



# Hintlesham & Chattisham

## THE VILLAGE LINK

JANUARY 2021

### Welcome to the first Link of 2021

#### Highlights:

- The Canadian historian tracing her family's roots to Hintlesham in the reign of Henry VIII
- Headteacher, Debbie Jackson's, end of term report
- Saints in a muddle in Chattisham



### Sprucing Up for 2021

*Jane Whyman writes:* The community hall environs are looking a bit smarter. In December we had a busy morning putting fresh gravel by the sides of the hall. The weeds shouldn't come through so quickly and it will be easier to keep tidy. Wooden posts from the old play area were re-used to form a simple barrier to protect the space - making it easier for deliveries, and also provide a useful space outside the building.

We will be carrying on with more improvements in the coming months. Thank you to everyone who helped out with big machines and hand tools!

### Healthier New Year

*The Editor writes:*

2020 has been a terrible year for illness, and not just COVID-19. Sadly, many of our friends and neighbours in H&C have been on the "sick list" for one reason or another and we wish them improved health in 2021.



The vaccine, when it comes, gives us a chance (thanks to brilliant scientists) to help ourselves and the ones we love. When it's our turn, let's ALL roll up our sleeves, have the jab and get back to normal as soon as possible.

### Sheds Targeted

Suffolk Police are appealing for information following two shed burglaries in Hintlesham on Monday 14th December. The sheds in Duke Street were broken into sometime between 10.30pm and 11pm. Tools and hand operated power machinery were stolen.

Anyone with information should contact Suffolk police quoting crime number 37/72450/20 via - <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/existing-report-update>

### Christmas Tree Collection

Babergh District Council will be collecting Christmas trees from the Community Hall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January and 22<sup>nd</sup> January.



*Happy New Year 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)

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 ...

*Phil Archer writes:*

In 2020 we got to know names like Chris Whitty and Jonathan Van Tam. With the best will in the world, I really hope we don't hear much more from them in 2021. No, let's focus on the names Maggie Keenan and May Parsons. I've got them both tucked away for a future village quiz. Who are they? Respectively, they are the first recipient of the first UK-approved Covid-19 vaccine and the nurse who administered it in the early hours of 8<sup>th</sup> December.



Two more names for you from my line of work: Clyde Dawson and Sharon Buchanan. You've never heard of them, but posterity records their names as the customer and checkout operator on the first occasion when the barcode scanner went beep at 08:01 on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1974 at Marsh Stores, Troy, Ohio.

That simple action, as Clyde bought his 10 pack of Wrigley's Juicy Fruit gum, is now utterly routine and we don't need to think about it, but it's the visible part of a system of supply chains that has kept scotch eggs and toilet rolls in our shops throughout what we all fervently hope will remain the worst health crisis of our lifetimes. The beep was unnoticed and quickly forgotten by almost everyone. But it was a beginning, as was Maggie & May's brief time in the spotlight.

As 2021 gets underway, what new beginning can we look forward to? It's still dark, damp and miserable outside, but we can hope that by the time summer comes round the church fete can go ahead; that Chattisham can open its gardens; that the Community Hall and its social club will again be a place we can gather freely; that The George can be fully open and the MUGA in full use.

We're not there yet, but the view from here is better than it's been for a long time. 2021 is when we get back to some sort of normality. 2020? You're muted.

## Boardwalk Bridges Bog *Stephanie Coupland, Parish Council Footpath Officer writes:*

Footpath 40/36 is the one by the former pony paddock in Duke Street which has been inaccessible for a number of years. The building contractors have done some great work in reinstating the first part of the path and the landowner of the field at the far end, has cleared the final part of the path. The biggest problem remaining was the very, very boggy stretch at the bottom of the field.

A request was sent to Suffolk County Council, Public Rights of Way, to request that a boardwalk be put on the boggiest part of this area. Fellow Parish Councillor Jamie Bostock and I held a site meeting with the SCC Footpath Officer, and it was agreed the county council would fund a boardwalk at the start of the next financial year in April/May. Good News!!!

There is still some clearing up to do along the far end of the footpath, but it is passable with care if you wear Wellington boots! I would like to thank the contractors and the landowner for their hard work in opening up this footpath after so long.



## End of term Q&A

As the baubles on Hintlesham and Chattisham C of E Primary School's Christmas tree were being packed away, headteacher Debbie Jackson, reflects on a busy time at school.



**Q** *How did last term go?*

**A** It went very well. Apart from the children sitting in rows and teachers keeping their distance, little has changed. The children are still learning, still laughing and still having fun and enjoying being together. We've tried to keep things as normal as possible but in a Covid safe way. Christmas was full of the usual traditions although performances were recorded and shared with families via Zoom. This year we couldn't go to the panto in person, but the children enjoyed a panto on screen and if children were self-isolating we were able to give them a link and they could see the show at the same time online. We were unable to have the usual Christmas Fair but we managed to arrange for some events that were again adapted to be Covid safe.

**Q** *Will next term be more of the same?*

**A** I don't think people will notice many changes and we've adapted the things we normally do. For example, last term we had a class assembly via Zoom and it surprisingly meant more parents and family members than usual were able to attend. We will certainly do that again next term given the Covid restrictions will still be in force and parents still want to see their children being involved in school events. It's important parents do see what's going on in school and still feel part of our school community too.

**Q** *Children are exposed to so much media coverage of the virus – how have you allayed their fears?*

**A** We listen to them and talk to them all the time. With our Recovery Curriculum we have placed greater emphasis on PHSE which allows us more time for this. If someone has a worry or a concern, we can address it. They know they can talk to us about worries and so they do. We've also put in place "interventions" to help children catch up if they've missed out or have gaps in their learning that need filling. This has really helped children to see their progress and allayed some of these fears. All the staff have been brilliant, and I can't thank them enough for supporting the children through this time.

We are also there for the parents. I make sure I'm visible at the school gate most days because I think it important to be there so parents can ask questions if they have any worries or concerns. Sometimes just a friendly face can make all the difference.

**Q** *Do you still have spare places?*

**A** Yes, there are just a few in some year groups. Also, may I remind potential new parents that January 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for applying for an Early Years place for September. Please get in touch if you have any questions about life at our school or look on the website for more details.

**Q** Do you have a New Year's resolution for 2021?

**A** I suppose I don't really stick to New Year with my resolutions. I always try to be the best person I can be, sometimes I may need to restart this again mid-year rather than waiting for January though! However, I am hoping to see more of my family again this year too, once the risk of being around so many people on a daily basis is less and a vaccine is able to protect those who are more vulnerable. This is especially so this year, as in February my first grandchild is due! So, in answer to your question, I have many resolutions just not all in the New Year!



## HINTLESHAM HALL SUFFOLK

### January 2021—Lunch Offer



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throughout January 2021.

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lunch menu  
(normally £33.50 per person)

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## From The Link's Inbox

**Peter Moeller from Cobblers Corner in**

**Hintlesham writes:** The decision of the Parish Council to rename the once-charming feature of our village, as *Ladbrook's Meadow* (my italics), surely displays a wry sense of irony.



The definition of a meadow is of "an open habitat or field vegetated by grass, herbs and other non-woody plants". It does not mention human habitation – much less the scarcely credible six houses that are apparently going to be shoehorned into this once attractive rural spot, and the removal of the tree shown in your picture.

On the whole, the sad but necessary developments in our village have been carried out with some sensitivity, but this represents a fatal lurch, changing the character of the immediate area and moving Hintlesham closer to becoming an urban satellite to Ipswich. Perhaps a more appropriate name might be: *Ladbrook's Ghetto?* One shudders!

**Amanda Dunn writes:** A recent edition of the Village Link quite rightly reminded residents that footpaths are to be used on foot, and should not be accessed on horse or by bicycle. I wonder whether it would also be appropriate to remind our local landowners of their legal obligations to maintain the footpaths, so that they can be enjoyed by all, on foot. I have attached a recent spot when walking around the parish.

*Pictured right: Crops planted across footpath*

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## H&C Book Worms

**Stephanie Coupland**

**writes:** Having a cup of coffee with some friends back in the Summer of 2018, we got talking about books, which ones we had read and what sort of books we liked. We all had different ideas. As a follow on to this discussion someone said 'It's a shame we don't have a book club in the village!' This got me thinking, so following a trip to Capel Library to find out what the rulings are regarding Book Clubs, I put an article in the Village Link. To my surprise, I had lots of replies from people who were really interested. So, in September 2018 having got 15 books from Capel Library, we had our first meeting in the meeting Room at the Community Hall. The book was 'Anything is possible!' by Elizabeth Strout. Thought quite apt as 'anything is possible' if you put your mind to it!!

2 years later we are still going! 23 books read and we now have 19 members. Up until the lockdown, we met every 4th Monday. Of course, there is the tea and biscuit to keep us going.

Now, due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to do this, but I am still able to get books from the Library, which I drop off at people's houses. They then email me their reviews and I put them all into one email for everyone to read.

If anyone is keen to join our group, they would be most welcome. Just contact me on my email [stephcoupland@aol.com](mailto:stephcoupland@aol.com) with a contact number and I will call you to give you more information.



# Notes from the Meeting of the Parish Council

## - Held Via Zoom - Thursday 10th December 2020 at 7:30pm

Parish Councillor Chris Leney reports:

Present:

11 Parish Councillors, County Councillor Christopher Hudson, District Councillor David Busby & 2 members of the public.

### **County Council Report**

Councillor Hudson reported on the work that Suffolk County Council were doing in response to the Coronavirus outbreak and logistical arrangements for administering the vaccine. He was holding meetings regarding the parking problems generated by Suffolk One.

### **District Council Report**

Councillor Busby reported that Babergh were looking at having a surplus return for the year, following a review of funding. Planning issues at Charity Farm were in the hands of the Enforcement Officer. He reported on the activities of CIFCO, the Council's property investment arm, which surprisingly has most of its debt on a 12 month term, which given the nature of the investment could be considered unwise. Councillor Busby was asked to look into the issue of the livery stables located on the back of Duke Street.

Both Councillor Hudson and Councillor Busby were asked to provide statistics on how many employees in their Councils had been made redundant since 20 March 2020 and how many had received a pay cut or their hours reduced. Both Councillors to report to the next meeting.

### **Planning**

DC/20/05300 – Church Farm, Lower Barn Road, Chattisham – Application to Vary or Remove Condition Relating to B/160/79. The Parish Council had no objections.

DC/20/05079 – Birch Farm, Silver Hill, Hintlesham – Change of Use of Land and Siting of Four Holiday Lodges. The Parish Council objected to this application.

DC/20/05137 – Land and Cobbalds Farm, Hadleigh – Outline Planning Application for Employment Land including warehousing, light industrial and offices. The Parish Council objected to this application.

### **E-mail and Filming Policy**

The Council has agreed to hold a separate meeting in 2021 to finalise this policy.

### **Energy Project**

The Parish Council were informed that Suffolk County Council are expecting to have a meeting with National Grid in 2021 regarding the Bramford to Twinstead pylon line and possible timescales for this project.

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### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

The Parish Council's next virtual meeting, using Zoom, will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 14 January 2021 Meeting ID: 821 8291 4105 / Passcode: 709737

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### **2021 – Census Year**

The once every 10 years census is almost upon us. Households across Hintlesham & Chattisham will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in our local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes. Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census day is March 21.

For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk).

## Canadian with Tudor Roots in H&C

*Audrey Hawkins (pictured) lives in Winnipeg, Canada and has made some fascinating H&C discoveries in her family tree. She contacted The Link to tell more:*



"When browsing YouTube, I chanced on the "Hintlesham Remembers" video and my genealogy antenna went up! My grandmother was an Estey, her family originated from the Hintlesham area."

But Audrey's local roots go way, way back. The earliest member of the Estey family to have lived in Hintlesham was her 11<sup>th</sup> great grandfather in the times of King Henry VIII: "Jeffrey Estey (1515–93) was born, died and buried in Hintlesham".

So too was Jeffrey's son, Christopher (1552-1621), who married a Chattisham girl called Anne Arnold.

Just a few years after The Mayflower sailed from Plymouth to America, the Esteys are found living in New England and Audrey's 8<sup>th</sup> great grandfather, Isaac, is married to Mary Towne (originally from Great Yarmouth). Mary was executed for witchcraft during the Salem witch trials of 1692. Bizarrely, Isaac was later compensated by the government with the sum of £20 for Mary's wrongful execution!

"I would love to hear from any Link readers who have connections to the Estey's in Suffolk," says Audrey.

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## Winners!

The Shapland family from Hintlesham won The Link's Christmas Tree competition. They are pictured choosing their prize in Raydon.

## Chattisham Church of All Saints & St Margaret

Last month The Link looked at St Nicholas, the saint to which Hintlesham's church is dedicated. But what about Chattisham church's saint?



- It's the only church in the country dedicated to both All Saints AND St Margaret. In medieval times it was dedicated to just All Saints, but a couple of centuries later, Chattisham church was muddled with the one at Shottisham which was dedicated to St Margaret. The mistake was never rectified and from the 19<sup>th</sup> century onwards Chattisham was named All Saints and St Margaret.
- In 1986 a wooden carving of St Margaret holding a lamb was created by local woodcarver, Derek Jarman, and presented to the church.
- St Margaret's Feast Day is July 20<sup>th</sup>. Although not marked now, in years gone by, perhaps locals in the village were given the day off to pray or make merry?
- St Margaret was born in third century Antioch (Turkey) and executed by Romans in 303 AD. She is the patron saint of pregnant women and those who are falsely accused.



## Walking Group at Crossroads

Barry Williams writes:

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all walkers. We are not sure what the situation will be in January, so we may or may not do a walk on January 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be in contact on Facebook pages or Email if it's on. Further information from Barry or Mary on 652632.



of £15. In March, June, September and December there is an extra prize of £50.

The Community Council needs funding support more than ever in 2021. This is down to the drop in income from the limited opening of the Community Hall caused by Covid-19, while many of the overheads are constant.

You can pay by standing order, cheque or cash and we have a willing band of volunteers who collect in both villages. If you wish to join please email [hccc200club@gmail.com](mailto:hccc200club@gmail.com).



## 200 Club

Prize Money	December 2020 Winners
£50	S King – Hintlesham
£40	E Russell – Hintlesham
£30	P Gaskin – Chattisham
£20	G Hollingsworth – Chattisham
£15	J Hemstedt – Hintlesham
£15	R D'Archy - Hintlesham



Note from Jenny Cox:

It's January! Which means that it is time for members of the 200 club in Timperleys, George Street and any others who pay via me to get their subs ready! We have had quite a few winners on our patch this year and you have to be in it to win it!

## Soup & Sweet Off the Menu

Hilary Deakin writes: The Tuesday Circle committee would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Sadly, *Soup and Sweet* has to be postponed until 2022, however we look forward to seeing members in the New Year just as soon as we can.

## Hintlesham and Chattisham Community Council

### What is the 200 Club?

Annie Eaton,  
200 Club Co-Ordinator writes:

The Community Council 200 Club Lottery was set up to provide amenities for the villages. Half the money raised is given out in prizes and the other half is used for the upkeep and improvements to the Community Hall, Playing Field Hut, Community Woodland, Multi Use Games Area, Playing Fields and Play Areas.

These facilities are available for the use of the whole community. At only £12 a year, members are entered into the monthly prize draw. The prizes are £40, £30, £20, and two

## 2020 to go out with a Bang

The Traditional New Year's Eve fireworks will be going ahead, but at the earlier time of 9.30 pm.





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## CHURCH SERVICES

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(Subject to Covid restrictions at the time)

3 Jan	Morning Service	9.30 am	Chattisham
10 Jan	Mini Messy Church	9.30 am	Community Hall
17 Jan	Holy Communion (Rev Jackson)	9.30 am	Chattisham
24 Jan	Family Service (Rev Jackson)	9.30 am	Hintlesham
Sat 30 Jan	Candlemas Mini Messy Church*	4.30 pm	Hintlesham
31 Jan	Online Service	10.00 a.m.	

### NEXT MONTH:

7 Feb	Morning Service	9.30 a.m.	Chattisham
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- \* Candlemas Mini Messy Afternoon at St. Nicholas Church, Hintlesham  
Stories, games, candles, and cake! All ages welcome

**See [www.kind.church.com/handc](http://www.kind.church.com/handc) for latest church news, events and service times.**

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The deadline for the February edition of The Village Link:  
**10.00 am Wed 20th January – but the earlier the better please!**

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

### Final Words...

***"Goodbye 2020  
& Good Riddance!"***