



# Hintlesham & Chattisham

THE VILLAGE LINK

JULY 2020

## 82 mph in Duke Street

A vehicle entering Hintlesham via Duke St has been clocked doing over 80mph. Figures collected by the VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed warning sign) show most drivers (82%) adhere to the 30mph speed limit on entering the village, but the number drops to just 63% on leaving.



According to Les Cole, who oversees traffic for the Parish Council, the difference may be the result of drivers reacting to the sign on the way into the village but, "subconsciously speeding up as they consider they are leaving the village."

The VAS has now been operating in Duke Street for 3 months. The sign illuminates as vehicles approach and displays the speed and a message, either Thank You, Slow Down or Danger. There is no speed displayed for vehicles in excess of 40 mph to deter drivers from beating their "personal best". The sign records vehicles travelling in either direction. Les Cole says: "Hopefully in the coming weeks additional posts will be installed allowing the sign to be deployed at the other locations."

## Biggest Challenge in 150 years

When our village school closed due to the pandemic, it was the first time since 1873 that the gates were locked for such a lengthy period. Inside, we ask headteacher, Debbie Jackson, how school is facing its greatest challenge.



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## Chattisham's Hendrix Mystery

Could legendary guitarist Jimi Hendrix be responsible for an unusual sighting in Chattisham?

**More inside ...**





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Hintlesham and Chattisham Churches

## The View From Here ...

*Jenny Cox, Church Warden  
 at St Nicholas Church writes ...*

How life changes – by the end of March we had enjoyed a family lunch to celebrate a big birthday, half term week in Seville and a visit to Turner’s house in Twickenham. This second trip gave us a slight taste of things to come, frantic cleaning of the banister rail and rather chaotic timed arrivals, but later, a pub full of people, who hadn’t yet heard of Social Distancing!

We are so thankful for those times spent with family and friends, as our world shrunk. We are also thankful for the community in which we live, that the weather has been good, that we have a garden to work and rest in and all these lovely walks.

The View from Here, via our windows, has changed over the last few months. Spring flowers have come and gone, trees have come into leaf and the cow parsley has been wonderful. Summer bedding had to be ordered online, collected from car parks – no chance to browse, the sun shone, the new plants needed rain ...

June – it’s raining! Are we allowed out or not? Can I unlock the church?

Facetime zoom and WhatsApp – a real visit in a public space, all spread out.

Some children back at school, but not ancient volunteers, church is clean, open and waiting for private prayers.

***When this is read in July – who knows which normal we will be in!***

## Parakeet Mystery



Recent editions of The Link have reported sightings of a red kite in the village. This prompted a “reliable source” in Chattisham to report observing a pair of parakeets near the Church. Where did they come from?

Parakeets are commonly seen in London boroughs south of the river. Some claim they escaped during filming of *The African Queen* in Isleworth in 1951. Other say the birds were released in Carnaby Street during a publicity stunt for a Jimi Hendrix album in the 60’s. Both claims are false! The real culprit was probably the Great Storm of 1987 in which several aviaries were destroyed, and the green birds made their escape.

*Has anyone else seen them since?*

## Thank You Everyone



Thank you to all our friends and neighbours for the cards, cakes and calls as we celebrated our Diamond Wedding. We would also like to thank all those who have supported us, and others, during the lockdown.

*John & Shirley Mower*

# Back to School, But Not Back to Normal

Our village school faces its biggest challenge in its 150 years. Headteacher, Debbie Jackson, took time out for a Q&A with The Link.



## How many children returned to school on 1st June?

17 attended on day one and that number has increased to 24.

## What were your concerns about the pupils returning?

The parents, staff and children all had concerns and all needed reassurance before we opened. Firstly, the staff and I worked hard to ensure we knew that we were confident in our plans and making sure it was all as safe as possible. I then shared with parents how I envisaged the school day and was open about the risk assessments which had taken place. I then asked them to prepare their children for school being a little different from usual.

## How were the children on Day 1?

There was some understandable initial apprehension and trepidation, but that eased once they saw their teacher on the playground and returned to their classrooms. By the end of the day most children were reasonably happy. Over the next few days, more children came to school and those numbers have been steadily building.

There was so much tape around the school it resembled a crime scene! It's there to separate each pod's outside area and mark off no-go zones. It worried me at first how the children would react, but we've all got used to it. The children have adapted really well and even the very youngest are observing the 2-metre rule. To be honest, it's been much better than I thought it would be. We are all still the same people – we work hard, we enjoy school and laugh a lot – just like before.

## How are the staff?

They're doing really well. When we were away from school, we kept in touch with each other via Zoom and WhatsApp for various social events. At that point we were teaching from home remotely and it did take time to become familiar with delivering lessons in a totally alien way. The online platform we used supported the staff to keep in touch with the children and help with their work.

There were worries about coming back, but again we've learned to adapt. We had our first staff meeting out on the field and all kept a 2-metre distance! By the time the children came back, we were all confident that the procedures we had in place were right for the children whilst being as safe as possible.

## When will volunteers be allowed back?

We are so lucky having so many people from the village involved in the school. Sadly, no visitors are allowed into school while the children are here. It's all about protecting our pods of children and keeping school cross contamination free.

## What's your message to children still waiting to come back?

This is such a difficult question to answer. We would love to have all children back in school tomorrow if we had the space and it fitted within the stringent DfE guidelines for social distancing and pods etc. Saying to a child that I can't have them back is the worst position I have ever been in. It's extremely difficult, but even though many children aren't physically at school, they are still very much part of our school family and we will continue to do all we can to support them at home.

# Hintlesham Gardening Club Autumn Show



It is with disappointment that the committee has taken the difficult decision to cancel the Autumn Garden Show which was due to be held on Saturday 12th September.

During lockdown, gardening and baking have become an important part of life for many of us. To celebrate this, we would love you to send us a photo of your favourite flower or prized vegetable growing in your garden or a delicious cake/bake you have made. If you are under 12, please send us a photo of a drawing, Lego model or bake you have created.

Photos should be emailed to [hintleshamgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:hintleshamgardeningclub@gmail.com) or call Cathy (07949 080119) to arrange drop off. All photos must be submitted by 27th August. By sending your photo you are agreeing to it being used on social media and the village website.

We then plan to put together a photographic record of the summer of 2020 and the joys of gardening and cooking.

*Cathy Leney*  
Gardening Club  
secretary



*Lovely  
lilies in the  
garden of  
Dave and  
Moya Blake*

## Phyllis May Meadows

Phyllis May passed away peacefully on 25 April 2020, aged 98. For many years she lived in Park View (now Quince Cottage), Hintlesham, with her parents and brother Charles. She was a very competent organist and taught locals how to play the piano.

In the 50's and 60's Phyllis was Hintlesham's Choir Mistress. Practices were held on a Friday evening and the entire choir squeezed into the organ loft to follow her instruction. Later in life she moved to Sproughton.

Phyllis was much loved and is greatly missed by family and friends.

### From the Parish Registers:

#### Hintlesham: June

Phyllis Meadows  
- burial

Peter Chenery  
- burial of ashes

Wendy Weeding  
- burial of ashes



Check out the new tasty take-away menu on the website [www.ghfood.uk](http://www.ghfood.uk) or on Facebook or simply call us on **01473 652408**.

# Notes from the meeting of the Parish Council held online on Thursday 11th June 2020

Second month in a row with a full turn-out of our Parish Council for the June 'Zoom' meeting. We were joined by our trusty District & County Councillors, Dave Busby and Christopher Hudson. We were also joined by a growing band of members of the public which is really good to see.

**District Councillor – Dave Busby**, was disappointed at the granting of planning permission at Charity Farm following the parish council's and his own fears that the application was neither sound nor appropriate for the existing site use. PC Chair, David Marsh, said he intended to write to Babergh's Planning portfolio holder to set out the PC's concern that this permission has been, seemingly, granted without proper regard and consideration of the site.

**County Councillor – Christopher Hudson** PC Chair, David Marsh, asked Christopher when Suffolk County Council might be in a position to authorise the additional VAS sites, so our 'Traffic Management' team can move the VAS unit to other village speeding 'hot spots'. Christopher confirmed he would deal with this immediately.

**Village Traffic - Richard Youngs** reported the Police had undertaken several traffic speed checks in both Chattisham and George St. A number of offenders will be contacted and prosecuted. Sadly, the impact of the checks is being diluted by social media 'tip offs' which is particularly frustrating.

## Planning

**DC/20/01979 – The Pony Paddock, Duke St, Hintlesham.** Consideration was given to the appearance, layout, scale and landscaping for the erection of 6 new dwellings. David Marsh confirmed 'outline' consent had already been given, so our only remaining concern sits around the apparent 'disappearance' on the current plans of Footpath 40. David said the matter would be taken up.

**Charity Farm**, there was further discussion on the granted planning consent. It was confirmed the sheep and land referred to by planning officers did not form part of the business of Charity Farm and members were hard pressed to understand what, if any, 'agricultural activity' took place at the site. David Marsh confirmed conditions applied to the consent and the actual business activity would be closely scrutinised once the any development is completed.

**Sizewell C**, was raised by Councillor Peter Eaton who updated members on the planning process used to consider such large national infrastructure projects. He was able to add considerable context and the potential impact Bradwell B may have on whether Sizewell C is able to proceed. This would also impact on the report due this summer on the Bramford – Twinstead pylon line.

**Footpaths**, Stephanie Coupland reported there is damage to both the 'boardwalk' and steps on footpath 39 which had been reported to SCC. It had also been reported to members that some footpaths were being illegally used by cyclists.

**Duke Street** – Concerns had been voiced by some members of the public about the use of land to the east side of Duke St., where it was now being used, allegedly, as a livery business with fixed buildings and 'made up' car parking. Councillors agreed to seek clarification from Babergh as to whether this was appropriate use of this land within the planning framework.

**Public Transport** Councillor Ben Cox confirmed Beestons are now running services 2 hourly with maximum of 17 people allowed on board.

*The full minutes of this meeting will be published on the village website. These notes are my personal interpretation of the meeting content and do not, necessarily, represent the determined position of the Parish Council.*

## Your Invitation

Currently PC meetings are being held on Zoom, but you have a legal right to "sit in" and see first-hand what they get up to ... and you'd be very welcome!

Sign up for a free Zoom account at <https://zoom.us/signup>

Join the meeting by entering the ID number followed by the password

### Next Meeting:

7.30 PM on Tuesday 9 July

Meeting ID: 898 7676 8480 /  
Password: 525863

Need a bit of help?

Contact Parish Clerk, Jo Browne, on  
01473 652677 / 07974 811069 or  
[hintandchat.pc@btinternet.com](mailto:hintandchat.pc@btinternet.com)

## THE VILLAGE WALKING GROUP

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*Barry Williams writes ...*

We are up and running! (or at least walking). Meet at 10 AM on Thursday 16th July at the Community Centre for an easy walk on familiar paths. We will observe social distancing and split into 2 groups if necessary.

**More details from Barry on 652632.**

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## DOG WALKING GROUP

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*Sarah Knuckey writes ...*

We are restarting the village dog walks, with adjustments to keep in line with the government guidelines. If anyone new would like to join the group, please email me at [sarah@knuckey.plus.com](mailto:sarah@knuckey.plus.com) and I can add you to our email list. We are a very friendly group and continue to welcome new members.

I will run two walks a month to allow the opportunity for most dogs and owners to take part. I will email out the July dates shortly. Please remember to bring your own water and poo bags for the dogs as we will not be able to share. We look forward to seeing you on next month's walk.

## YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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**PEBBLES (Year R - Yr 3)** is a fun, monthly Christian after-school group at school to which all are welcome. It involves games, tuck, crafts, activities, bible stories, singing, short prayer time and making things ...including friends (and a mess!).

**ECHO (Yrs 7 & 8)** as above but with ping-pong, table-football, cooking, exploring outside and also current affairs with - 'What would Jesus do?' - in mind.

Sadly, this term normal sessions are cancelled, but we are still hoping for outdoor socially-distanced parties with games and swimming maybe in July or September ...? All welcome and we hope to be back to normal soon!



**Any enquiries to Mary Luxmoore-Styles at [maryls@btinternet.com](mailto:maryls@btinternet.com)**

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## BOWLS CLUB

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*Frank Wilkin reports ...*

With no bowls being played at the moment I thought I would explain a bit about what you are missing! Carpet bowls is played with four players in a team on a mat 30 x 6 feet with an 18 inch block placed in the centre of the mat. Delivery of woods takes place between two blocks at the end of the mat. The players have two bowls each with the aim of getting your bowls nearest to the Jack.

It's a skilful, inexpensive and sociable game to play for all ages. Stay safe everybody.



## Social Club News

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*John Wyman, H&CSC Chair writes ...*

The pandemic caused our AGM in May to be postponed to a provisional date in August. Our main concern is keeping everyone safe and staying on the right side of the social distancing regulations.

One option would be to hold an online virtual AGM in August. However, we didn't feel enough people would be able to engage and feel involved.

So where does that leave things?

We will be writing to all our members towards the end of July with the annual reports and a copy of our audited accounts. We will also share our thinking on what the club operation may look like once we are in a position to open our doors again.

The impact of Covid 19 on our finances has been significant. Although the Job Retention Scheme allowed us to 'furlough' Rosie during the shutdown, we have incurred losses in disposing of our out of date stock.

So, the AGM is still on hold. Members will be notified of the new date as soon as social distancing measures are relaxed to allow public meetings. Watch out for more details on the village's noticeboards and on the HCCC website.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

*John - H&CSC Chair*

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## Thank You

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*Janet Davies writes ...*

With lockdown beginning to ease – though not for all of us – Richard and I would like to say a huge thank you to the wonderful people of this community who have helped, supported and cared for us over the last few months. As it would take at least two pages of the Link to thank folks individually, please accept this as a general but nonetheless heartfelt and grateful thank you. We would not have managed without you. Stay safe and well – and hopefully, see you soon!



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## Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride

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**12th September 2020**

At last something that hasn't been cancelled and good news for all of you who have been cycling during lockdown. Here's a chance to prove how far you can go in a given time scale and raise money for the upkeep of your local church too! A super family day out visiting as many churches as you can. Sponsorship forms will be available soon.

*Jenny Cox*



# 200 Club

## June 2020

Name	Member	No
£50	P King – Hintlesham	160
£40	S Wilkin - Hintlesham	225
£30	S Ramsey - Chattisham	486
£20	M Foxtton - Chattisham	496
£15	P Mickleburgh - Hintlesham	277
£15	D Marsh - Hintlesham	211

*Annie Eaton at [hccc200club@gmail.com](mailto:hccc200club@gmail.com)*



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or funeral, please contact the  
Vicar, Rev Jackson,  
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Hintlesham and Chattisham Churches



Sunday services are  
now on YouTube –  
search for Parish  
Connection or use  
the QR code here:



## — MY HINTLESHAM LOCKDOWN —

*As schools across Suffolk slowly start to welcome back pupils,  
15-year-old Anna MacDonald from Hintlesham,  
reflects on 3 months of home schooling and her first day back at Hadleigh High.*

At the beginning, I was quite excited to be working from home and have the freedom to work at my own pace. It was nice to be comfortably positioned at my own desk and be able to take breaks whenever I felt I was in need of a snack.

As the weeks have progressed, I still find it nice to be in my own surroundings, although the novelty of not being at school has worn off. Sometimes I have found myself ignoring my alarm for just a few minutes - and once, I did manage to ignore it for an hour! However, being at home has allowed me to find types of studying techniques that suit me and it was nice to take a dip in the pool after a long, hot day of studying!

I have recently gone into school for the morning and I found it helpful to be taught by someone instead of just reading through a PowerPoint. It was nice to be surrounded by other students, even if it was at a 2m distance.

The lockdown has not all been about studying. We have done lots of baking and taken a culinary tour of the world each weekend. We have also walked lots and taught Grandma to 'Zoom' and video call – even if we mainly see the top half of her face, it has been a great way to keep in touch! I am sure I am not alone in hoping that we can all see our friends and family in the flesh soon.

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**The deadline for the July edition is: 5.00pm Wednesday 22 July.**

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**Final Words...**

***"Everything feels better after a haircut!"***

Anon