



## Hinderclay Newsletter June 2020

We hope that you are finding the newsletter useful, and want to thank all those who work on producing it from the contributors, designer, printers and deliverers. If you have anything you would like to include in future newsletters, please send to [karencalton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:karencalton@hotmail.co.uk) or phone her on 01379 898949.

### Hinderclay Fen Trust

During these difficult times with lockdown and social distancing in place, please be aware that small sums of money are available from Hinderclay Fen Trust which could be used to help those in need. If you, or any one you know, who are residents of Hinderclay think you might benefit from this, please get in touch. This service will be entirely confidential, known only to Hinderclay Fen Trustees below.

If you wish to enquire, please contact anyone of the Trustees below

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### Village Hall Little Ernie

The Village Hall committee will be meeting on 10 June so will be drawing the Little Ernie draw for April, May and June. Thank you for your patience.



### Do you need help or support?

We have several willing volunteers who are happy to shop or pick up prescriptions. We have had several comments from some of our more vulnerable residents, that they don't like to ask for help, when they can normally do these tasks themselves. Just for these few months, please don't feel that you are being a nuisance, your safety is more important.

### Parish Council

The meeting was held via Zoom on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

David Emerton was voted on as Chairman after the resignation of John Thornhill, who will remain as a councillor. Paul Rose was voted on as Vice Chairman, and the decision was made to continue with current officers and representatives for another year. Planning application DC/20/01723 was considered and all were in favour.

Appointing trustees of the Hinderclay Fen Trust was deferred until the next meeting.

Full minutes of the meeting can be viewed at [www.hinderclay.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.hinderclay.suffolk.gov.uk)

### Gressinghams staff shop

Gressinghams in Redgrave are opening up their staff shop to local residents to purchase duck, chicken and other poultry items. At present it will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4pm – 5.30pm. Card payments only.

The shop is located in a portacabin in the main carpark, opposite the main factory.

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**(happy to chat!)**

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# ST MARY'S CHURCH

We are truly sorry that we have had to close the church during the current pandemic. We know that some villagers like to visit and find it a safe, quiet place in which they can meditate or pray. We hope we will soon be allowed to open it for those purposes when it is safe to do so.

It has been a great joy to see the village coming together at this time - with so many people stepping up to offer help to the old and vulnerable. It has been one of the positive outcomes in these difficult times. We know the help being given is greatly appreciated by those benefitting from it.

It is with regret that, due to the current time-table of phased 'return to normal', we are cancelling two of our popular village events. We do not feel that we can safely hold our Annual Flower Festival or our Summer Fete this year.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL** – We hope we can hold a similar event later in the year and would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the support that you have given us over the past years. Of course, this time of year means you have only to step outside your front door, or peer through a window, to see a flower festival of sorts in God's creation of the spring flowers.

**SUMMER FETE** – This was to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> July – again we hope we will be able to see you all again at our Autumn/Christmas Bazaar later in the year.

These two events make up a large contribution to the church's annual running costs. Last year the church cost £868 each month to run. So, you will appreciate that with no funds coming in at present St. Mary's will be struggling to pay its bills by the end of the year. We know that the last few months have been difficult and the future is uncertain. If you would have supported these events and feel you are in a position to help us now we would appreciate your help. Gifts can be made in cash or by cheque (St Mary's Church Hinderclay PCC) to either of us, or paid directly into the church bank account – details of which are available from our treasurer Ken by emailing him at: [st.marys@uk.f2s.com](mailto:st.marys@uk.f2s.com).

We hope our church will be open again in July and we are putting together a plan to safeguard all who wish to visit or attend services. Personally, we are looking forward to meeting everyone again and thanking God for bringing Hinderclay safely through these troubled times.

In the meantime – take care and God bless.

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## Corona Exhibition and BBQ

When we eventually come out of self isolation, we hope to hold a barbecue and exhibition at the village hall, so that we can all get together, in person, and share some of our stories and to say thanks to all of our key workers that live in the village.

We want to stage an exhibition of **'What you got up to when you couldn't go out'** Paintings and drawings, Knitting, crochet and stitching. Pottery and crafts, Cooking, Poetry and short stories, Flowers and gardening, Photography. DIY projects (photos). Before and after haircut photos. Progress in health and exercise. Video clips of activities, eg dance, acting, animal training. The list could be endless. This is very much in the 'ideas' stage, and we would need help from as many people as possible. We will plan to hold our first meeting via Zoom or similar, but if you are not on the internet, you can be kept in the loop and join in later.

**If you think that you could help in anyway then please send your details to Rowena Kerlake on [familykerlake@gmail.com](mailto:familykerlake@gmail.com) or 07808 772197**

Village Facebook page – join us for some fun!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1760003120979331/>

NHS Direct helpline for anyone with mental health problems

0808 196 3494

**Suffolk help line for anyone needing help in this time**

**0800 876 6926**

**Open 9-5 every day**

## HOME, BUT NOT ALONE

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Need a volunteer's help? Call: 0800 876 6926

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The Pharmacy is now a dispensary. They are happy for one person to collect multiple prescriptions but you need to register your mobile number with them so they can text you when the prescription is ready. Currently, there is a 7 day wait for prescriptions. If you phone Karen Calton, she will arrange for someone to pick up the

## Warm Homes Fund

Suffolk Councils have been successful in being awarded funding for the next three years to install first time central heating systems in fuel poor households. Cold homes are not just uncomfortable to live in, they can have a negative effect on health. In Suffolk there are still a large number of houses that do not have central heating systems with a boiler and radiators. Your property needs to be privately owned or privately rented. **If you have no central heating, please look for details and an application at [www.greensuffolk.org/whf](http://www.greensuffolk.org/whf) or phone 03456 037 686**

Please don't leave your litter and dog poo around the village—and if you see that others have done so, please dispose of it if you can do it safely. It is so unsightly as well as being dangerous for animals and people alike.

**It soon builds up to a big pile!**



## Message from Karen Calton

As another month passes by and we slowly start to come out of lockdown, please do still ask our volunteers for help if you need it. Hinderclay has come through this terrible time in good shape as far as I am aware, and we really don't want to risk the health of our residents.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all of those that have volunteered in any way, picking up shopping, prescriptions and pensions, ordering things online, sewing scrubs and masks, chatting to those that are feeling vulnerable and numerous other acts of kindness. Your time and commitment has been wonderful, you are a credit to the village.

We shall carry on with the volunteering as it is for the present time and in the future, when we can all meet up again, we hope to set up a slightly more formal Good Neighbours Scheme, supported by Community Action Suffolk.

Again, plans for a village V E day celebration event had to be cancelled, but many villagers decorated their gardens and had afternoon tea, or listened to Churchill's speech and raised a glass.

If you have been creative during this lockdown, and would like to share with others, whatever you have made, then I would love to come along and photograph it. As a record of this time, it will be a large part of the history that you have lived through. In years to come, future residents of Hinderclay will be interested to see what we all got up to. Do let me know if you have anything that others would find interesting.

I feel that we residents have been so fortunate to have been living in Hinderclay during this time. We have been lucky to have the freedom to go outside into our gardens and to walk the many footpaths and bridleways in the village. It has been many years since our paths have been so well used, and a thanks must go to landowners for helping to keep them in good order.

I am unable to carry on producing this newsletter, so please do let me know if you could take over. Its not something that you would be doing on your own. Rowena Kerlake sets the pages out, and makes it look pretty, and we have several willing volunteers who deliver throughout the village. Several copies are now emailed directly to residents and it would be extremely useful if more of you could do so. We did have some issues last month with the printing as new supplies of printer ink were more difficult to obtain. More people having an emailed copy would also cut down on our costs. Again, please let me know if your newsletter can be emailed. Send your email address to [karencalton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:karencalton@hotmail.co.uk)

I hope that you all keep well as we go through the summer.

Best wishes, Karen