



**MARCH 2025**

*Made in Hintlesham & Chattisham*

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HINTLESHAM GARDENING CLUB  
**SPRING  
SHOW**

**Saturday 15th March 2025**  
**at the Community Hall**  
**Entries by 10.15am for judging**  
**Open to all from 2pm to see the**  
**winning entries and enjoy tea,**  
**cake & a raffle**

Schedules on village website  
or from Cathy  
Flower, cookery, handicraft &  
childrens classes open to all

Entries to Cathy  
hintleshamgardeningclub@gmail.com  
07949 080119  
by Monday 10th March



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 Lay Chair of the PCC Jenny 01473 652466

## COFFEE STOP Weds 5<sup>th</sup> March

Drop in between 10-12 noon on 5<sup>th</sup> March at the Community Hall. Come and meet friends for coffee and cake, unlimited coffee/tea £1, homemade cake and scones 50p. Info from: Margaret Langton 652210

## HALL LUNCH 13<sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm

Community Hall  
Contact: Thelma Cole 01473 652180

## RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025

10.00 - 12.00 Chattisham Church  
14.00 - 16.00 Hintlesham Community Hall

## HINTLESHAM AND CHATTISHAM WORKING PARTIES

After a successful tidy up on a sunny afternoon in Feb, **a working party will meet at Chattisham playing field on 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> March from 2:30pm, weather permitting.** We are going to start getting the play equipment ready for the warmer weather. Hintlesham working parties usually meet on the third Sunday from Sept-March, but the date is subject to change. Contact [cris.velloso.langton@gmail.com](mailto:cris.velloso.langton@gmail.com)

## ADVANCE NOTICE: Flower Festival, Chattisham Church June 21 & June 22, 2025, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day

Handmade Crafts for sale; Tombola; Tea, Coffee and Cake. Donations in aid of The Church Restoration Fund  
General enquiries: Margaret Engle 652646 (eves)  
Flower enquiries: Caroline Farrall: [caroline@thefarralls.co.uk](mailto:caroline@thefarralls.co.uk)

## WALKING GROUP

Village walks will be on the third Thursday of the month subject to holidays. Details are available through Rob 07517795424 to Join WhatsApp group

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 7.30pm

The Meeting Room, Community Hall. Contact: [parish.clerk@hintleshamandchattisham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@hintleshamandchattisham-pc.gov.uk)

## The Friends of Hintlesham and Chattisham Churches are holding a golf day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March at Hintlesham Golf Club In aid of Hintlesham and Chattisham Church restoration Fund

This friendly and fun Golf Day is open to players of all abilities. The day will start with coffee and a bacon roll and after 18 holes of golf will finish with a two-course lunch. Team and individual prizes will be awarded including the Michael Deakin Trophy. The cost for the day, including bacon roll and two course lunch, is £60.00 per Head for Non Members and £36.00 for Members. Entry Forms are available on request from [pjhollis20@gmail.com](mailto:pjhollis20@gmail.com) Tel 01473 652566

Hintlesham and Chattisham Community  
**Full English Breakfast**  
£6 per person inc. tea/coffee  
Sunday 23rd March  
From 9am to 12pm in the Community Hall  
Please book - contact  
Lauren 07539172064  
Cash payment only!

# Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025

10 Parish Councillors were present plus the Clerk, Dave Busby our District Councillor, Christopher Hudson our County Councillor (by video link, two members of the public.

## Reports

Councillor Christopher Hudson was asked to comment on several topics:

### Devolution

He was against the cancellation of the May elections. The four years are up and it could now be at least another two years before any new elections are held which seems like a dictatorship and a lack of democracy. With a Mayor being voted for next year, covering Norfolk and Suffolk, local issues will suffer. The ideal would be a separate unitary authority for Suffolk and he doubts there will be any extra money.

### A 1071

He was advised of the dangerous state of the road, particularly between Policeman's Corner and Clairmont Cottage. The Councillor agreed action needed and will contact Highways again. He was also advised of flooding by Clairmont Cottage and will follow that up as Highways had agreed to lay a pipe last year but nothing was done and it is needed before National Grid move onto the land to install pylons. He will also chase up the situation with the proposed flashing lights for the school.

### Land Use

Councillor Hudson was asked his opinion on the proposed Government survey of Land Use of which he had a very grave view,

liking it to a land grab, especially for housing for our growing population.

Councillor Busby also gave his views on devolution which he too considered as coming away from local people and issues, without saving money. He encouraged us to look to the next five years and ensure we had our Neighbourhood Plan in place.

### Neighbourhood Plan

The results of the village survey have been studied. As far as the question of allocated sites for development, none of the sites mentioned got more than 25% support from the respondents, so no clear consensus. However, there was overwhelming support for retaining linear development and no backfilling. A grant to pay for the costs of developing the Plan has been approved.

The Community Council reported plans to extend the village Hall to increase the Meeting Room and Bar areas. They are in the process of applying for a grant.

Babergh Council have £106,000 which has been waiting for nine years and will now be allocated for hedge and tree planting within a 3km radius of the Bramford Substation. Any interested landowners can apply.

A new Village Directory is being worked on and will be on line through the new village website, although some hard copies will be available for those who would prefer it.

The new village website is progressing but needs some final touches.

*These are not formal minutes but the recollection of the meeting by Diane Chase*

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## CAN'T GET PENSION CREDIT? STRUGGLING WITH FUEL BILLS?

**You can apply for support if you meet the criteria below:**

Aged 66 plus/ Not on pension credit/ Maximum income £20k individual and £24k couple/ Maximum savings £5,000/Live in Suffolk

The organisations managing applications are:

East Suffolk Citizens Advice T: 0808 278 7866

advice@caes.org.uk

AND Sudbury and South Suffolk Citizens Advice session.

T: 01787 321 400

supervisor@sudburycab.org.uk



## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

A Central Government Grant has been secured by your Parish Council to cover the costs of engaging the services of an experienced writer of Neighbourhood Plans. The information gathered in last Autumn's Community Questionnaire and January's community engagement event, will form the basis for our Neighbourhood Plan. The working group formed in 2024 to support the development of the People and Place Plan will continue to work with the Parish Council and the report writer, to develop the relevant chapters of a Neighbourhood Plan. In this way we will be able to meet the Government Guidelines on what constitutes a Neighbourhood Plan in order to give it the Statutory Standing which we need to support the views of our Communities as to how the villages will grow over the next 10 years.

As part of the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, communication within and across our communities will be enhanced by the decision of the Parish Council to develop a new village website. Once the new site is up and running, we will publicise it widely.

**If you would like to volunteer to be involved in the working group, please contact Caroline Bates on [HCPeoplePlacePlan@outlook.com](mailto:HCPeoplePlacePlan@outlook.com)**

## THANK YOU FROM THE FRIENDS OF HINTLESHAM WITH CHATTISHAM CHURCHES FOR AN EXCELLENT QUIZ NIGHT

The event raised £650 for the Churches Restoration Fund. A big thank you to Phil and Debbie Archer for organising and running an inventive Quiz Evening, to the cooks and all those who contributed in so many different ways to making the evening a great success. Congratulations to the winning team The Breakfast Club - Gerald & Jean Main, Annie & Peter Eaton, Tree Martin, and Hilary Deakin.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM T CIRCLE

"February's meeting of 36 members and 2 guests attended Jo Hull's interesting and entertaining talk on how flowers saved their business during Covid and beyond. [info@bentonendflowerfarm.com](mailto:info@bentonendflowerfarm.com)

We thanked Margaret Spraggon for all her long standing help as she retired from the committee and welcomed Rosie Bryce and Chris Smith aboard.

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** We welcome Jane Snowdon (Hadleigh Town Guide) to talk to us about "A flyer and an idle woman" about Oswald and Eily Gayford of Hadleigh 1930/40s. This should be very interesting and is an open meeting.

**April 6<sup>th</sup>** EAST coast Textiles will guide us through the inspiration and planning for their next exhibition.

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** will be a talk by the "Tools with a Mission" charity.

Meetings at 7.30 in the Community Hall.

Guests welcome £3.50. Do come along and bring a friend or neighbour.

*See you there, Your T Circle Committee*

## Open Meeting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm - Community Hall

Talk by Jane Snowdon - Hadleigh Town Guide 'A Flyer and an Idle Woman'

Fascinating insight into the exploits of Hadleigh born brother and sister who both showed pioneering spirit in WW1 through to WW2.

**Guests £3.50 including refreshments.  
Come and Join Us**

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**SUNDAY March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9.30am**

**Community Hall Please note the change of day and venue**

This year's service has been organised by the team from the Cook Islands. As always we will hear about a different way of life and learn how the Christian community faces any challenges. You are all welcome.

HINTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL

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## H&CCC MONTHLY DRAW THE COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

Firstly we would like to thank John Mower as he stands down as a collector for the Monthly Draw, a job he has been carrying out for the last 35 year!! Many thanks John.

The March 2025 Monthly Draw will take place on Friday 28 March in the Community Hall at 7pm. Everybody welcome!

Membership of the Draw is only £12 a year and the money raised, after prizes have been given out, is used to support 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](mailto:liz.stones3@gmail.com)

If your annual membership renewal is due, the simplest way to pay is 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*

## COMMUNITY PRIZE DRAW JANUARY 2025

Prize	Name	Number
£100	J MacDonald	279
£40	Julie Girling	176
£30	S Hyde	380
£20	S Farrell	167
£15	J Millett	390
£15	Claire Bartley	459

## CARPET BOWLS NEWS

We are through to the semi finals of the Chairmans Plate beating Clappgate Lane over two legs 15-5. A good result but, we have a big fight on our hands to stay in Division 1.

### Results

Hintlesham & Chattisham 1 Copdock 9  
Hintlesham & Chattisham 4 Bentley 6  
Barking 3 Hintlesham & Chattisham 7

### Fixtures-Big month coming up for us

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March Copdock A  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March Belstead H  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March Elmsett H



## Fantastico! Splendido!

### All are invited to the Hadleigh Choral Society Spring concert,

when we will perform Italian opera-influenced choral masterpieces including Rossini's Stabat Mater, the Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni, Agnus Dei by Albinoni, along with additional orchestral interludes. The choir will perform along with the Colchester Symphony Orchestra and professional soprano, alto, tenor and bass soloists, conducted by Christopher Phelps. **The concert will take place Saturday, 5th April at 7:30pm, at St Mary's Church in Hadleigh.** Tickets are £18 or free for those in full time education, and are available online, at The Idler bookshop in Hadleigh, or through choir members. For more information visit [www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare-SESAW is closed** and no longer have any animals but still need to trace anyone fostering a SESAW animal. If you are one of our Foster Carers and have not yet been contacted, please text or phone 07720 079370 as soon as possible.

All cats and dogs must now be microchipped by law and their details kept up to date. Please ask your vet to scan your pet and check the registered details are correct -and you can check here:<https://www.check-a-chip.co.uk/> If you have a SESAW pet you can email [info@sesaw.co.uk](mailto:info@sesaw.co.uk) with your details and the chip number and we can check for you until 31st March.

We thank all past and present friends and volunteers for their support and dedication to animal rescue over the years. SESAW could not have existed without them.



## CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2025

2nd March	Morning Prayer	9.30 am	Chattisham
9th March	Cafe Church	9.30 am	Hintlesham Community Hall
	Women's World Day of Prayer		
16th March	Communion	9.30 am	Chattisham
23rd March	All Age Eucharist	9.30 am	Hintlesham
30th March	Mothering Sunday	9.30 am	Hintlesham Family Service
6th April	Morning Prayer	9.30 am	Chattisham

### Chattisham Events

Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Caravan	10 am to 12 noon	Chattisham Church
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Discussion Group	3 pm	Chattisham Church
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Craft and Chat	10 am to 3 pm	Chattisham Church

### Lent Course 2025

We will meet for 5 Wednesdays starting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 10am in the Methodist Chapel, Elmsett and using the York Course "The Sacraments" by Jane Williams.

You can buy the book on Amazon for £14.66 or a Kindle version £5.99.

***Please let Geoffrey know if you plan to come or have any questions.***

### MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR

Dear Friends, When I first became a parish priest, I was working on a housing estate on the edge of Montevideo in Uruguay. It was an amazing place to be, it had been built for the people displaced by new developments. The Church was the non-government organisation (NGO) with responsibility to administer the housing estate and help it become a community, with a team of social workers, youth workers and an architect, working from a house we converted into a Church. We organised street lighting, play areas, community events and Sunday services.

I worked with 3 missionaries and we spent most of our time being with the people - "pastoral visiting". It was an easy task -and would often take an afternoon to walk two hundred yards as everyone stopped you for a chat. In this way we got to know their cares, concerns and joys and to share a plate of food- the generosity of those who shared what little they had was humbling.

I mention this because as a church we still try our best to continue "pastoral visiting". These days we usually visit because someone asks us to drop in to see them or someone whom they know who would appreciate a visit and we have a team of visitors - if you would like a visit, or know someone who would, just get in touch by phone 657316 or email [elmsettbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:elmsettbenefice@gmail.com)

*All the best, Reverend Geoffrey Clement*

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*Any views expressed by contributors are not necessarily shared by the magazine's committee.*

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Local business ads (For H&C)	£15
Other business Ads	£20
Distribution of fliers	£25

## WHAT'S ON - MARCH 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event/Venue</i>	<i>Contact</i>
1st	Italian Night 7PM Community Hall	Contact Lauren 07539172064
5th	Coffee Stop	Margaret Langton 652210
6th	T Circle talk 7.30 Community Hall	Wendy 652585 or Annie 07845 940533
7th	Pancake Night Community Hall	Contact Lauren 07539172064
9th	Women's World Day of Prayer	Community Hall
13th	Parish Council Meeting	parish.clerk@ hintleshamandchattisham-pc.gov.uk
13th	Hall Lunch 12.30 Hintlesham Community Hall	Thelma Cole 01473 652180
14th	Film Night Community Hall	Contact Lauren 07539172064
15th	Garden Club Spring Show	Contact Cathy park.farm1@btinternet.com
18th	Rural Coffee Caravan 10-12 Chattisham Church 10-12 Chattisham Church	
19th	Discussion Group Chattisham Church	Margaret Engle 652646
23rd	Breakfast Community Hall 9am-12	Lauren de Banks 07539172064
24th	Friends Golf Day 2025 - Hintlesham Golf Club	pjhollis20@gmail.com Tel 01473 652566
25th	Craft and Chat Chattisham Church	Margaret Engle 652646
28th	Social Club Members Night Draw and Speedquiz	Lauren de Banks 07539172064
29th	Bingo Community Hall 7PM	Contact Lauren 07539172064
<b>APRIL</b>		
5th	Hadleigh Choral Soc Concert	www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk
6th	T Circle Talk East Coast Textiles	Hilary or Annie 07845 940533

The village website address is:  
[www.hintleshamandchattisham.onesuffolk.net](http://www.hintleshamandchattisham.onesuffolk.net)

**Deadline for the April edition  
of The Village Link is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
Email items for insertion to :  
Caroline Bates – [TheLinkHC@outlook.com](mailto:TheLinkHC@outlook.com)**