

DECEMBER 2025



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas
PARTY
AND GRAND PRIZE DRAW

**DRAW TICKETS £1 EACH - AVAILABLE
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DECEMBER 20 7PM

MUSIC ~ GAMES ~ FOOD

HINTLESHAM
COMMUNITY HALL

CHURCH CELEBRATIONS



We wish you a
peaceful Christmas
and warmly invite everyone
to join us for traditional
Carol and Midnight services
and child-friendly
Christingle, Crib and
Christmas Day celebrations.

Details on the inside back
cover.





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

Wednesday 3rd December
10-12 Community Hall
Contact Margaret 652210



HALL XMAS LUNCH

11th December 12.30pm
Community Hall.
Contact: Thelma Cole
01473 652180.



If you have booked and then cannot attend,
PLEASE let Thelma know.

T CIRCLE UPDATE

At our November meeting members thoroughly enjoyed an evening with Pennikitty Pots of Ipswich decorating ceramic Christmas items. We look forward to the results after glazing.



Thursday 4th December

Christmas Meal – Members Only,
Hintlesham Golf Club

TUESDAY 6th January 2026

Soup and Sweet and AGM
Community Hall 12.00 for 12.30

TIDLERS AND TODDLERS

We'd love to see you at the Community Hall, Hintlesham for Play, chat, healthy refreshments & coffee/tea!



ALL WELCOME ! 😊.

Do drop in- 2nd Wednesday of the month,
next one Wednesday 10th December.

Contact Mary L-S. 07833 665381

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

11th December

7.30pm Meeting Room, Community Hall.

Contact: Parish.clerk@
hintleshamandchattisham-pc.gov.uk



RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN

16th December

10.00 - 12.00

Chattisham Church

14.00 - 16.00

Hintlesham Community Hall.

ALL WELCOME



HEARTFELT THANKS

I would like to thank all those kind, generous people who have given us numerous cards, messages, flowers and hugs after Roger's passing. The suddenness was such a shock to not only me but everyone. I have been overwhelmed and have felt your thoughts, sincere wishes and prayers at this time. Roger loved our villages and always said our neighbours were our friends and how true that is. After living here for 45 years he will be greatly missed.

Diane Chase and family



**If your child was born between
1 September 2021 and
31 August 2022,
you must apply for a full-time
Reception Year school place by
15 January 2026**



You must make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or family hub

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Information is also available from:

*The Admissions Team on 0345 600 0981

*Your local school

**COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS
BINGO**

**GAMES, FUN, PRIZES
& RAFFLE**

START AT 7:30PM | **SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER**
DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

**HINTLESHAM
COMMUNITY HALL**

BINGO GO

15	20	1	10	19	19	10	19
25	44	40	18	63	53	18	63
160			13	30	0	13	30
			48	53	9	18	53



1926 - 2026 Celebrating 100 years

since the foundation of the Womens Institute in Chattisham and Hintlesham now T Circle Come and join us and make new friends.

For more information contact: Wendy – 652585 Annie 07845 940533

Notes from the Parish Council meeting

held Thursday 13th November

Notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13.11.25.
The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Newly elected District Councillor Marc Rowland introduced himself to the Parish Council.

There was no report from our County Councillor.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/25/03860 - Community Centre, Timperleys, Hintlesham, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3PS

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Erection of single storey extension to hall lounge area with a reconfigured entrance area.
Comments by 13th November 2025.

GRANTED DC/25/04423.

Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/24/04799 - Condition 3 (Landscaping), 7 (Surface Water), 10 (Secure Cycle Storage), 11 (EV Charging Infrastructure) 12 (Refuse/Recycling bins) and 13 (Construction Management Strategy)
Land Adjacent To The Cottage, Duke Street, Hintlesham, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3PN

DC/25/04178

Proposal: Application for a Non-Material Amendment relating to DC/24/02462 – Additional double doors added to rear elevation of garage. **Land Adjacent To, Vine Cottage, Duke Street, Hintlesham Ipswich Suffolk**

DC/25/03798

Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/24/04135 - Conditions 3 (Materials), 4 (Schedule of Repairs), 5 (Rainwater Goods), 6 (Fenestration), 7 (Eaves and Verges) and 8 (Mechanical Ventilation) **The Old Rectory, The Street, Chattisham, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3PY**
REFUSED

DC/25/04011

Proposal & Location of Development:

Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/24/04799 dated 05/03/2025 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). - Subdivision of plot and erection of 1 No. detached dwelling with new vehicular access. – To vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans/Documents) as per submitted plans/documents

Land Adjacent To The Cottage, Duke Street, Hintlesham, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3PN

DC/25/01439

Proposal & Location of Development:

Full Planning Application - Construction of 4 no. commercial units for market rent including associated landscaping

Birch Farm, Silver Hill, Hintlesham, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3NJ

CIL Update

No further update at this present time regarding any potential new spending in view of the planned Community Hall extension.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Residents Responses are currently being reviewed. The Community Land Trust was being approached for further guidance to move the plan forward.

Norwich to Tilbury Pylon Line

Any comments and responses to the proposed plan were encouraged as the deadline for responses to this is nearing.

Footpaths

footpaths 20 and 13 were observed to be potentially hazardous in places and have been reported to BDC.

Date of next meeting – 11th December 2025

Thank you

The Editor of The Link would like to thank the kind members of our community who deliver our copies of The Link to every household in the villages each month. A special thanks goes to Lizzie Avis who has, (quite reasonably) decided that after 10 years of delivering The Link to all the residents of Timperleys, it was time for someone else to take up the basket and walk the delivery round. Without these willing volunteers it would be much harder to make sure that everyone in the villages gets the opportunity to keep up with what is going on in our busy Parishes through the pages of The Link, which is funded by our Parish Council.

Thank you to all who helped to raise a total of £3000 for Success After Stroke, a local charity which supports those who have suffered a life changing crisis. The Whatfield Craft Fair was declared a great success in October, despite high winds which threatened to spoil the day. Creative stallholders offered a glorious range of crafted gifts and visitors enjoyed tasty homemade snacks in the marquee.

Members meet three times a week at the Stevenson Centre in Great Cornard for various therapies to aid their recovery. The Group also arranges fun events throughout the year, from painting to pantomime. New members welcome, phone 07434 931962 or visit <https://successafterstroke.org.uk/> for further information.

Bowls Club Update

We have played three league matches since the last update beating Burstall 8-2 at home but losing two away games; 9-1 at Kesgrave and 8-2 at Stutton. We have a further four games in 2025, playing Bentley home and away in the cup and Bentley and Clapgate Lane in the league. We currently sit 4th in the league.



Harriet Lloyd Fund – Educational Grants Available

The Harriet Lloyd Fund offers small grants for educational purposes to anyone who lives in either Hintlesham or Chattisham, or is a pupil at H&C CEVCP School. Subject to approval by the Fund Panellists and the Suffolk Community Foundation, which manages the money on the Fund's behalf, there are very few restrictions. Although the Fund cannot be used to repay student loans or for generic non-specific costs, applications are not means tested and grants can be used to pay for a range of purposes associated with the furtherance of education.

If you are at school, college or university, returning to education or re-training and need some funding for a course or for another specific purpose such as school trips, new computers for Uni or specialist sports/music lessons, for example, why not consider applying to the Fund for a grant?

In the first instance please send a short letter outlining your request to The Clerk c/o 39 Timperleys, Hintlesham, IP7 6PS or email mac.jenny@hotmail.co.uk
We meet 3 times a year and our next meeting will be in January 2026.

Thoughts of Roger

by Bryan & Pat Sandford

From the animals he loved and the birds he fed most days for me, these are just a few thoughts: A regular visitor in the garden was a Pheasant, known by many, we called Twisted Beak; also, a pet Moorhen and two young pigeons born this year; a pair of Robins who knew Roger better than me. They would sit on the water tub every morning and take bits out of his feeding bowl.

We have known Roger and Diane for many years and the work they have put into the village can never be repaid. We lost him in October when his heart decided to stop but help came quickly from friends, emergency services, Air Ambulance and hospital but to no avail. So may you rest in God's Heaven which is a special place he has provided for you, But Roger, leave those gates open for your feathered friends to get in and be with you to eternity, till our Lord comes again.

Hintlesham with Chattisham Churches Restoration Fund Plant Sale

Thinking ahead to the Plant Sale in May 2026, this is the time of year to put gardens to bed ready for winter. If you are splitting herbaceous plants, finding new seedlings, or are having a clear out, please remember the Plant Sale and pot them up ready to give them to the sale. Any herbs, vegetables, perennials and shrubs are welcome-label them, so we know what they are! If you lack space to store them, or you need pots, contact Mary Williams (652632).



H&CCC Monthly Draw- The Community Fundraiser

The December draw is on Friday 20th in the Community Hall at 7pm.

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

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.

Hintlesham School are collecting Art tokens

from the following papers:-

- Eastern Daily Press,
- East Anglian Daily Times,
- Norwich Evening News,
- Ipswich Star

for our chance to win up to £10K worth of art supplies for the school.

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Hintlesham with Chattisham Parish Churches

Sunday 14th Dec

Christingle,
4PM Hintlesham

Make your Christingle, light the candle, enjoy refreshments and help decorate the Christmas tree.

Sunday 21st Dec

Carols by Candlelight
6PM, Chattisham

Traditional nine lessons and carols followed by mince pies and wine.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Crib Service
4:30 PM, Hintlesham

Listen to the Nativity story, dress up, sing carols, and take baby Jesus to the crib.

Midnight Eucharist
11PM, Hintlesham

The watching and waiting of Advent is fulfilled in the deepest part of the night.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Festival Family Communion
9:30 AM, Chattisham

A family-friendly celebration to mark the birth of Jesus.



A Note from our Vicar

Dear Friends, Christmas, the big one! We spend ages getting ready – decorating, shopping, cooking – but how much do we actually know about the history of Christmas beyond the nativity plays and Bible stories? So, I thought perhaps we should take a look at **Christmas: The Real Story Behind Our Traditions**



Let's dig into some surprising facts. Many of our favourite UK Christmas traditions actually have roots in pre-Christian celebrations, particularly from Roman Saturnalia and Norse/Germanic Yule festivals.

Here are the main pagan-origin practices now part of British Christmas:

The Christmas Tree is a 17th-century German invention, but it clearly comes from the pagan practice of bringing greenery indoors to decorate in midwinter. The tradition really took off in Britain when Queen Victoria and Prince Albert popularised the Christmas tree.

The Yule Log is a relic of those long-lost days. While today we think of it as a chocolate cake, Yule logs were originally real logs that were burnt on a fire and left to bring good luck. "Yule" was a mid-winter pagan festival celebrating the winter solstice associated with the Norse god Odin.

Holly and Mistletoe – in the Roman festival of Saturnalia, people exchanged wreaths made of holly for good luck, as it was a holy plant associated with Saturn, the god of agriculture.

Father Christmas – our modern Santa Claus has multiple influences:- Saint Nicholas who saved children from poverty by leaving gifts of money and Odin, the king of the Norse gods, depicted as a bearded old man riding an 8 legged horse.

The date – Celebrating Christmas on December 25th coincided with pagan solstice festivities, making it easier for Christianity to gain acceptance of pagan populations. This timing aligned with Saturnalia, which celebrated the solstice – when the sun starts coming back and the days start getting longer.

Whether or not you're celebrating Christmas because it's the birth of Jesus Christ, I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to extend a warm invitation to join us at our carol services, details are listed elsewhere in the magazine. Every blessing, Geoffrey



CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2025

7 th	Chattisham	Morning Prayer	9.30 am
14 th	Hintlesham	Christingle	4pm
21 st	Chattisham	Carols by Candlelight	6pm
		followed by mulled wine & mincepies	
24 th	Hintlesham	Crib Service	4.30pm
24 th	Hintlesham	Holy Communion	11pm
25 th	Chattisham	Christmas Eucharist	9.30am
28 th	Elmsett	Benefice Service	10am

JANUARY:

4th Jan	Chattisham	Morning Prayer	9.30am
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Chattisham Events

Tuesday 16th December Coffee Caravan 10 am to 12 noon Chattisham Church

Discussion Group and Craft and Chat will return in January



New Village Website
www.hintleshamandchattisham-pc.gov.uk/

WHAT'S ON - DECEMBER 2025

DECEMBER 2025		
Date	Event/Venue	Contact
3 rd	Coffee Stop 10-12 Community Hall	Margaret Langton 652210
4 th	T Circle Christmas Meal	Hilary or Annie 07845 940533
6 th	Bingo Night 7.30	Lauren 07539172064
10 th	Tiddlers and Toddlers	Mary 07833 665381
11 th	Hall Lunch	Thelma 01473 652180
11 th	Parish Council Meeting	parish.clerk@ hintleshamandchattisham-pc.gov.uk
14 th	Community Breakfast	Lauren 07539172064
16 th	Rural Coffee Caravan 10-12 Chattisham Church 2-4 Hintlesham Hall	Margaret Engle 652646
20 th	Christmas Party and Grand Prize Draw 7pm	Liz Stones liz.stones3@gmail.com
21 st	Christmas Carol Service, 6pm Chattisham	
JANUARY 2026		
6 th	T Circle AGM Soup and Sweet	Hilary or Annie 07845 940533
8 th	Parish Council Meeting	parish.clerk@ hintleshamandchattisham-pc.gov.uk

**The village website address is:
www.hintleshamandchattisham-pc.gov.uk**

**Deadline for the January 2026 edition
of The Village Link is 14th December
Email items for insertion to:
Caroline Bates – TheLinkHC@outlook.com**

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