

CHRISTMAS NUMBER

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## From the Editor

*Dear Readers,*

December is an extraordinary month.

It would be easy to find some negatives such as the last minute shopping but it is so much more agreeable to look forward to all the good things at this time of year as there is an abundance of seasonal events to satisfy everyone wishing to make the most of Christmas.

On December 2nd, **Peterhouse Choir** will perform in a **Concert of Carols and Christmas Music** (p.5). Happily their annual visit to Hinxton church is now firmly in the College calendar.

**Bingo for Vegetables**, the last session of the year, will feature a short general knowledge quiz with a topical and local theme. *(one of the answers can be found hidden on p.10.)* The Quiz Team prize will astound you !

**The Children's Christmas Party** (p.7) is complete with Magic, a genuine Father Xmas and a Disco. *Please can big people come to the Disco ?*

The true message of Christmas starts with **The Carol Service** in our lovely church on Sunday 10th at 6:30pm. Afterwards we will enjoy festive mulled wine and mince pies. *Mmmmm.*

The awesome **Village Carol Singers** will be doing their best to benefit the charity **CONCERN** (p.3).

Then only after **Christingle** on Christmas Eve, **Festival Eucharist** on Christmas Day, a blow out Christmas dinner, Queen's speech, an endless game of Monopoly (that I never win) suddenly its the **Boxing Day Walk** again ! (p.5)

A lovely group of locals gathered around the Hinxton War Memorial on November 12th to hear the names of our fallen villagers read aloud, then we took time to remember them. Reflecting on what they did for us can be a very moving experience and standing there in that beautiful setting with a cool breeze and the bright sun radiant in a cloudless autumn sky, you realise just how very fortunate we are. Those men may once have stood in that exact spot to admire the view up to the church, totally unaware of their destiny.

*Mike & Theresa*

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# Hinxton Carol Singing

Friday 15th December

Meet at bus shelter on North End Road at 6.00pm

Sue & Andy Brown are kindly providing refreshments  
at the end of the evening at  
The Limes, 37 High Street.

The collection will be in support of

**CONCERN**  
worldwide

One my earliest memories of **Concern**, a development charity that works in more than 25 countries with the poorest of the poor, was at a feeding station in Somalia in 1992. War and famine were ravaging this sub Saharan land. I was with an aid worker who had spotted something within a group of ragged children weakly playing and scuffling in the red dust of the compound. She thrust her arm into the knot of limbs and wasted torsos and pulled out a toddler who looked very much as if he had been at the bottom of the pile. He looked two and half or three years of age but was probably four or five.

She dusted him down and saw that he was fed, probably with that staple of feeding stations: Plumpy Nut, a ready-to-use therapeutic food that looks like peanut butter and is a tasty and crucial boost with calories and essential nutrients to get severely malnourished children back on the road to health.

It was a transformative experience for me, one that has stayed. I became a trustee and then chair of **Concern UK** a subsidiary of the Irish charity **Concern Worldwide**, which raises around £28 million a year in the UK for international projects.

Fast forward 25 years to South Sudan and here we have another war and famine; this time it is Adut who is eating Plumpy Nut, here seen in the picture with his mother, Awweng. Ten-month-old Adut, lives with his family in the Aweil West region of South Sudan. They are at a **Concern** nutrition centre, where Adut arrived painfully thin and frail weighing only 4.4kg, and visibly suffering from severe acute malnutrition.

He is now on the road to recovery. Unfortunately Adut's situation is not a rare one. Conflict has left over 1.2 million children in South Sudan on the brink of starvation. Malnutrition is an underlying cause in the deaths of 2.6 million children a year, one third of all the annual deaths of children.

**Concern** has already helped millions of children like Adut but it wants to help more. If their lives are better all our lives are better.

by Chris Elliott

*Help the poorest and most vulnerable people get the care and support they need for a healthy future by supporting Concern's Food in a Fragile World appeal. Every donation made before 17 December 2017 will be matched pound for pound by the UK government, which is why we will be going house to house in the village on 15 December.*

**You will hear some wonderful carols and for that evening you can all follow in the footsteps of good King Wenceslas.**







### *A Christmas Story*

Many years ago a friend told me a Christmas story. He was invited to spend Christmas with a friend of his, Father Anselmo, in a monastery overlooking Lake Como in Italy. He took with him four Marks and Spencer's jumpers for his friend. On Christmas morning he went down to the church for the service and noticed that four gentlemen, unknown to him, were wearing said jumpers.

After the service he asked Father Anselmo, 'didn't you like the jumpers?'

'Oh yes,' came the reply.

'Then why did you give them away?'

'Well' said the priest (Italian accent required) 'When you give the jumpers to me, it makes you happy. It makes me happy, yes?'

'Yes,' agreed my friend.

'Well then. When I give the jumpers to the men it makes them happy. It makes me happy too. So you make not two people happy, but six people happy.'

I always think of recycled presents as 'Anselmo' presents and no longer feel guilty about giving away unwanted things.

As Christmas becomes more and more consumerist and frantic it's refreshing to think of a monk, who has very little anyway, joyfully giving away his presents to make others happy. Yet for many the time before Christmas is spent exhausting people and bank accounts in an orgy of spending on 'stuff' which is largely unneeded and often unwanted. It seems a long way from the child born in poverty in a stable in Bethlehem two thousand years ago.

In churches up and down the country, the focus will be on that child and his coming among us to bring love and peace to the world, to remind us to care for the poor and needy, to welcome the stranger, to love our neighbour and to heal divisions. There will be Christmas carols and Nativities complete with tea towels and tinsel, there will be Christingles and mulled wine and mince pies. There will be prayers for the whole world, rich and poor, joyful or weary. So come, if you come every week or if you've not been for a long time, if you pray every day or have never prayed in your life.

Come and join us, be welcomed as we welcome the Prince of Peace.

**A very happy Christmas and joyful New Year.**

**Petra**

## CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

8.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP), *Duxford*

10.00 am Parish Communion with Sunday School, *Ickleton*

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP), *Hinxton*

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

8.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP), *Hinxton*

10.00 am. Advent All age Communion *Duxford*

4.00 pm. Christingle Service, *Ickleton*

6.30 pm. Carol Service, *Hinxton*

(followed by mulled wine and mince pies)

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

8.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP), *Ickleton*

4.00 pm. Christingle Service *Duxford*

(followed by mulled wine and mince pies)

10.00 am. Parish Communion, *Hinxton*

6.30 pm. Service of Lessons and Carols

(followed by mulled wine and mince pies)

### Christmas Eve

8.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP), *Hinxton*

10.00 am. All Age Nativity Service *Duxford* with Blessing of the Crib. Children can come dressed as angels, shepherds, kings ...

4.00 pm Christingle Service, *Hinxton*

11.30 pm. Midnight Mass, *Duxford*

### Christmas Day

10.00 am. Festival Eucharist, *Hinxton*

10.00 am. Festival Eucharist, *Ickleton*

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>

10.00am Five Parishes Service at ***Hinxton Church***

### Looking ahead ... January 2018

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan

8.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP), *Duxford*

10.00 am. All age Celebration Communion for Epiphany, *Ickleton*

6.30 pm. Evensong (BCP), *Duxford*

**YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO ANY OR ALL OF THE ABOVE**

Please contact Petra, the Priest in charge, for any further information [petra@hinkledux.com](mailto:petra@hinkledux.com) or 07847 307 416

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raised for this years **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Special thanks to Mary & Ros for your continued help & support

*Sarah-Jane Pearson*



HINXTON CHURCHCLEANING & FLOWER ROTA December 2017

For Sunday.....	Cleaning	Flowers
03 December	Virginia Walker & Jill Garnier	Virginia Walker
10 December	Your help would be greatly appreciated from 10.00 am on Saturday with cleaning and decorating for Christmas. Thank you.	
17 December	Kate Riley & Julie Baillie	Julie Baillie
24 December	Margaret Malcolm & Joan Roberts	Joan Roberts
31 December	Jane Chater & Linda Russell	Linda Russell

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**Hinxton Walkers** gathered on a bright sunny morning for a November stroll in the lovely gently rolling countryside around Great Chrishall and Duddenhoe End. The little church we passed is called The Hamlet Church and was originally a tithe barn (converted in 1859). The thatch is almost unique, with only one other thatched church in the Diocese. The 5 mile walk ended in the local pub where we were able to quickly top up all the lost calories. Wonderful !

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Sunday 10th December at 12.45pm-3p  
Hinxton Village Hall  
Mr Marvel Magic Show and Disco 1-3pm



Father Christmas will also be making an appearance!  
All ages of children from our village will be catered for  
*Please RSVP to Sarah & Tim Robinson*

01799 531678

t.robbo109@yahoo.co.uk

Please contact Sarah-Jane Pearson If you would like to provide some party food.

[sarahjpearson@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahjpearson@btinternet.com)

This is a free event thanks to the Anne Howsden Trust who have kindly donated money to Hinxton Toddlers charity which runs the Children's Village Party.

# A Bit of Rubbish News

Paper caddies will continue to be collected up to and including Friday 8 December 2017. From Monday 11 December 2017, they will no longer be collected, and from that date paper should be placed directly into the blue bin.

We do have a system which involves clean newspaper only. It is collected from a brown box in the churchyard (turn left when you enter and look behind the green and black bins). This goes to a kennels for shredding and for use as litter.

We are very pleased to have anyone's clean newsprint. Please take great care to replace the lid firmly and squarely on the box to avoid the wet getting in. General and fine paper is not suitable as it isn't sufficiently absorbent.

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New term begins 12th January 2018

Wishing you all health & happiness  
over the festive season

xxx



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[yoga@zoekirby.com](mailto:yoga@zoekirby.com)

Keep up to date on

[www.facebook.com/eatwellandbreathe](https://www.facebook.com/eatwellandbreathe)

## BOXING DAY WALK

26th December

Meet at the Bus Shelter near the village hall at 11am then south towards the Campus and Ickleton arriving around noon for coffee and pies courtesy of Alex at The Red Lion.

Call Mike 530216 for clarification





## WEA ICKLETON & CHESTERFORDS BRANCH

After enjoying our very interesting and informative courses this year. We hope to see familiar faces in January and any new friends will also be very welcome. There is always a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere, finding out more about familiar topics or trying something new.

### The Spring Course, 2018

#### "A Little Learning—Educating the People. 1700--1914 "

Tutor---Rosemary Steer

**10 Wednesday mornings at 10am from  
10<sup>th</sup> January  
at Ickleton Village Hall**

The first two sessions of the courses can be paid for individually as trials, £5.40 each, to be deducted from the full fee of £54 if continuing.

We can offer lifts to Ickleton. Further queries to Margaret Beston (530 454)



*Dear All,*

I'm sure you will be well aware that Grosvenor held a public exhibition at the end of November at both the Great Chesterford community centre and at Ickleton village hall. Many of you will have attended and I hope that you got the opportunity to gather information and ask questions. I think it is fair to say that their exhibition got mixed reviews and I'm sure some of you will have already voiced your opinions by letter with their feedback form.

As we will not have access to the results of their survey we would be very interested to get some feedback of our own.

Please spare a minute or two to fill out our questionnaire below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/UhZNgljKQCLAQdX72>

Regards,

*Stephen Ede*

on behalf of the StopNUtown action group



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# Bingo & Quiz Night



**Friday December 8th**

**£2 entrance fee plus £1 per ticket**

Three sessions of the usual Bingo

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with a topical Prize Quiz thrown in free (table teams)



## A POTTED HISTORY OF BINGO

A lottery game called "Il Giuoco del Lotto d'Italia" was being played in Italy by about 1530. In eighteenth-century France playing cards, tokens and the calling out of numbers were added. In the nineteenth century a game like this was widely played in Germany to teach children spelling, animal names and multiplication tables.

The French game *Le Lotto* appeared in 1778, featuring 27 squares in a layout of three rows and nine columns. Five squares in each row had numbers ranging from 1 through 90, which led to the modern design.

In the early 1920s, Hugh J. Ward created and standardized the game at carnivals in and around Pittsburgh and the Western Pennsylvania area. He copyrighted it and published a rule book in 1933.

The game was further popularized by Edwin Lowe. While at a traveling carnival near Atlanta in December 1929 the toy merchandiser saw people eagerly playing a game called "Beano" following Ward's rules, with dried beans, a rubber stamp, and cardboard sheets. Lowe took the game to New York where friends liked playing it. The Lowe-produced Bingo game had two versions, a 12-card set for \$1.00 and a \$2.00 set with 24 cards. By the 1940s there were Bingo games throughout the US and UK.

# ROSEMARY'S RAMBLINGS

Choose one of these beautiful bright yet crisp December days and get outside for some serious physical work. You will find your capacity is a lot greater than when you had the sun beating down on your shoulders. December is the month for a good sort out, perhaps making some harsh but necessary decisions about plants that have passed their best.

This month is also the ideal time for winter pruning especially of trees and shrubs that have lost their leaves. Pruning now will neaten the shapes and protect damage from wind and frosts. Remember the 3 "D"s, remove all that are dead, diseased or damaged. Have a good look at your garden and think where evergreens would improve the winter scene, hollies, photinia and euonymus are lovely all year but come into their own in winter.

This is the perfect time to make use of all the beautiful fallen leaves and make leafmould. It is the ideal mulch for the garden. Just collect the leaves, place in a heap or bin bag and leave in a corner for a year.

Remember to lag outdoor water pipes if possible and turn off the supply and drain down.



*If you are forced inside to sit beside a roaring fire, looking through seed catalogues is a perfect way to spend a long evening, feeling excited about fresh ideas for the New Year.*

Happy Christmas!

Many of you have been collecting plastic bottle tops for some remote villages in Tanzania. They have been able to use them in their schools and were taken out there by volunteers from a parish in Orpington. They do now have enough of those but would like any old spectacles which the hospital in the nearest big town will be able to use and also packets of paracetamol. If you have any old glasses which you no longer use and would like to donate please drop them off at 39, High Street. Also packets of paracetamol. They will be taken out to Tanzania in July by the charity Seeds for Tanzania and you can see details of their work on their website.

Lesley Mills



## Parish Council - Minutes of 13 November 2017 Meeting, with updates

**Hundred Parishes** Mike Young from the local 100 Parishes organisation spoke briefly about it. Its aim is to advance public appreciation of the area and to promote the conservation and protection of aspects of historic, architectural and wildlife interest. Details on <hundredparishes@btinternet.com>  
**New Parish Councillor** Nicholas Cliffe expressed his interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. After he had spoken it was agreed to co-opt him onto the Parish Council.

**North Uttlesford Garden Village** In response to UDC's consultation on their draft Local Plan, strong opposition has been expressed for the development and challenging questions raised for its supporters by, among others, Cambridge County Council, South Cambs District Council, and our MP. With our six neighbouring S Cambs PCs we attended a meeting with the developers, Grosvenor Estates, in Saffron Walden. We also joined with our six neighbouring PCs for a very useful meeting with Heidi Allen MP in Pampisford.

**Smithson Hill Agricentre** Expected to submit a planning application shortly.

**Wellcome Trust** A routine liaison meeting was to be held on 15 November [see updates]

**Iron bridge** At the 15 Nov meeting, the agents, Bidwells, reported that contractors had been appointed to restore the iron bridge. It was expected to be back in use by spring 2018. It was agreed that from now on the Parish Council would pay an annual licence fee of £1000 for its permissive path licence with the Trust. In return the Trust will maintain all the paths and the two bridges. The revised terms of the licence will be discussed shortly

**Village signs** A donation has been received from the Wellcome Trust to renovate the two village signs and work is underway

**Playground report** The pirate ship has been refurbished and the mast has been replaced under warranty. A working party have cleaned the ship and the train. Ivy has been removed from the wall and the Village Hall. It is intended to have an annual working party. A costing for the restoration of the flint wall is being obtained.

**Website** Has been updated but more needs to be done.

**Local Highway Improvement Initiative** A proposal has been submitted to renovate the railings and posts alongside the river on the Ickleton Road. The case will be put to the relevant committee early next year.

**Speed limit reductions** A bid has been submitted to have speed reductions put in place on the roads between Hinxton and Ickleton and between Hinxton to Duxford. [It has

been arranged for a Highways Department engineer to make a site visit]

**Mill sluices** The raising and lowering of the sluices by the Mill needs to be automated to reduce flood risk. Martin Fordham has done this manually for decades with great skill and dedication, but it is necessary to make provision for the future. Cambridge Past Present and Future are responsible but are short of funds. [Bidwells will contact CPPF to emphasize the importance of this.]

**Sawston Trade Park Development** New plans have just been submitted which may require further comment from the PC.

**Flooding** (i) Puddling by the Village Hall which damages the flint wall; Bidwells have arranged for the Highways Dept to fill the depression. (ii) Flooding at the junction of High Street and North End Road. The blockage occurs where the tree roots appear to have clogged the drainpipe. Wellcome Trust are going to deepen the ditch and have arranged for the Highways Dept to replace the drainpipe.

**Allotments** There are two vacant plots still available. These will be advertised in the Hinxton News. A new contract has been agreed between the Wellcome Trust, who own the allotment land, and the Parish Council. As a consequence the agreement between the Parish Council and individual allotment holders has been revised. This was agreed and will be sent out with the rental requests.

**Budget and Precept** An analysis of recent years' budgets was presented. It was decided to discuss possible discretionary expenditure later when some costings have been obtained. This was necessary before a Budget for next year could be set. An extension to the deadline for the Precept is to be requested so that the Budget could be set at the next PC meeting.

**School Bus** The school bus from Hinxton to Duxford has changed its route to one that can take 45 minutes or more, which is far too long, especially for the younger children. Many parents are having to drive their children to school, adding to the congestion. The PC is to write asking for this to be rectified.

**Planning** A useful CPRE workshop on planning was attended in St Ives.

The hearings for the SCDC Local Plan were finished in June/July. [Update from Tony Orgee on 14 November: The inspectors appear to have agreed with the combined growth figures for housing and employment set out in the SCDC Submitted Local Plan ... Once the inspectors are content that they have a complete final list of the modifications that they consider may be necessary to make the plan 'sound', they will write to the Council and formally ask us to undertake a consultation. The consultation provides the opportunity to comment on the specific detailed changes put forward but it does not reopen the debate on other matters. Hence there is no scope for developers to argue that more land should be allocated for employment purposes or for housing.]

**Local Bus Service** We attended a consultation. Various routes are being considered. It is hoped that a circular route more suitable for Hinxton may be chosen.

**Duxford Moto Service Station** No news since the summer Mustang crash at the proposed site.

**Chairman's report** Warm thanks were given to Jane Chater who after many years valuable service has reluctantly resigned from the Parish Council due to other commitments.

**Public Session** Thanks were given to the Parish Council for all the hard work they are putting in with regard to the various planning proposals.

**Finance** Accounting statement read out and approved. Insurance claim for War Memorial repair received

Current position of Bank Balances at 5th Nov 2017:  
Current A/C: £10,974.35, Business A/C: £11,023.73

### **District Councillor Tony Orgee's report**

#### **Recycling changes from 11 December**

South Cambridgeshire District Council is in the process of procuring new vehicles for collecting recycled waste. The present vehicles have two compartments, one for paper only and the other for all the other types of recyclable materials collected. The present system leads to inefficiencies since when either compartment is full a vehicle has to return to Waterbeach to be emptied.

When the present vehicles came into service waste paper that was not co-mingled with other types of recyclable materials fetched a much higher price than paper that was co-mingled. However, the two prices are now far more similar.

In these circumstances a decision has been made to use new vehicles with no separate space for paper, meaning that it will only be when a vehicle is completely full that it will need to return for emptying. The consequence for householders is that there will no longer be a need to separate the paper that goes into the blue bin from the other recyclables placed in that bin.

**From 11 December**, residents will no longer need to use paper caddies as part of their recycling routines. Instead, used paper should be placed directly into the blue wheelie bins. This paper **will be recycled** as in the past. Residents can keep their caddy following the change, and use it however they wish. Alternatively, the caddies can be recycled if taken to a household waste recycling centre. They should **not** be placed in wheelie bins (hard plastics

are **not** collected in the blue bins). More information can be found by visiting [www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling).

The decision to withdraw the paper caddy service will save taxpayers money (for example, through saving over 20,000 vehicle miles per year) and simplify the recycling process for residents.

Because of this upcoming change, the District Council will not be delivering any new paper caddies. If they are lost or stolen before 11 December, residents can begin putting paper in their blue bin now.

The change will be highlighted in the next edition of the South Cambs Magazine which is due to be delivered to all residents in late November.

**There will be no change to collection days.**

#### **Uttlesford Local Plan (2011 – 2033)**

The first stage consultation on the draft Uttlesford Local Plan ended on 4 September. Views opposing and/or challenging the inclusion in the draft plan of a new settlement of about 5,000 houses in North Uttlesford (close to Great Chesterford) were submitted by a number of South Cambridgeshire villages, councillors, residents, district council, county council and the local MP.

Since your September parish council meeting, I and representatives of local parish councils have attended a presentation by the developers and later a meeting with Heidi Allen MP about the North Uttlesford proposals.

As a result of considering all the responses made in the consultation, Uttlesford District Council have concluded that further work needs to be done, and so the original timetable for the next stages of developing the plan has been set aside. A new timetable may be set out by the time of the next Uttlesford Policy Planning Working Group due to be held on 14 December.

I attended the public exhibition held at Ickleton Village Hall on Saturday, November 11. There was little here that we had not already seen before but one of the display boards did include a revised and slightly extended time line for the next stages of the plan.

#### **Sawston Trade Park**

The planning application for Sawston Trade Park is now likely to be on the agenda of the District Council's Planning Committee meeting on December 6. The agenda papers for this meeting will be published in advance and the Parish Council may wish to ask to speak at the Planning Committee meeting or email its views to SCDC on the officer recommendations for this planning application.

**Tony Orgee**

**District Councillor for Hinxton**

## THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)

Native evergreen trees include the Holly, Scot's Pine, Yew and Juniper. During the chillier winter months these can provide a welcome leafy contrast to the stark silhouettes of the deciduous trees which have shed their leaves. The red berries of the Holly contrast with its dark prickly leaves and are carried on the female trees. They provide useful food for hungry birds at the turn of the year.

The sombre needle-like foliage of the Yew covers a red trunk that can become deeply furrowed with age. The branches of a female Yew will be studded with many red arils, cup-like berries, each surrounding a green seed. The fleshy arils attract birds and the green poisonous seeds inside pass through the bird's digestive system to germinate elsewhere. The Yew's foliage is toxic, so they are not welcome in areas where livestock could browse them.

Yews are exceptionally long-lived and are often associated with ancient sacred sites. Old churches and their surrounding burial grounds are a significant feature of the Hundred Parishes and the majority contain one or more venerable Yew trees. Determining the age of such trees is difficult as they grow slowly or may be hollow, but it is possible that some may pre-date the adjacent building. For example, the Yew beside Thorley Church is considered older than the 13th-century building.

In the 18th century, clipped Yew hedges were a feature of formal gardens surrounding fine houses.

They were frequently included in 19th-century cemetery plantings, often alongside weeping trees which symbolised grief. Bridge End Gardens in Saffron Walden has clipped Yews in the Dutch garden.

In the quieter corners of most parishes, the Yew stands as a symbol of longevity, ready to sprout as the days lengthen with the arrival of the New Year.

**Tricia Moxey Trustee**




**Special Christmas family film screening**  
at the Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre

**Saturday 16 December, 2-4.30pm**

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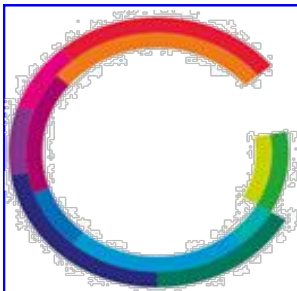
WELLCOME GENOME CAMPUS CONFERENCE CENTRE



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## WELLCOME GENOME CAMPUS PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

### **Exhibition - Hidden Lives: A Story of Discovery**

***Saturday 16 December, 12-2.30pm***

*Cultural Zone, Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre*

The Hidden Lives exhibition explores what a human genome can reveal about us all - past and present. On display are the remains of some of the individuals found at excavations at the Wellcome Genome Campus over the last 25 years, alongside artefacts that help us understand what sort of lives people led on the banks of the River Cam thousands of years ago. *Age: 8+.*

*Free to attend but booking is essential.*

*Tickets: [bit.ly/hidden-lives](http://bit.ly/hidden-lives)*

### **Festive Family Film Screening: HOME ALONE (PG)**

***Saturday 16 December, 2pm***

*Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre auditorium*

Come and watch this family favourite on our big screen and in the comfort of our tiered auditorium. There will be mince pies and mulled wine for sale before the film and during the interval. Wearing of Christmas jumpers encouraged.

*Synopsis: An eight-year-old troublemaker must protect his house from a pair of burglars when he is accidentally left home alone by his family during Christmas vacation. Family comedy.*

*Tickets: £4 adults, £2 children*

*Book online – [bit.ly/HomeAloneWGC](http://bit.ly/HomeAloneWGC) - or buy on the door.*

### **Exhibition - Hidden Lives: A Story of Discovery**

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# A HUGE THANK YOU FOR RAISING...

## £965

**PS** You can now sign up to register for your World's Biggest Coffee Morning 2018 kit. Simply fill in the reply form, pop it in the post and start looking forward to next year.

Dear Mrs Breen,

We wanted to say a massive thank you for helping us to make this year's Coffee Morning a huge success. Whether you baked the perfect sponge, or popped to the shops, we hope you had a fantastic time bringing everyone together for a brilliant cause.

You can be very proud, as the amazing **£965** you raised will help Macmillan support people with cancer when they need us most.

All the effort you've put into hosting your morning really does make a big difference. From our Macmillan nurses, to our information and support centre specialists, we can help for as long as we're needed thanks to people like you.

Thank you once again for making the World's Biggest Coffee Morning such a success – every slice helps those affected by cancer live their lives.

Warmest regards,  
Rachel Doohan, Head Coffee Lady





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Thank you all for your wonderful support for

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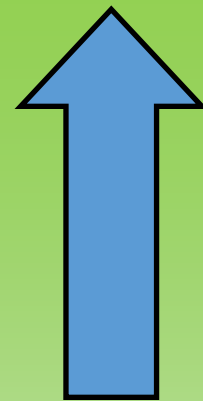
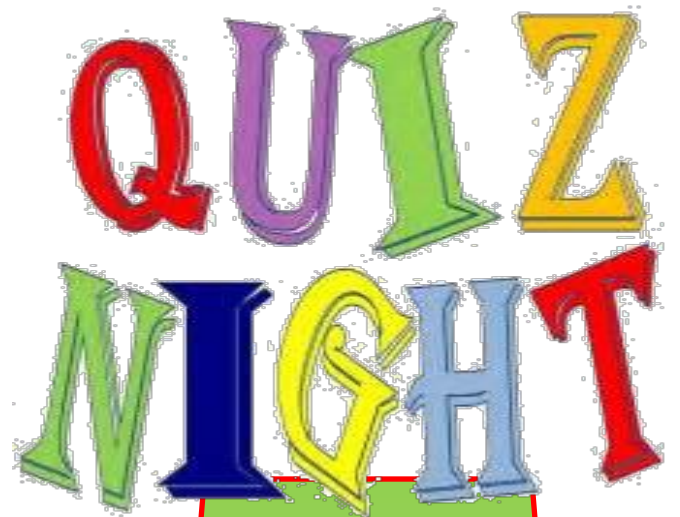
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for them at the Shopping Evening.

**[www.LivingRoomInternational.org](http://www.LivingRoomInternational.org)**

Living Room Ministries International is...

**a hospice community in Kenya established to  
compassionately honor life and offer  
hope in end-of-life care.**



**Village  
Hall**

**February  
10th**

**EARLY  
WARNING**

There is Handholding Still

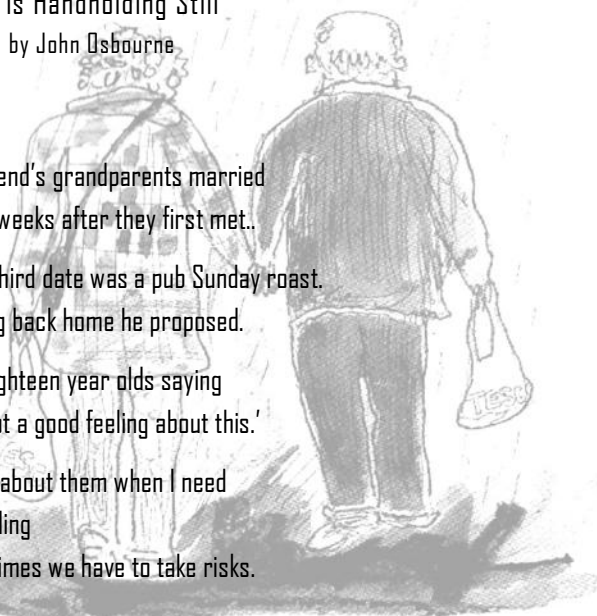
A poem by John Osbourne

My friend's grandparents married  
Three weeks after they first met..

Their third date was a pub Sunday roast.  
walking back home he proposed.

Two eighteen year olds saying  
'I've got a good feeling about this.'

I think about them when I need  
reminding  
Sometimes we have to take risks.





# Playground Cleanup



The pirate ship is sparkling again. Port and starboard have finally been corrected so the ship is now legal... The faulty foremast has been replaced under warranty. Also the ivy was cleared off the flint wall and back of the village hall. Many thanks to all who helped! Fiona





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## Welcome to my latest newsletter, lots has been happening since I last wrote!

Many of you will be aware of the plans from Uttlesford District Council to create North Uttlesford Garden Community which, if permitted, could have an adverse impact on the Southern part of the constituency. As such, I attended a meeting with Hinxton, Ickleton, Duxford, Pampisford, Whittlesford and Sawston Parish Councils to discuss their concerns. I too am worried these plans may negatively impact on us by significantly increasing congestion.

I have submitted my views to Uttlesford District Council and will continue to keep residents aware of developments as they occur. You will know there are plans to reduce the number of MPs from 650 to 600, so that each constituency has a similar number of electors. On 17th October, the Boundary Commission published their revised proposed boundaries for South Cambridgeshire. I was bitterly disappointed to read that their proposals still see South Cambs losing the wards of the Mordens, Bassingbourn, Melbourn and Meldreth. The Boundary Commission's report on the previous consultation acknowledged that I had put forward a counter proposal which had garnered significant public support and that most responses received generally opposed their suggestion. However, they still felt these Cambridgeshire villages should be moved to sit under a Herts regional authority, in spite of acknowledged strong local ties to the area.

I will be challenging these proposals again. If you agree that these villages should be retained in South Cambridgeshire rather than transferred to a Hertfordshire constituency, you can comment until the 11th December. \*\*

You will remember in my last newsletter that the Department for Transport have launched a consultation on accessibility issues for disabled people using public transport. I have been working with local and national groups to bring about improvements for disabled people. BBC Look East kindly filmed a piece for me at Whittlesford station, demonstrating issues disabled people face when there is no lift connecting the platforms.

**You can watch it here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yahDBM6qB5w&feature=youtu.be>**

South Cambs District Council have coincidentally also launched a consultation on taxi licensing which aims to provide more stringent standards. The Council is proposing to introduce a policy requiring all hackney carriages to be wheelchair accessible vehicles. This important consultation closes on 5th January 2018. You can find details here [www.scambs.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/consultations)

Parliament returned in October after the conference recess, and since then, my main campaign has focused on improving the Universal Credit benefit system. I raised this issue during Prime Minister's Questions on the 11th October and the Prime Minister kindly agreed to meet with me to discuss this in more detail. There will be a further debate in the House ahead of the budget and I am optimistic the Government is listening and will reduce the 6 week

delay claimants currently experience before receiving their first payment.

It is always a pleasure to visit schools in my constituency and at the beginning of October, I was grilled by the Perse Pelican's Mini Parliament! I thoroughly enjoyed listening to their thoughtful contributions and answering their questions. I have more school visits planned in November, so if you are a teacher or a governor of a local school and would like to arrange a visit, please do get in touch.

Another important part of my job is to support local enterprise in their efforts to grow and contribute to our local economy. So I was pleased to be able to open the new John Henry Group operations centre in Longstanton. This family business company has gone from strength to strength and I was delighted to be able to cut the ribbon and declare their new centre open!

Finally, Christmas is approaching (how did that happen!?) so it's time to switch on those lights! The "Light Up Cambourne" event on 25th November will start at 5pm in the Market Square, Great Cambourne, with lights on at 6.15pm. Caxton's event will be on 9th December at 5pm opposite Caxton Manor. Why not join me at one of these Christmas celebrations and help get the festivities underway?

My next surgery will be on Saturday 18th November from 10am to 12pm at Rocky's Bar & Restaurant, Chequers Lane, Papworth Everard, CB23 3QQ and then Saturday 16th December from 10am – 12pm at Gamlingay Village College, Station Road, Gamlingay SG19 3HD. These are drop-in surgeries with no appointment necessary. Details of all the upcoming surgeries can be found on my website. You'll also find further information about my work and news stories there.

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To contact me, please email [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk). You can also phone my Westminster Office on **020 7219 5091** about national issues or my constituency office on **01223 830 037** to raise local concerns.

*See you next month!*





# Art & Craft Exhibition 2017



£875



The recent Art Exhibition made a total of £875.44. The church will receive £725.44 and the art group £150. Thank you everyone who helped with the running of the show and those who came to buy.  
Joan Roberts

fantastic !







**Saturday 17th February 2018**

*Dear Villagers,*

If you have not taken part before here is your chance to get to know your neighbours. It works like this, anyone can take part be they on their own or as a couple. You can volunteer to host a group, for one course, in your own home or if that is not possible for whatever reason, you can take a dessert or cheese and biscuits to the Village Hall where everyone joins together. You can choose how many people you welcome to your home and which course you would like to provide. You just provide the food and wine for the course you are doing.

Just before the event, everyone taking part receives a 'map' detailing where they are enjoying their starter and who is providing it. Then whose house to move onto for the main course where there will be a different set of people. Finally, everyone gathers together in the Village Hall for the dessert.

Addresses and telephone numbers will be provided to give to babysitters in case needed. Should that all be as clear as mud then please telephone me for clarification.

It is difficult to meet other people from Hinxton but this is a good way of doing so and it was a relatively new arrival to the Village who asked when were we having another one as they had got to know so many people last time.

*Lesley Mills*

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## Festive Greetings to Hinxtton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

### New Head Chef

It is always risky trumpeting the arrival of a new chef whilst still in the honeymoon period, but we are delighted to have found Jordan and are dying to share his food with our customers. Coming from the Ritz, a London gastro and his own restaurant in the Dordogne, Jordan comes well-healed and full of ideas. We are all in for a treat – standby!

### Christmas Bookings

A few key dates have gone but we still have a good spread of options, so do get in touch if interested. Christmas Day Lunch we are celebrating at The Red Lion only this year.

**Gift Vouchers** can be sorted for you - a popular Christmas Present – just drop us an email.

**New Year's Eve** we are joining forces with the Black Bull again this year and celebrating there. A £22 two course / £28 three course menu option with a live band. Places are limited though, so please book soon if interested.

### Friday 22 - Sun 24 December

Our **Winter Beer Festival** at The Black Bull will be showcasing our best local real ales again this year.

As usual we will be hosting some revival drinks after the annual Boxing Day walk – all walkers are welcome.

Kind regards from all of us at  
**The Red Lion**

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## HINXTON VILLAGE HALL HIRE RATES

Current rates are as follows for residents

*(non residents in brackets)*

Per session (9am - 1pm) (1pm - 5pm) (5pm - 11.30pm) or 10.30pm on Sunday **£30 (£45)**

Saturday evening **£60 (£85)**

Short meetings **£12** (use of hall only)

Discounts may be available for block bookings and charitable events.

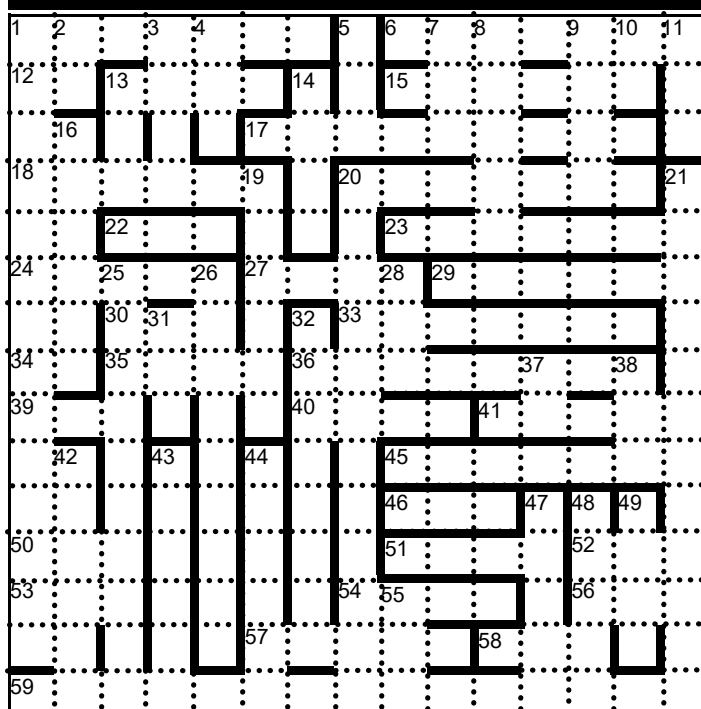
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## HINXTON CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD 2017



On a theme of those who do 11d

by Steve Trudgill with Jenny Goodwin and Steve Theobald

### ACROSS

1. Tahitian visiting 11d -ist doesn't start destruction even after endless assessment (7)
6. Goblin awarded medal by a Dutch 11d-ist (7)
12. See 42d or 46ac
13. John or Paul, brothers, make teeth grinding sound (4)
15. See 29ac
17. Suffolk man in stolen cab wreck: learner driver goes after airborne mammals flying backwards, crashing into traffic guide (9)
18. Famed Antwerp resident found when taxi company stops short, crashing into British Fleet to the south (6)
20. See 47d
22. See 42d
- 23, 36ac. Yorkshire woman seen wearing hop wreath jauntily after going to a couple of drinking establishments (7, 8)
24. Become liable to start indicating nothing causally unpleasant, really (5)
27. Darting under cruiser, kingfisher starts to become diving bird (4)
- 29, 15ac. Sample rum, ale drunk produced visionary pastoral painter (6, 6)
30. A card expert starts with top of the pack (3)
33. See 41ac
34. Alternatively gold (2)
35. "Art hero, mentor" covers Raphael's place in history (4)
36. See 23ac
39. New Zealand bird found in lake area (3)
40. Prickly plant found growing in soil exclusively (4)
- 41, 33ac. Cod, heavy kind, hacked up for swimming pool depicter (5, 7)

45. Magpie seen by protection squadron, with nothing for Guernica depicter (7)
- 46, 12ac. Édouard starts meal at North East Tuileries, possibly shocking people with his 'luncheon on the grass'.... (5)
50. ...cutting which might be such a chore for average gardener at first (3)
51. See 5d (ii)
52. Epithet for Master in 11d? (3)
53. The result of smoking 50ac with a change of heart? (3)
54. Coal pit depicted back to front by Tracey, famed for her bed (4)
56. Pasture located in fertile acre (3)
57. Laser dazzled around city where 5d, 14d was inspired by the starry sky (5)
58. Time period found in former, ancient times (3)
59. Odd arcane violin played for a depicter of Vitruvian proportions (8, 2, 5)

### DOWN

1. I forgo a fee - geek troubled by a depicter of the insides of flowers (7, 1'6)
2. See 3d
- 3, 2d. Middle East Strip partly invaded by alien - an occupation as when with 11d? (4, 2)
4. Employment in America by English (3)
- 5(i), 14d. Have gong, not English, hit resoundingly - with ear-splitting results in 57ac.?! (3, 4)
- 5(ii), 51ac. Vend yak, swap it for depicter of Charles 1 (3, 4)
7. Singular porridge constituent served in Guantanamo, atrocious (3)
8. Second class liar confused politician (5)
9. Fish caught in reel spike (4)
10. Male address found in Durham road (2)
11. '\_\_\_ longa' - while 'vita brevis' (as translated from the Latin) (3)
13. The point is found in pin ubiquitously (3)
14. See 5d(i).
16. Return changed depicter of a Fighting ship (6)
- 19, 48d. Sly, inane don disturbed by depicter of Ned Kelly (6, 5)
20. Helical gnome twisted - a result of laying upside down while painting a Chapel ceiling? (12)
21. Surreal rival, also Dad, surrealist (8, 4)
25. Go via a crag, in a roundabout way, to find Italian 11d-ist (10)
26. MBE confused inside Rolls Royce in conjunction with start of test for 11d-ist (9)
28. Head or hill or Liverpool Ground (3)
- 31, 46ac. Seller of baby beds from The Norwich School? (6)
32. He twirls around for depicter of mother - or Rex (8)
37. Accolade for 16d and others in clever art (1.1.)
38. Possessive masculine found in this (3)
- 42, 22ac, 12ac. A dulcet omen resonates for Étretat depicter (6, 5)
43. Strong giant offspring of Gaia and Uranus include one painter (6)
- 44, 41ac. Visa card, pad out for Friedrich the wanderer painter (6, 5)
- 47, 20ac. Arousing inert messiah cut out artist (5, 7)
48. See 19d.
49. Extract Paul the painter from ankle embarrassment (4)
55. Sea shortly found to south of 57ac in same dimension (3)



## HINXTON EVENTS ~ December

## Notable Future Dates

1st	Friday	
2nd	Saturday	<b>PETERHOUSE CHOIR CONCERT</b>
3rd	Sunday	6.30 pm Evensong (BCP), <i>Hinxton</i>
4th	Monday	
5th	Tuesday	
6th	Wednesday	
7th	Thursday	
8th	Friday	<b>Dingo for Vegetables</b> Xmas Special with seasonal quiz
9th	Saturday	
10th	Sunday	<b>Hinxton Children's Christmas Party</b> 8.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP), <i>Hinxton</i> 6.30 pm. Carol Service, <i>Hinxton</i> (followed by mulled wine and mince pies)
11th	Monday	
12th	Tuesday	
13th	Wednesday	<b>Coffee Morning at Village Hall 10am</b>
14th	Thursday	
15th	Friday	<b>Carol Singing around the Village</b>
16th	Saturday	
17th	Sunday	10.00 am. Parish Communion, <i>Hinxton</i>
18th	Monday	
19th	Tuesday	
20th	Wednesday	
21st	Thursday	
22nd	Friday	
23rd	Saturday	
24th	Sunday	<b>CHRISTINGLE 4PM</b> <b>HINXTON CHURCH</b> 8.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP), <i>Hinxton</i> 10.00 am. Festival Eucharist, <i>Hinxton</i>
25th	Monday	<b>Boxing Day Walk</b>
26th	Tuesday	
27th	Wednesday	BLUE BIN ONLY on THURSDAY 28TH
28th	Thursday	
29th	Friday	
30th	Saturday	
31st	Sunday	10.00am Five Parishes Service at <i>Hinxton Church</i>
1st	Sunday	<b>Cor Blimey its 2018 !</b>
4th	Thursday	Black Bin on Thursday 4th January

Feb 10th	QUIZ NIGHT
Feb 17th	Supper on the Run
June 9th	Village Fete
July 13th	Hinxton Garden Evening



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# HELP WANTED

**When?** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.00am.

**Where?** Hinxton Church.

**Why?** To make **Christingles** ready for the service at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve.

**Who?** Anyone and everyone will be warmly welcomed!

**Come along and bring your friends !**