



# Hintlesham & Chattisham

THE VILLAGE LINK

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## Back to School

Pupils at Hintlesham & Chattisham Primary School can expect a warm welcome back from the headteacher and her staff when the new term begins ...



*More inside*

## Nay to Horses

New signs have appeared on footpath posts around Hintlesham. The Parish Council discussed in July how some footpaths were being mis-used and agreed to the new signage being put in place.



## All Going Swimmingly

Birch Farm Swim Club is open again for family hours after a major refurbishment and swimming lessons will resume in September.

"We've gone the extra mile to make everything safe and clean," say owners, Richard and Diana Bryce.

An hour session, including a lifeguard, costs from £35 for 4 people (babies are free) and larger groups are welcome.



"Bookings can be made on Facebook or call 07951 570685," says Diana.

She adds: "The water's lovely - come on in!"

## September's Star Event

The Macmillan tea party is one of the first village events scheduled since lockdown in March. Put the date in your diary!

Friday September 25th from 3.00pm until 4.30pm at the Community Hall. All welcome for a cup of tea and a slice of cake in support of the Macmillan nurses.

Contact: Chris Banyard tel: 01473652464



## The Last Man on the Memorial

The name of RAF pilot, Harold G Tipple, has been added to the war memorial in Hintlesham. Who was he and why has his name been added 81 years after his death?

*See inside...*





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## The View From Here ...

*Glen Avis from Hintlesham writes ...*

2020 has been one of the hardest for some time. However, it has provided many of us with the opportunity to do things we haven't done for a while or at least do things differently. It has been great to get out more and make use of what seems to me to be the longest summer on record.

I have enjoyed my cycling trips around the local area, taking more time to actually look at things I would normally drive past in the car. Walking further afield on the numerous footpaths in and around the villages, it's been lovely seeing people you would normally pass by in the car, now stopping to have a chat. Some of the sunsets over the past few weeks have been stunning. Sadly, these are getting earlier each night as summer draws to a close.

Our holiday overseas was cancelled, but we have really enjoyed our local trips to the coast. I'm sure the North Sea is much nicer than I remember it during my childhood!

It's great to hear the birds singing, again reminding me of my childhood, but the extra traffic over recent weeks has provided them with some competition.

I've spent many more hours in the garden this year and continue to do so; perhaps I'll even be up-to-date, ready for Winter by the time Autumn is upon us.

In previous years we have certainly tended to overlook what is on our doorstep. It has not been the case this year.

## Gardening Club Seed Scheme

*Mary Williams writes ...*

As Autumn is coming closer, there's an opportunity to join the Seed Scheme for 2020/21. Kings Seeds offers competitive prices and a 35% discount on orders over £150 and 50% if we can raise an order of over £200. The beautiful colour catalogues are now available. They can be picked up from the carport at Field End, Duke Street from Mary Williams, and from the carport at Suffolk at Chattisham Road, from Margaret Langton. The discounts are available on seeds, but not any plants, fruit, garlic, mushrooms, potatoes, onion and shallot sets or sundry items. Although there is no discount on those items members can have the cheaper rate band shown in the catalogue for potatoes, even if only one pack is ordered. Plug plants are not included in the scheme. Please add £ 1.20 for orders to be packed individually. The scheme was trialled last year and it proved very successful.

Please complete the order form without writing down the final value on the sheet and send your total amount to [hintleshamgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:hintleshamgardeningclub@gmail.com) or call Mary on 652632 / Margaret on 652210 by 20th October. You will then be informed what the discount will be. The order forms can then be finalised and passed with a cheque to Mary or Margaret before 31st October. Cheques made out to E.W.King & Co LTD please. .

## Welcome neighbour!

Over the last year there have been a lot of new faces join the village ... and more to come!  
You are most welcome, and we hope you enjoy your new life here.

# Everyone's Back to School

## Q&A with School Head, Debbie Jackson



### What are your thoughts ahead of the new term?

We're really pleased that all the children are allowed to come back. We've missed them and school is not the same without them. The staff are all looking forward to seeing the children and I know they have missed that contact with them.

We have also had some decorating work done over the summer and some new windows installed, so things will feel and look fresher.

### Is it safe to return?

We've done everything we can to make it as safe as possible and minimise all the risks we've been made aware of. We're following all the government guidelines.

There are quite strict guidelines about what we can and cannot do and classes will still remain in their bubbles. It means staggered start and finish times, staggered lunch and break times in separate parts of the grounds. There's also a massive amount of handwashing for everyone and there will be extensive cleaning of equipment, toilets and all the major "touch points" in the middle of the day as well as at the end of school. Yes, we have made everything as safe as we possibly can.

### How will you ensure children in each class are ready to embark on a new year of learning?

I think parents have done an absolutely brilliant job at home. They have been very supportive. In September, we will find out where each child has got to with their education and we have a recovery curriculum in place. It may take some time to get us to where we would normally be, but we're prepared for that and it will be fine.

### Can the volunteers return?

We miss the volunteers and visitors terribly. The community involvement is such a major part of our school. The guidance surrounding visitors is a little ambiguous, so we're going to let the children return first and settle in. All adults have to keep 2 metres from the children and that social distancing is going to be difficult. Once we all get used to new routines, we will look at this again. My prime concern is to keep everyone safe.

### It must be far too early to think about Christmas?

Far from it! If things carry on as they are, we won't be able to do all the normal things we do at Christmas, but we will make it special. We had our Leavers' Event in July using Zoom and, learning from that, we've been thinking about how we can use video to create something magical for Christmas. It's early days, but watch this space!

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## Walkies!

The village dog walking group will be running a walk on Sunday 6th September at 10.00am meeting at the Hintlesham playing field.

Please email [sarah@knuckey.plus.com](mailto:sarah@knuckey.plus.com) if you wish to attend as we still need to limit the number to a maximum of six people. If we go over the maximum number, I will put forward another date and split the group.

We welcome new members, so please get in touch if you would like to join, we are a very friendly group!

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## Next Parish Council Meeting

Be the first to know what's happening in the village by checking out the Parish Council's virtual meeting on Zoom. The next meeting is on Thursday 10th September at 7.30 PM. The Zoom details: Meeting ID: 873 1027 4023 / Passcode: 637169 .

# Now visiting Chattisham AND Hintlesham

Diana will be back with the Rural Coffee Caravan in Chattisham at the more usual day and time of 10am to 12pm on Tuesday, September 15th.

**STOP PRESS:** Diana will move over and park up in Timperleys in Hintlesham in the afternoon. Exact timings to be confirmed.

The Rural Coffee Caravan is a charity that provides lots of information and signposting as well as excellent free coffee and cake.



## Tales from The Hill

*Sheila Redden, a Hintlesham exile living in Newcastle writes ...*

My grandfather, John Isaac Mower was born in Hintlesham in 1868 and he was brought up by his grandfather. In 1913 John married his housekeeper, Nellie Louise Mann, who was 23 years his junior and they had 7 children.

Grandfather bought the 3 houses known as Primrose Hill, up Duke Street. This is where the family lived and the children were brought up. They were Stan, Sid, Harry (Dick), George, Ivy, Pam and my mother, Ruby.

Ruby is now 98 years old and she tells many stories of her life in Hintlesham. Of the three houses owned by John Isaac, they occupied the top one, the one in the middle was rented to the Ward family at a princely sum of 2/6d per week, and my grandmother lived in the very small one on the end. (The middle and end one is now one dwelling and is owned by the Baalham's.) When my great-grandmother passed away, Mum moved into the little house with me. Dad was away in the Navy.

I remember going on holiday in the village and thought it was a great adventure having to go up the hill to the well to collect water in our seaside buckets. Not so wonderful for the families who had to do it all the time though; no running water in those days!

Grandad had an extensive garden attached to the house and on the opposite side of the road he had a hectare of land where he grew vegetables and kept chickens. Gran was always busy during the summer and autumn preserving fruit and making jam. At harvest time, Mum remembers that her and her sisters were sent to the fields 'gleaning' and bringing home ears of corn that was missed by the harvester and this was used to mash and feed the hens.

Their front room, which was only used at Christmas and high days, was rented out on Wednesday and Saturday to the doctor for his surgery, the patients had to queue up outside on the garden path until their turn.

One of the bedrooms they found was inhabited by bees and to rid the house of them, the plaster came away and the whole of the cavity wall was a honeycomb! People of the village turned out in their droves with basins, pails, dishes ... anything that could hold the honey! .

The names on the war memorial include two of my uncles, Sid and George Mower. Two other brothers, Dick and Stan were both at Dunkirk, one directing the traffic coming off the 'little boats' and the other was a medic.

All the girls were in service and Mum worked for the Rev. Morris until he retired and came North. She came up here with his family, she was 14 years old, quite an upheaval for one so young. (That, as they say, is another story). After the war Mum and Gran worked at the Hall when it was loaned to the Red Cross for military personnel to recover.

I think Mum must be one of the oldest residents of Hintlesham. We have over the years paid many visits back 'home' to visit relatives. I hope you have found this small insight into how people lived in those days interesting.



## The Last Man on the Memorial

*Gerald Main writes ...*

There's a new name on the Hintlesham war memorial. Harold G Tipple was a 19 year old RAF pilot whose plane crashed at Vauxhall Farm on 16 December 1939.

Harold was ferrying solo a Fairey Battle Mk 1 plane from the Cotswolds to RAF Martlesham Heath, despite never having flown the aircraft before. He was buried in a private grave in the churchyard of Hintlesham church, but his name was never put on the memorial.

The details of the crash were classified secret and only came to light last year. There's a video about Harold Tipple – "The Last Man on the Memorial" – on the website [www.HintleshamWarMemorial.com](http://www.HintleshamWarMemorial.com), also search YouTube or Facebook.



## Multi Use Games Area - Update

*Andrew Bryce writes ...*

The MUGA continues to remain open and available for use by members and those hiring the facility, with the exception of access to the tennis net. The gate is locked "open" to avoid any risk of contamination of the handle so all can use the facility with minimal risk. With regards to Covid-19 restrictions for team sports, all sports governing bodies have specific advice which teams should follow when using the facility.

Just as a reminder we ask anyone from our community wishing to use the court to register with the club as a member first. The only fees are £25/hr for team sports, which is also available to those outside of the village on a pre-booking basis only. By becoming a member or pre-booking as a team users are accepting the terms of use and offers protection in the event of some unforeseen incident.

Soon you should see some benches and a bin going on the newly laid tarmac around the entrance. There is also a newly added boot cleaning brush already in place and we ask users to clean shoes on there before entering the court, particular as we approach the wetter months. Please continue to enjoy the fantastic facility we have and help us look after it.

## Name that kite

Last month, The Link asked you to suggest names for the red kites which have moved into the area. Thank you for all your ideas. Kitey McKite-Face was a common choice, but the names we liked best came from David Marsh who suggested Rufus for the male bird and Boadicea for the female.



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# Social Club News

*John Wyman writes ...*

As you all know we closed our doors on the 17th March in the wake of the Corona virus pandemic. Many of us will never have experienced such fundamental change in our lives nor, indeed, the threat to lives. I suspect its impact has made us all re-consider our outlook on life and pre-Covid lifestyle. Since we closed, the Social Club Committee has been keen to keep the community informed of our news and emerging plans, through the public noticeboards and articles in the Village Link.

The club re-opened on the 22nd August and plans to again for the bank holiday weekend. We have had to be mindful of the UK Gov. guidelines issued on the 23rd July for the 'hospitality, restaurant & bar' sector. This means we can't have either staff or volunteers over 70 years of age working in the bar area. We will continue to use the UK Gov. Job Retention Scheme until it ends on the 31st October. This enables us to support and safeguard our staff, as we have been doing throughout closure, and protect the club's finances. During September and October, the bar will be operated by the Social Club committee, supported by volunteer club members.

Our hope and expectation, looking forward to the rest of summer and into winter, will be to maintain the 'weekend' only operation. Clearly, changes in UK Gov. guidelines, for our industry could, and no doubt will, mean we need to review our planning. If you have visited the club bar during August, you will have noticed the new arrangement of tables, service procedures, bar screens and a one way system to ensure everyone's safety in compliance with our own risk assessments and UK Gov. guidelines. We have also taken the opportunity to 'tweak' our bar menu, but rest assured all the club's 'best sellers' remain available.

Finally, the AGM had to be cancelled. We will be circulating officeholder reports to our members shortly as well as depositing these with our regulatory bodies (HCCC & SCA). We will convene an AGM as soon as the rules allow us to do so. We are also very much in the 'market' to welcome new members, so if you have just moved into the village or if you would like to join for the first time or even re-join following a period of absence, we would love to meet up with you during our opening weekends – do drop by for a chat.

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## Friday Afternoon Takeaway

*Cris Velloso-Langton writes ...*

FAnTa is open to all children in school years 9 and above. Meetings are largely based around food, as were those of previous incarnations like Fish on Fridays and Chips on Fridays. We also play and discuss some issues that we face in our daily lives, frequently touching on the Christian perspective on these issues, but more often than not, just exploring our own experiences and opinions.

We took our usual break in August, but will be back in September for an extra-terrestrial screening and reflection at St. Nicholas Church, Hintlesham. Please let us know if you are planning to come as we'll have to follow government guidelines for places of worship and need to be adequately prepared (email [cris.velloso.langton@gmail.com](mailto:cris.velloso.langton@gmail.com)). See you on Friday, 4th September, 18:00 at St. Nick's.





## BOWLS CLUB

*Frank Wilkin reports ...*

We have the go ahead to start bowling again which is great news. Following the guidelines set out by Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association, we are starting with a bubble of eight people, which means that most of us will have a club night once every two weeks, which is a start. We will monitor this for one month then assess to see whether we can increase numbers bowling each week.

Club Nights will be EVERY Wednesday in September at 7.30 PM.



## SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE AND STRIDE

**SEPTEMBER 12th 2020**

**9.00 – 5.00**

This is a fun way to raise money for the restoration of your local churches. Cycle or walk to as many churches as you can in the given time.

Sponsorship forms will be available in either church and from Hugo Langton (652210) or Jenny Cox (652466 / mac.jenny@hotmail.co.uk).

## THE VILLAGE WALKING GROUP

The September Walk is in Copdock and Washbook on Thursday 17th September at 10am.

Meet near to red telephone box just as you enter Washbrook Village. Park on side of road opposite Telephone Box.

Further details from Stephanie on 652297.



## MICHAEL DEAKIN GOLF DAY



**Monday  
7th September**

The Michael Deakin Golf Day will take place on Monday 7th September. All proceeds to the Churches Restoration Fund. Entry forms from Peter Hollis. pjhollis20@gmail.com or 01473 652566

## WOODLAND WORKING PARTIES

*Mark Smith, Working Party Lead, writes ...*

Time has flown and once again working party season is beginning. Volunteers made a huge contribution last time and I think the work is starting to show. The woodland has been very vigorous and green this summer and the variety and density of vegetation is fantastic. Hope to see a good few volunteers this season to continue improvements. Meet in the Community Hall car park at 09:30 on Sunday 20 September.



## 200 Club August 2020

Name	Member	No
£40	M Engle – Chattisham	458
£30	P Hollis – Hintlesham	386
£20	R Hobbs – Chattisham	256
£15	D Anderson – Chattisham	276
£15	G Markham - Hintlesham	111

*The 200 Club was established in June 1978 and is still an important fund raiser for the work of the Community Council in maintaining facilities and supporting events. For information about the 200 Club and details of how to pay subs by standing order, please email Annie Eaton at hccc200club@gmail.com*



# Call for Change?



The former phone boxes in Chattisham and Hintlesham are due to get a lick of paint. But has the time come, in a Covid-19 world, to question their use as a dumping ground for people's unwanted books?

In Duke Street, books are routinely left on the floor. In the event of an emergency do you really want to be doing battle with a 1984 copy of Miller's Antique Guide to access the lifesaving equipment?

Left, the Defibrillator at Kersey Mill & right at Duke Street. Share your views by email: [Hint.Link.Chat@gmail.com](mailto:Hint.Link.Chat@gmail.com)



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## Face to Face Sunday Services in September

Join us if it's safe to do so. The services will be about 30 minutes and will include music, prayers, readings and poetry. Don't forget to wear a face covering.

Sunday 6th Sept at 10.00 am – Kersey

Sunday 13th Sept at 10.00 am – Hintlesham (outdoor Mini Messy weather permitting)

Sunday 20th Sept at 10.00 am – Elmsett

Sunday 27th Sept at 10.00 am - Chattisham

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**The deadline for the October edition: 10.00am Wednesday 16 September**

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### Final Words...

***Let the disappointments pass, let the laughter fill your glass***

*Jackson Browne*