

## Hinderclay Newsletter April 2021

Thank you to everyone that makes this newsletter possible.

If you have anything you would like to include in future newsletters, please send to [familykerslake@gmail.com](mailto:familykerslake@gmail.com) or phone Rowena on 07808772197



### Summer Gateway Fair



Last year's Fair was such a success that we have decided to do it again this summer—on 24 July from 12—3pm.

You can have a table in your gateway and sell almost anything you like—last year we had a bbq, cakes, bric-a-brac, a raffle, books, jewellery, sewn items, honey, produce and lots more.

This year, we can have the village hall open for refreshments and are hoping to have a display of cars in the field as well as lots of tables in gateways throughout the village. We had 23 tables last year, so lets see if we can get more than that this year!

Please let Rowena know (contact details at the top of this newsletter) if you want to have a table by the end of April so she can include you in a village map.

### Jean Ireland

It is with a very sad heart that our very much loved Jean passed away at home on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. Jean had been battling a debilitating lung disease for the past few years, that progressed daily. Whilst we, as a family, are still considered 'newbies' to Hinderclay even after almost 13 years living here, she very much loved the village and most that lived here. Jean was key in setting up and running, with help from other Villagers, the gardening club and also the monthly Luncheon club for the elderly on behalf of Help the Aged (even though she was actually older than a few that used to lunch!) She was very much a caring, kind lady who will be very much missed by her family and friends.



### PARISH COUNCIL

At the Council's virtual meeting, County and District Councillor Jessica Fleming outlined developments at both Councils. She also emphasised that parents who believe that their children qualify for free transport to school, and have not been contacted, should get in touch with Suffolk County Council.

The Parish Council did not increase its precept for 2021/2. The reason for the Council Tax Bills showing an increase of 2.8% is that more people have qualified for council tax reductions due to Covid19. This means that those who do not qualify must pay more.

The Council has no authority in respect of Public Rights of Way but agreed measures to attempt to ensure that the footpaths are maintained in good order. Further information about this will appear in future Newsletters.

The Parish Council owns the Village Green and is therefore responsible for its maintenance. A policy in respect of organisations who wish to use the Green was agreed. A copy of the policy will be posted on the notice board. The Clerk was asked to find out what measures might be taken to prevent damage by lorries to the village green and to report to the next meeting.

Quotations are being sought for the work of repairing the village signs.

**The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m. This is likely to be a virtual meeting, so the regular meeting of the Council on 9<sup>th</sup> September will contain an opportunity for residents to receive accounts of the Council's plans and to make comments and suggestions. Please put this date in your diary!**

You can find the minutes of the last PC meeting at this link:

[20210311-Draft-PCM-Minutes.pdf \(onesuffolk.net\)](https://onesuffolk.net/20210311-Draft-PCM-Minutes.pdf)

## St Mary's Church Services

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### Good Friday Service

Hinderclay Church 2 April 2.30pm—a service of quiet reflection

#### Easter Sunday Family Communion Services across the Benefice:

**9.30am** Hepworth and Thelnetham

**11.00am** Market Weston and Stanton

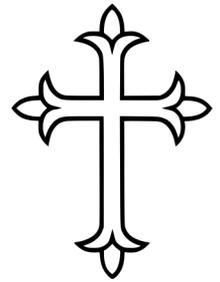
Everyone is welcome to join us here at Hinderclay Church or at any of our Benefice Churches.

If you're feel at all anxious about coming back into the church buildings for our services, please do contact either the Rector, Kate Rose or Ken Smith so we explain what we're doing to keep folk safe and hopefully reassure you. We would love to see you.

Each week one of our services is live-streamed to the Benefice facebook page [www.facebook.com/unitedbenefice/](http://www.facebook.com/unitedbenefice/) and also available on The United Benefice of Stanton youtube page.

**Rev. Cathy Bladen** [revcathybladen@gmail.com](mailto:revcathybladen@gmail.com) **01359 250239**

**Church Warden: Kate Rose 01379 898562**



### Hinderclay Exhibition

A suggestion was made last year that we held an exhibition in the Village Hall of all the wonderful things that we have made and done during the Covid Lockdowns—such as building projects, crafts, paintings, planting and growing, etc etc. It would be lovely to see such an exhibition and we can now do it this year. One suggestion is that it goes up for the day of the Summer Gateway Fair; another is that it has its own special weekend. Answers please to Rowena or Karen Calton—by a note, phone call, FB page etc is fine.

### Do you need help or support?

As we face the last (hopefully!) months of restrictions, please note that there are several people in Hinderclay that can offer help to those who are in need. Be it a voice on the end of a telephone for a chat, shopping or prescriptions that need collecting, there is someone here that can help. If you are in need, please contact one of the people below:

<b>Karen Calton</b>	<b>01379 898949</b>	<b>Roger Michaels</b>	<b>01379 890257</b>
<b>Kate Rose</b>	<b>01379 898562</b>	<b>Chris Clayton</b>	<b>07841 016384</b>
<b>Ken Smith</b>	<b>01379 898776</b>	<b>Rowena Kerslake</b>	<b>07808 772197</b>
<b>Richard Langston</b>	<b>07939 241550</b>	<b>Julia Kenyon</b>	<b>07931 327004</b>
<b>Debbie Plater</b>	<b>01379 898030</b>		

### Hinderclay Fen

Following a recent meeting, the trustees of Hinderclay Fen Trust felt that they could offer assistance to villagers with families of children younger than 18 residing in the parish in a small way to cope with the difficulties created by COVID 19. If you have a family and need some assistance with food or maybe an electronic device to assist with home schooling or something that would ease your situation having your children at home all the while, we are offering a one-off payment of £200. This will be strictly confidential and would require you to contact the Reverend Cathy Bladen and she will take details and enable payment. Her contact details are [revcathybladen@gmail.com](mailto:revcathybladen@gmail.com) or 01359250239.

### Message from Rowena

I wanted to see whether there was any interest in doing some activities in the village? The Garden Club will resume when allowed as will (hopefully) the coffee morning. I wondered whether anyone would like to form a village singing group, start up a crafting afternoon or evening, get a knit and natter session underway, a board games club, a dance class, an amateur dramatics club, or anything else anyone else wants to suggest? I am happy to help organize something—if you are interested—let me know!