Cox

Women's World Day of Prayer

**March 4th @ 6.00pm in
St. Nicholas Church, Hintlesham**

A new time this year and a service prepared by women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

***Their theme is
"I know the plans I have for you"***

Everyone is welcome

*For more information,
contact Jenny 652466*

Hintlesham WI Renegades remembered

Gerald Main writes...

It's now 20+ years since the hymn Jerusalem was last sung with gusto, accompanied by the vicar's wife on an out of tune piano, at Hintlesham Women's Institute. The national organisation was founded in 1915 to give women a voice and to be a force for good in the community. Well, 20 years ago, the women of Hintlesham raised their collective voice and told the WI's national HQ that they'd had enough of singing Jerusalem and handing over members' subscriptions to pay for the lavish London HQ. They were also fed up of being instructed to submit entries for the WI Tent at The Suffolk Show. A veteran of those days is Duke Street resident Margaret Spraggon. She remembers the last WI meeting. Held in the old Village Hall, it was attended by just 18 members under the chairmanship of Ann Thomas. A final vote to decide whether to break away or not saw a majority of 18 -1 in favour of establishing the new Tuesday Circle group. Recently, this transformed into "T Circle" when the Community Hall was no longer available for meetings on Tuesday evenings.

WI numbers had been in decline for many months. Speaking to The Link, Margaret said defiantly, "I have absolutely no regrets about the breakaway." However, Margaret recalled many very happy garden parties hosted by WI Chair, Ann Thomas. One less pleasant memory was the sense of dread each year when the County announced the competition categories in advance of The Suffolk Show. Margaret recalls spending an entire month with fellow WI member, Chris Banyard, making a doll and its outfit for the Show. "We were certainly glad to see the back of all of that! T Circle is a very happy group and we go the extra mile to welcome new members" concluded Margaret.

In 2003, the WI was the backdrop for the film Calendar girls. The Link believe the break away in Hintlesham would make a good storyline for a Hollywood movie. We asked Margaret who should play her in any film and, after some reflection, she thought Dawn French would fit the bill. When asked who could play the part of former Chairwoman, Ann Thomas, Margaret would cast Meryl Streep in the role, "because she's so adaptable and is one of life's 'doers' ".



In February, 32 members and guests enjoyed listening to Justin, of Fork Kitchen and Deli, Hadleigh, as he demonstrated Celeriac 3 ways and fried Cod cheeks (a more economic substitute for scallops) for us to taste.

3rd March is an open meeting. Sean Hedges-Quinn, sculptor of Bobby Robson and Kevin Beattie statues on Portman Road. Do bring a friend.

7th April's speaker is from Suffolk Prickles Hedgehog Rescue

Contact Hilary 652109 or Annie 07845 940533

Hintlesham & Chattisham Community Council Events

For more information contact Lauren 07539 172 064



COFFEE STOP

Welcome to Coffee Stop on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month. Drop in between 10-12 on Wednesday 9th and 23rd March at the Community Hall. 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

H&CCC Monthly Draw - The Community Fundraiser

The March 2022 Monthly Draw will take place on Friday 25th March in the Community Hall at 7pm after 'Happy Hour' in the bar. Everybody welcome!

Membership of the Draw is only £12 a year and the money raised is given out in prizes and the remainder 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

If you are a member who needs to renew, the simplest way is to pay directly into the 'H&CCC Lottery' bank account, sort code 77-68-36 account number 01231760 giving your membership number as reference. Many thanks.

Liz Stones, Promoter of the 'Monthly Draw'

Prize	Name	Member No
£100	C. Banyard	432
£50	P. Archer	243
£40	M. Grimsey	115
£30	J. White	335
£20	C Tee	366
£15	M. Engle	458
£15	R Allard	136

BOWLS CLUB

Frank Wilkin reports...

Our league matches have finally got under way again, against Bentley away, losing 8-2. We were a bit rusty after the lay off. The match was very close on points 40-37.

Fixtures coming up are:-

Friday 4th March
Chelmondiston A

Thursday 10th March
Harkstead H

Club nights every Wednesday 7.30 pm at
Hintlesham Community Hall.

Contact Frank 652506



WALKING GROUP

Barry Williams writes...

Thursday 10th March. Meet at 10am at Field End, Duke Street, IP8 3PW for a walk round Aldham Priory and back again. Hope it's not too muddy!

Further information from Barry on 652632.

HALL LUNCH

Stephanie Coupland writes...

COMMUNITY HALL, THURSDAY 17th March
12.30pm

Contact Stephanie 652297

HINTLESHAM YOUTH CLUB

Next meeting: Tuesday 1st March



SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Cris Velloso Langton writes...

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) Club

AGM: Wednesday 27th of April 7:30 PM in the Community Hall Meeting Room

Social Club: Volunteer night: If you are a volunteer or would like to join the volunteer group behind the bar, then come down to the Community Hall meeting room on Thursday 3rd March 7:30 PM. We'll be discussing our standard operating procedures (SOP's).

Committee meeting: 30th March or 1st April. It is anticipated that part of this meeting will be open to members who wish to discuss improvements to the bar area.

AGM: Thursday, May 5th 7:30 PM. Community Hall Meeting Room.

School Strawberry Fayre: Saturday 2nd July 12-3pm

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



CHURCHES JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Sunday 5th June, from 5pm on the Hintlesham playing field.

The BIG JUBILEE BBQ with readings from the Coronation & Platinum Pudding Festival.



Mothers Sunday

LIVE MUSIC, POSIES,
CAKE & LOVE!

27th March 2022, 9:30 AM

St Nicholas Church

Hintlesham



CHURCH SERVICES MARCH 2022

2 March	Ash Wednesday Service	6.00 pm	Aldham
6 March	Morning Service	9.30 am	Chattisham
13 March	Mini Messy Church	9.30 am	Hintlesham
	Mini Messy Church will be in the Community Hall rather than the church.		
20 March	Holy Communion	9.30 am	Chattisham
27 March	Mothers Sunday Service	9.30 am	Hintlesham

See below for details

NEXT MONTH:

3 April	Morning Service	9.30 am	Chattisham
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Service alterations will be notified

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

The deadline for the April edition of The Village Link:
10am Wednesday 23rd March 2022 – 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

Goodbye Dudley, farewell Eunice and Franklin,
Good riddance Omicron.

At the end of a storm
There's a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark,

Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Though your dreams be tossed and blown*

Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone

You'll never walk alone

* The Link's health & safety reporter does not advise walking through any inclement weather without appropriate safety gear