

HINXTON NEWS

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Nothing angers me more than burglary. These disgusting people invade our privacy and take our hard earned property. They leave us soiled by their invasion and, in extreme cases, such as Petra and her family experienced, they effect permanent change. Recently one of our good neighbours had their pet dogs taken. The vile people who did this might just as well have kidnapped two children. Pets are part of a family. They are loved and cherished. We can only imagine the heartache and pain this has caused and we all hope our friend can come to terms with her experience. Please help us try and catch these thieves.(p.9)

Hinxton continues to demonstrate its generosity and humanity. The Poppy Appeal raised a massive **£864**. All credit to the lady collector who managed to disturb me just as the England Rugby team were strutting their stuff. It was worth a fiver just to send her on her way !

We are fast approaching Christmas and Hinxton has the traditional selection of seasonal delights for you to enjoy and participate in. Christmas Bingo on the 6th, Children's Party on the 15th and Carol singing on the 19th. Our lovely church then provides the important services throughout the festive period for us to attend.

The Fete next year has a gardening theme and we will be looking for help from you to collect up bits and pieces to make it a success. **PLEASE DO NOT** throw away old hanging baskets. These can be recycled and sold at the fete with either flowers or tomato plants. Let me know and I will collect.

The Art show in November was nothing short of a triumph. All credit to Joan Roberts for her energy and determination.

She would definitely win "*The Apprentice*" as the best sales person. Even Lord Sugar would buy something.

BBC Radio Cambridgeshire will be giving a platform next Wednesday to people from Hinxton and surrounding villages, who continue to battle the Wellcome Trust expansion plans. CPRE is encouraging parish councils to write to the Secretary of State for Development before he begins his review of SCDC's controversial decision. Reporter Sara Varey has been talking to the Chairman of the Parish Council, Graham Fagg about why the village rejects the accusation of 'Nimbyism'. If you would like to take part, please contact Sara: sara.varey@bbc.co.uk. Tune in to Breakfast with Dotty McLeod and Kev Lawrence on 96fm or DAB from 6.00am, May also be opened up to listeners as a discussion: 'should planning rules be thrown out to accommodate scientific research "in the national interest?" on Mann in the Morning from 9.00am.

Mike

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Carol singing

Carol Singing around the Village will take place on Thursday, 19th December.

We will be meeting at North End Road bus shelter at 6.00pm.



At the end of the evening, Andy & Sue Brown have kindly offered to provide refreshments at The Limes, 37 High Street. Please come and join us.

The collection will once again go to the Cambridge Churches Homeless Project.

The Cambridge Churches Homeless Project (CCHP) is a collection of churches and a synagogue that work together to offer practical care and support to people who would otherwise be sleeping rough in our city each winter. They offer a warm bed, a good meal and a listening ear for rough sleepers during the coldest months of the year. They take referrals from people who are sleeping rough; guests cannot refer themselves but must be referred from one of their partner agencies (eg Wintercomfort, Jimmy's, Cambridge Street and Outreach Mental Health Team etc).




Duxford Advent Market 2019

Saturday 7 December
4pm – 8pm
St John's Church




CHOIR 2000 Advent Concert



John Rutter
Gloria

Sweelinck
Hodie Christus Natus Est
Carols for Choir and All

HISTON BAPTIST CHURCH
7.30pm: Friday 6th and
Saturday 7th December

Conductor: Peter Britton
Prime Brass
Choir2000 Chamber Orchestra
with
Histon Ten-Sing (Friday)
Chesterton Singers (Saturday)

Tickets: £10.00, students £5.00, from
Histon Library and online at www.choir2000.org/tickets
from members of the choir or on the night

Letter to the communities of Duxford, Hinxton and Ickleton

29th October 2019

Dear Friends,

Many, perhaps all of you will have heard now of my decision to resign as Priest-in-charge of Duxford Hinxton and Ickleton, following the break-in at the Rectory in September. It has been an agonising decision, but one that, in some ways, has made itself. My daughter Eleanor is traumatised and supporting her on an unpredictable and unknown journey is taking all my time and energy at the moment. At some point, I will also need to address my own reactions to this violation and find a way to preach forgiveness with authenticity and integrity.

At the moment we are very much in an in-between time. We have been staying in our house in Girton and will soon be moving back to our family home in Sawston, in the hope that Eleanor will feel she can begin to recover and find ways of regaining confidence and a sense of security.

I feel very sad to be leaving at this point when so many things in the parishes were beginning to bear fruit. Parish ministry is about relationships and I have learned that it is a bit like falling in love. One day you look up and see people coming towards the altar and feel a deep love for a whole community. There is so much and so many people I am already missing.

I remain on compassionate leave until 31st December, but now my departure is out in the open, I hope to see people out and about. There are coffee mornings and things...My final service will be at 10am on 8th December. It would be lovely to see you all there.

The three Parochial Church Councils have already started talking to the Ely Diocese about finding my replacement. Services will carry on as normal whilst this is being worked through, much of which with the help of my friend and colleague, Phil Sharkey (the parish's' assistant priest)

With my love and prayers

Petra Shakeshaft

Church Services and Events in December

Sunday 1st		First Sunday of Advent
8 am	BCP Communion	Duxford
10 am	Parish Communion	Ickleton
4 pm	CHRISTINGLE	Duxford
Tuesday 3rd 1030am		Coffee Morning Ickleton
Sunday 8th		Second Sunday of Advent PETRA'S FINAL SERVICE
1030 am	Parish Communion	Duxford
5 pm	Taize Service	Ickleton
6-730 pm	Youthinc	Hinxton
Tues 10th 1030 am	Coffee Morning	Ickleton
Sunday 15th		Third Sunday of Advent
8am	BCP Communion	Ickleton
4pm	CHRISTINGLE	Ickleton
630pm	Carol Service	Hinxton
Sunday 22nd		Fourth Sunday of Advent
10 am	Parish Communion	Duxford
630 pm	Carol Service	Ickleton
Tuesday 24th		CHRISTMAS EVE
4pm	CHRISTINGLE	Hinxton
1130PM	Midnight Eucharist	Ickleton
Weds 25th		CHRISTMAS DAY
930AM	Christmas Eucharist	Ickleton
Sunday 29th		
10am	Five Parish Eucharist	Whittlesford

FOR URGENT ENQUIRIES

call Rev Phil Sharkey **01763 221284**

or Mrs Julie Baillie **01799 530684**

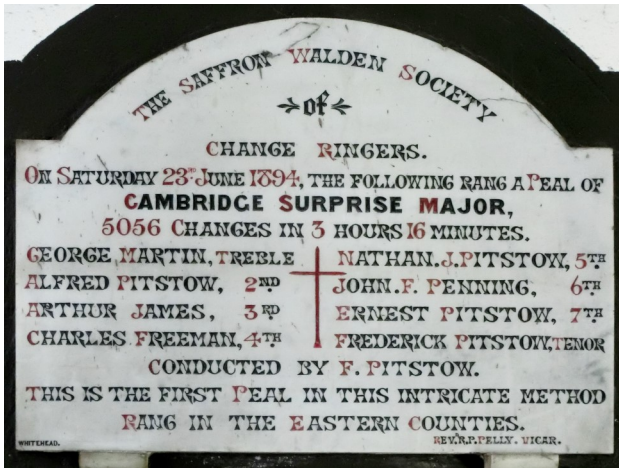
Do you have a daily newspaper? If so, please don't put it in your Blue Bin, when you have a little pile take them along to the wooden bin just inside the church gate or pop them in the yellow bin at Mavis & Tony's house (103 High Street). Mr & Mrs Saich from Lindcolly Kennels collect them to use as bedding and kindly give a donation to the church funds.

Even if you read the news on your iPad or computer, we all get the free Walden Local once a week and if we all put them in the collecting bins it would really help.

Thank You

As Christmas approaches, we are more likely to hear the distinctive sound of church bells. Most of our church towers were erected with the specific purpose of housing bells high above the rooftops so their sound could be heard over a wide area, calling people to worship or, sometimes, to celebrate a special occasion.

Church bells come in many different sizes, the larger giving a deeper tone. Of Hundred Parishes churches, Saffron Walden has most bells with 12, the largest weighing over a ton. Some bells are extremely old: Great Waltham, Little Hallingbury, Little Hormead, Strethall and Westmill each have one dating from the 14th century.



The round may be repeated many times or, on the conductor's instruction, the sequence may be changed by swapping two bells. There are many possible sequences for ringing a given number of bells: for eight bells the number of different sequences is 40,320. An experienced team will sometimes attempt to ring a continuous set of changing sequences. Long ago it was decided that anything over 5,000 changes of sequence would be termed a "peal".

A peal typically takes around 3 hours so requires organisation and great concentration and stamina. Peals are rarely attempted, but when successfully achieved they may be recorded in the church on a "peal board" giving the bell-ringers' names and the title of the change sequence or method that was used.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

Each bell is rung by a separate person, pulling gently but firmly on a bell rope from below. A practised team of bell ringers can create a wonderful sound as the bells are swung in a predetermined sequence. The simplest sequence is to ring the lightest bell first and so on through to the heaviest, producing a round of descending notes.



A 5.5 cwt bell cast in 1705
in St Mary's,
Stansted Mountfitchet

GRANTA

Medical Practices

**Christmas & New Year Opening
Times**

DECEMBER

21st/22nd CLOSED

23rd/24th OPEN AS NORMAL

25th/26th CLOSED

27th OPEN AS NORMAL

28th/29th CLOSED

30th/31st OPEN AS NORMAL

JANUARY

1st CLOSED

2nd/3rd OPEN AS NORMAL

4th/5th CLOSED

**Your local pharmacist can advise
you on many minor illnesses,
such as coughs, colds, sore
throats and upset stomachs.**

**If you need urgent medical
assistance when we are closed
please ring NHS111.**

**If your condition poses an
immediate threat to life please
ring 999.**

Notes and Commentary from the Parish Council Meeting, 11 November 2019

Wellcome Genome Campus (WGC) Expansion.

This was by far the main topic of discussion.

It was noted that Wellcome's outline planning application to expand the Genome Campus had been approved in full by SCDC's Planning Committee at their meeting of 24 October. The Planning Committee had acknowledged that this proposal was outside the recently adopted 2018 Local Plan. It also recognised the substantial harms that will be caused by expansion of WGC, including to landscape and visual impact, traffic, agricultural land, heritage, water supplies and flood risk. However, the Planning Committee was of the view that all these harms were outweighed by the national significance of WGC's research activities and the medical and economic benefits that will follow. Chair of the Planning Committee Cllr John Batchelor commented that, whilst the benefits may be enjoyed nationally and internationally, all the disadvantages will be borne by local communities.

Being *outside* the Local Plan, Wellcome's application can be called in by the **Secretary of State** for determination. The Parish Council agreed that, following consultation with local members and others, it would write to the Secretary of State to request his intervention. (*editor's note...see p. 6*)

There was also discussion about potential mitigations for Hinxton and local villages under Section 106. The Parish Council had submitted requests to SCDC as required, and subsequently had had conversations with SCDC's Planning Officer and with Wellcome's Director of Planning. We understand that this matter is an ongoing negotiation between SCDC and Wellcome, and awaits a response from Wellcome on the Section 106 Heads of Terms prior to further discussion.

SmithsonHill AgriTech Park. The Secretary of State's determination of this case has been delayed as a result of the forthcoming general election and will now likely be in February 2020.

North Uttlesford Garden Community. This proposal continues to await the outcomes of the Uttlesford Local Plan process.

Whittlesford Parkway Travel Masterplan. Further consideration of the proposed rural travel hub has been deferred until after the general election. This will also be considered as part of the recently initiated multi-modal study of the A505 corridor.

Huawei/Spicers Development. Huawei will submit a revised planning application after discussion with SCDC.

Playground. The Parish Clerk has made an application for Community Chest funds to help support a renewal of the wooden train, and will explore whether a grant from Amey Cespa might be feasible to cover the remaining costs for this and the repair of the flint wall adjacent to the playground. (*editor's note...see p.10*)

Defibrillator. The defibrillator has been installed in the village hall porch and all residents have been informed of the code to access this.

Street Lighting. The Parish Council owns two lampposts in the village, one in Mill Lane (which is not working) and one in Church Green. As a result of safety issues and changes in energy suppliers, it was agreed to remove the lamppost in Mill Lane and retain the one in Church Green.

Precept for the year 2020-2021. The Parish Council agreed an increase in Hinxton Parish precept of 10% for the forthcoming year.

Parish Councillor Vacancy. As a result of a resignation, a vacancy exists for a parish councillor. A Notice has been posted inviting applications, to be received by the Parish Clerk by 21st November.

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Anne Charteris	Parish Clerk	01799 531827	hinxtonpc@gmail.com

The following letter was written to address the worries we all have concerning the momentous decision by the South Cambs Planning to allow the Wellcome Trust to expand their campus.

To read all of the references mentioned you will have to go to the Hinxtton Web Site where it is available to read in full.

Editor

Hinxtton Parish Council
Sam Nichols, Parish Councillor

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19 November 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

S/4329/18/OL Development of Wellcome Genome Campus (WGC), Hinxtton, Saffron Walden, Cambridgeshire, CB10 1RQ.

Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for a phased, mixed use development comprised of up to 150,000 square metres of Gross External Area (GEA) of flexible employment uses including research and development, office and workspace and associated uses falling within Use Classes B1 (office, laboratories, light industry), B2 (general industrial) and B8 (Storage) uses; up to 1,500 residential dwellings (Use Class C3); supporting community uses and social infrastructure including a nursery (Use Classes D1); conference facility (Use Class D1) and associated hotel (Use Class C1); retail uses including shops (Use Class A1), restaurants and cafes (Use Class A3) and bars (Use Class A4); leisure uses (Use Class D2); landscape and public realm, including areas for sustainable urban drainage and biodiversity enhancements; energy centre and utilities; site access (vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian), car and cycle parking and highways improvements; early landscape and enabling works; and associated works. (This application is subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment).

Hinxtton Parish Council raised serious objections to this application to South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) by letters dated 31 January 2019 (Appendix A), 16 May 2019 (Appendix B) and 27 September 2019 (Appendix C) and at the Planning Committee hearing on 24 October 2019. On 24 October 2019, the Planning Committee of the Council determined to approve this application. It is a departure from the Local Plan adopted just one year earlier in 2018. It has been advertised as such and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has been invited to call in the application for his consideration. The application is therefore subject to his decision. We are writing to request that this most unusual application is called in so that it receives the appropriate level of scrutiny.

1. Objections and Concerns

1.1 The level of objection to this proposal is almost without precedent:

(a) 12 parish councils objected, being Hinxtton Parish Council, Duxford Parish Council, Thriplow Parish Council, Pampisford Parish Council, Great Abington Parish Council, Little Abington Parish Council, Ickleton Parish Council, Babraham Parish Council, Whittlesford Parish Council, Great Chesterford Parish Council, Linton Parish Council, Great Shelford Parish Council

(b) Cambridgeshire County Council, Uttlesford District Council and Essex County Council also objected.

(c) Other objectors included: Cambridge Past Present & Future, Highways England, Anglian Water, The Ickleton Society, Imperial War Museum Duxford and the Environment Agency. We submit that few of the concerns raised by these consultees have been properly addressed by the applicant or by the Planning Authority. This application has raised more than mere local controversy and in view of the justifications that are being put forward ought to be considered centrally.

2. Basis of objection

2.1 Hinxtton Parish Council is very supportive of the research done on the Wellcome Genome Campus (WGC) and would not have opposed an expansion for R&D purposes. However, we consider that the scale of the proposed expansion, particularly with regard to the planned 1500 housing units and the hotel, is excessive and inadequately justified.

2.2 As SCDC noted, the impacts on Hinxtton and other local communities is severe, in terms of heritage, landscape and visual impact, and increased traffic (see Report to Planning Committee dated 24 October (the Report)). It is also outside the current Local Plan. The proposal was waved through on the basis of the applicant's Case for Growth (CfG), national, economic health and educational benefits. However as the Planning Committee noted, all the disadvantages will be borne by local communities.

2.3 We believe there is a case – in our view not fully or properly considered by SCDC – that the scale of the proposed WGC expansion could viably be reduced, without compromising the scientific work or international standing of the campus, to better respect and preserve the rural heritage of Hinxtton and adjacent villages, to better integrate with local communities, and to better manage the highly damaging and inadequately mitigated impact of the associated traffic increases on local villages. We believe further that SCDC has failed to adequately take into account water management in the local area, which is of questionable adequacy in terms of supply and flood risk.

3. National Interest

3.1 As a procedural matter, the national interest argument needs independent evaluation in a way that has not been undertaken so far.

3.2 The argument from Wellcome under their CfG is that “co-location” of research and development, connecting science and housing on a single campus at Hinxton is essential to their project, with alternative locations ruled out. There is in fact no precedent for this articulated need, nor any limit to its application. Where does the wholesale subordination of Hinxton and the proximate villages (outside of the Local Plan) actually end?

3.3 Translation of Scientific Interest

- (a) Successful translation of scientific research does not require the extreme proximity of sharing the same site. As others (including SCDC planners) have argued, successful ‘clusters’ of technologically-driven activity may benefit from those involved being within easy distance of each other, but not from their necessarily sharing canteens and car parks. The Hinxton Campus is within easy reach of those at Babraham Institute (4.2 miles), Granta Park (3.9 miles), and Chesterford Research Park (3.5 miles) and there are many places nearby in East Anglia which have cheaper housing, better transport and more labour available.
- (b) In the US (San Francisco, San Diego, and Boston), human health biotech and pharmaceutical R&D has operated very successfully without single site co-location and much more in line with: (i) the multi-site clustering policy previously advocated by SCDC; and with the development of clustering in different geographical locations within the Oxford - Cambridge - London “golden triangle”.
- (c) Moreover, in evaluating the need for translation businesses to be located on site, SCDC accept that the existing open science policy – which encourages collaboration – does not easily align with larger established firms’ commercial interests in any event. Wellcome argue that there is a trend of collaboration but no empirical or substantive evidence is provided to support that contention or to justify the need for single site colocation. This theory requires independent testing and examination.

4. Consequences for Hinxton and the surrounding villages

4.1 Our detailed submissions are set out at Appendix A under the following heads:

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| (a) Failure to comply with the local plan | Section 1 |
| (b) Traffic and transport | Section 2 |
| (c) Impact on Landscape and Environment | Section 3 |
| (d) Change in function of the Campus | Section 4 |
| (e) Proposed Housing Numbers are inappropriate | Section 5 |
| (f) The proposals fail to meet community needs | Section 6 |

5. Supplementary comments material to the request for call in:

5.1 Timing and Cross Boundary Controversy

This application arises at a time of unparalleled development pressure for Hinxton village. The graphic at appendix D shows the proposed development site for Wellcome (marked red with the existing campus marked orange) and the potential development sites for the Smithson Hill Agritech park (AgriTech) and subject to planning appeal at present [S/4099/17/OL] as well as the proposed footprint for the new North Uttlesford Garden Village (NUGC) (both marked yellow) and under scrutiny as part of the Uttlesford Local Plan. SCDC have been at pains in their Report (paragraph 6.15) that “Neither NUGC nor AgriTech constitute existing or approved development” and as such that “it is not considered necessary or appropriate for these two sites, which in terms of likely delivery are far less certain, to form part of the cumulative assessment with the ES”. Leaving on one side the legality of that approach, the practical point is that there is a clear rationale for deferring determination of the Wellcome application at least until the AgriTech appeal has been determined early next year (February 20th), while if NUGC were to proceed, the case for a residential element to the Wellcome application would be much diminished. This requires co-ordinated rather than piecemeal planning. The lack of coordination and co-operation across county boundaries – let alone any form of holistic planning – is a material concern to Hinxton Parish, which lies in a development corridor [shown at Appendix D] that spans South Cambridgeshire and north Uttlesford and is immediately outside the green belt.

5.2 Transport

- a) We question whether the significant growth in traffic resulting from this development (and others in our locality) has been sufficiently taken into account, given the known limitations of the current highways infrastructure.
- b) It is inevitable that a new Campus accommodating a further 4,000+ employees, 1,500 houses, extensive commercial space and a 175 bed hotel will generate many more car journeys and overwhelm the capacity of local roads. Cambridge County Council Highways decision to drop their highways objection to the scheme should be fully explored at an inquiry. Traffic concerns were recognised by Planning Committee members. The application of the “national interest” to support the scheme was qualified by statements demanding “national support” for road improvements, including from Councillor Wright that “we should expect national support in the way of infrastructure” and Councillor Milnes stating “We acknowledge the traffic....we have severe reservations about the traffic....this will add some impact.....it will cause problems. We need to respond with national infrastructure in relation to Junction 9 of the M11 and the A505”.
- c) Approval the scheme ahead of the required highway improvements has put the ‘cart before the horse’.
- (d) A multi-modal transport study of the A505 corridor has been initiated and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2020. Again, we ask for a deferral of the application until that study is complete, such that any recommendations can properly be taken into account. The A505 study follows on from the “A505 Corridor Improvement Feasibility Study: A10 to the A11” report dated 29 January 2018, which was commissioned by Uttlesford District Council to inform their emerging Local Plan.

The report acknowledged the existing capacity issues, including in the paragraph extracted below:

(i) Paragraph 5.1.1:

“Given the modelled increase in demand to travel on the A505 in the period up until 2033, this section details preliminary, high level options which have been identified as potential mitigations to address the existing and anticipated future levels of congestion”

(ii) Paragraph 5.4.1

“The Section of the A505 between the M11 and A1301 is the busiest within the corridor. It suffers from delays and congestion in peak periods”

5.3 Landscape

(a) The scale of this proposal is massive and out of character with the environment. Its impact would be substantial and damaging. Hinxton is a village of 150 houses, situated in a conservation area and cited in the Domesday book. Wellcome’s proposed development dwarfs the village of Hinxton beyond all recognition (refer to Appendix D). This is unplanned and ad hoc urbanisation of the countryside at significant scale.

(b) The development is far more densely built than the present campus. Given the rising ground on the Expansion Land, the buildings will be highly visible and the model of development is to have buildings close to the A1301 and to open up views of existing campus buildings. That together with the intended street lighting and traffic features on the A1301 will profoundly change the immediate countryside.

5.4 Housing

(a) We object to the very substantial allocation. The location of the residential units (notably Development Area 3 as described under the application) has a substantial negative Landscape and Heritage impact on Hinxton village, as also recognised by the Council’s Historic Buildings Officer.

(b) There is no way that 1500 residential units can be justified on the basis of the national or local economic interest. The district has an up-to-date Local Plan and a 5-year housing land supply. There is no need for these houses within the Plan period and no evidence that they need to be so close to the commercial development.

(c) No proper justification has been provided that there will be demand for that number of units by campus workers. Although we see that there may be some rental demand by short-term workers, we question how many people will want to buy a house on a work campus with limited facilities.

(d) Wellcome’s Viability Statement suggests very loose ties to the campus, with only an 6 week campus offer period before the housing is sold on the open market. This is not a realistic period if the scheme is to remain intact and true to its justification. Consent to this scheme in full now and without additional restrictions would provide a backdoor route to a private residential allocation.

5.5 Water and Flood Management as a result of the Proposal

(a) The proposed WGC campus expansion, as well as the proposed AgriTech and NUGC developments, all sit over major aquifers on which the Cambridge water supply is dependent. The Environment Agency has published a report indicating that

aquifers in our region are close to a critical low level. A recent meeting – prefacing a report to be published on water supplies next year – concluded that Cambridge is the only part of the country to be facing water shortages.

(b) The application provides a substantial analysis of flood risks and aquifer recharge on the proposed Expansion Land. But it treats this Expansion Land as largely self-contained. The proposed solutions are far too narrowly focused, especially given the prospect that climate change will bring increased run-off from the site, greater variability of rainfall and hastening aquifer depletion.

(c) All of the run off from the ground sealed as a result of the proposal will inevitably flow to the river Cam without the existing percolation and absorption of the agricultural land which currently occupies the Expansion Land. During periods of heavy rainfall the effects could be particularly severe on the land and fields along the river Cam. Indeed, the WGC campus has been subject to flooding issues, and the Sanger Institute Buildings themselves were flooded in 1996. The campus questionnaires revealed 33% of the 489 respondents (156 people...) would potentially be interested in living on campus, though these were very loose questionnaires. Otherwise EMBL-EBI indicated it would occupy rolling tenancies on “at least 150 units” while Wellcome’s competitors are said to be providing housing “close to workplaces”. None of those narratives comes close to validating 1500 on site units. At Planning Committee there was a suggestion this period would in fact be extended to 16 weeks. We understand this is under discussion between SCDC and Wellcome. Either way the point is that the housing units can be sold privately after a short period.

(d) SCDC’s Report (Section 16) mentions the expectation that appropriate mitigation shall be put in place, but we are not confident that a robust procedure has been adopted or that sufficient mitigation will be constructed. The increased flood risk will not be at the proposed development but on the land and gardens near the river in Hinxton Village, and on up and downstream villages.

6. AgriTech

6.1 Many of the concerns that we articulate above were shared by SCDC in connection with the Smithson Hill AgriTech appeal . There SCDC have rightly refused permission for a similar sized AgriTech business park on land directly adjacent to the Wellcome site on the basis that the agricultural land was not allocated for development in the 2018 Cambridgeshire Local Plan. Their closing submissions in the related planning appeal include the following narratives:

(a) Highways impact would be significant, especially on the A1301

(b) Significant impact for heritage (see paragraphs 60-76); #

(c) Significant loss of agricultural land

(d) Single site co-location is not an established feature for AgriTech

(e) Inconsistency with the Local Plan

(f) Planning balance is inappropriate .Our submission here is that each of those concerns applies equally to the Wellcome application and that SCDC have abandoned local planning policy far too readily to the detriment of Hinxton and other local communities.

CONCLUSION

1. This application is not planned and conflicts with the recently adopted 2018 Cambridgeshire Local Plan.
2. The impact on Hinxton and other local communities is severe, in terms of heritage, landscape visual impact, increased traffic and water and flood management.

We are extremely concerned with the process that has been followed (and in particular the application of the “national interest” argument to justify planning policies being ignored) and ask that the Secretary of State calls in the application for his own consideration, with the intent that:

- The A505 study is first completed
- The AgriTech Appeal decision due in February 2020 is made known.
- The Inspector’s advice regarding the Uttlesford Local Plan (including NUGC) is released so that the cumulative effects of these developments can be considered; and either that the application be considered as part of the emerging Greater Cambridge Joint Local Plan or that the application be refused, with Wellcome offered the opportunity to come back with a smaller proposal that sufficiently addresses our legitimate concerns.

For and on behalf of Hinxton Parish Council
Graham Fagg & Sam Nichols

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BURGLARY REPORTED 27TH NOVEMBER

Toby and Maisie were stolen from our neighbour’s house in North End Road between 6:30 and 9 o’clock on Wednesday night 27th November. Their security camera was found in the High Street which suggests that the thief either walked or drove up the High Street around that time. Its possible that they have been in the area whilst planning the theft.

Can you help find the villains?

Contact the police or if you need help call the Editor.



Notes from the Liaison Meeting between

Wellcome Genome Campus (WGC) and Hinxton Parish Council

Sian Nash ..Associate Chief Operating Officer WGC

David Dodd.. Interim Capital Projects Director WGC

Andrea Leigh.. Capital Projects Administrator

Henry Turtill.. Bidwells

Graham Fagg..HPC

Steve Trudgill..HPC

14 November 2019.

- 1) We updated those present with recent changes to the Parish Council. Bidwells have undertaken to install wooden steps at the far end of the iron bridge.
- 2) The Village Hall amenities and car park are on hold pending a Section 106 planning agreement, but Bidwells offered to help by suggesting contractors for the work, including the flint wall repairs.
- 3) Sian Nash indicated that the Genome Campus is able to donate £1,000 towards the replacement wooden train on the playground.
- 4) The new permissive footpath agreement was signed. This was negotiated by Willy Brown with Bidwells, who negotiated with Wellcome Trust on our behalf to make the replacement iron bridge possible. Henry Turtill was thanked for his efforts in this respect.
- 5) Replacement tree planting at the far end of the bridge and maintenance of other trees will take place this autumn/winter.
- 6) The permissive footpaths will be cut by contractors engaged by Bidwells in March/April, June/July and September.
- 7) Representations were made about the current traffic congestion, especially through Duxford Road at commuting times.

Given the transitional nature of HPC, the next liaison meeting will be scheduled so that as many new Councillors as possible can attend.

Wellcome Genome Campus public events in December

Empowering People: Genetic Counselling in Focus

Sat 21 December, 1-4pm

Wellcome Genome Campus, Hinxton, CB10 1RQ

What is genetic counselling, what does a genetic counsellor do, and who gets to see one? The latest exhibition at the Wellcome Genome Campus explores the vital but often little-known work of genetic counsellors. Discover how they work with patients, supporting them to make sense of information about genetic tests and diagnoses that is meaningful for them and their families.

You can also meet researchers who work here and visit Open Lab to discover more about the Campus' history and the cutting-edge research that happens here today.

Open to all and free to attend but booking is essential.

Tickets: <https://open-saturdays.eventbrite.co.uk/>



The Hinxton Art & Craft Show raised a staggering **£1000** in commissions, which will be used to help both our church and the art society.

Everyone who attended were impressed by the sheer quality of the art on display. One family came from Lewisham in London just to buy some of the pictures, having visited last year.

Paula produced a number of practical and pretty hand made woven basket ware.



Philip showed a fantastic collection of automaton. These beautiful precision made working models are designed to entertain and titillate. His list of collectors come from all parts of the world.



Our camera shy organiser Joan Roberts



Bingo for Christmas Vegetables on December 6th
in the village hall.

Eyes down at 7:30. Fun for all the family.

Just £3 includes 6 games and tea and cake

Children's Christmas Party

December 15th
10:45-12:45

with



All ages of children in the Village
will be catered for.

Please RSVP to Kristina Parkinson

01799 530771

kristina.parkinson@gmail.com

*This is a free event thanks to the Anne Howsden Trust who have kindly donated money

All offers of
party food
welcome.



Whittlesford & Duxford Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

A huge thank you to everyone who braved the weather to support our Bonfire Night last month. Many thanks to: White Lightning Pyrotechnics who put on another fantastic show despite the conditions; Michael Butler for his field, building an enormous bonfire and all his hard work; our local shops in Whittlesford, Duxford, Ickleton and Thriplow who sold tickets; and the Hinxton News, local newsletters, websites etc. who advertised the event. Bonfire night is the result of fantastic teamwork; our extraordinary volunteers excelled themselves this year and in true Scouting style rose to the challenge of transporting kit, organising tents and barriers in very wet and windy conditions. Well done and thank you to the committee members, leaders, young people, parents and supporters who made or donated items for our Guys, helped organise before and on the day, chopped fruit, made soup, baked cakes... You did an amazing job and we couldn't do it without you.

Dear all,

I wanted to write and extend a fond farewell and a heartfelt thank you for four and a half wonderful years as your Member of Parliament.

I have been so proud of the vibrant, open, welcoming local communities who have shared a myriad of local successes and events with me and my husband Phil. We really do live in one of the best places in the world and it has been a privilege to create so many wonderful



memories with you. I could never have dreamt that being seen in half at the Cambourne Christmas Lights Switch On or being put in the medieval stocks at **Hinxton** could be so much fun! And who knew I could be so successful at village fetes – I literally cleaned up at the Eltisley tombola; opened with a rock band at Bar Hill; won the Tug of War with the ladies team at Meldreth and arrived at Whaddon in a vintage Bentley. I can't claim quite so much success at Thriplow Daffodil Festival, where I managed to confuse the category of Best Puppy with Dog that Looks Most Like its Owner! You are a very forgiving bunch.

Race starting became something of a hobby and I was lucky enough to be invited to wave the flag at Cambourne, Caldecote, Great Chishill and the brilliant Duxford Soap Box Derby twice. A definite highlight was helping to "top out" the new Royal Papworth hospital, while a low was probably during the Steeple Morden Steam Engine Rally when I innocently told the crowd that my husband 'likes to get on something hot and dirty at the weekend' – I'm not sure I ever lived that one down!

I've been privileged to see first-hand the exceptional efforts of our public service workers as they go about their duties with dedication and brilliance. I've loved spending a night on duty with the bed team at Addenbrookes; going out on shift with our exceptional police, fire ambulance crews; cutting open a car with the Duxford fire crew to test new equipment and I was extremely proud to welcome the Prime Minister to the Genome Campus to showcase the ground-breaking work that takes place here.

I've laughed out loud at the contributions made by primary and secondary school pupils during my dozens of school visits and have been humbled and inspired by the pupils and teachers within our schools. On my final

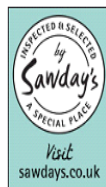
day, I was especially proud to hand GCSE certificates out to Cottenham Village College's latest cohort; celebrated like I'd won the lottery when Guilden Morden Primary turned itself around for Ofsted and probably enjoyed Elsworth Pre-School's cocktail night a little too much...hic!

South Cambs certainly knows how to party and I was lucky enough to watch the Hare and Hounds in Harlton coming back to life; Fen Drayton's Call my Wine Bluff and Queen Edith's RNLI superb Brass Band Concert. I dusted off my landlady skills at the Shelford Feast, pulling pints but my team and I failed miserably at Caxton's Village Hall Quiz Night...perhaps the cheese and wine may have distracted us somewhat! I loved giving **Hinxton** residents a taste of my **Desert Island Jukebox** selections and who could forget me being beaten by Simon Saggars, the Green candidate in a hustings at Comberton VC!

I have so many special memories and it's just not possible to document them all here. Truly, it has been the greatest privilege to serve the people and communities of South Cambridgeshire. Thank you to everyone who shared a kind word, a thoughtful comment or a grey cell stretching learning. It has been a huge honour. To all the brilliant people of South Cambs – thank you for a wonderful four and a half years and for allowing Phil and I to build our life here. All our love, Heidi and Phil x



Heidi



**December Greetings to Hinxtton Villagers
from all at The Red Lion Inn**

**Our Christmas Party Menu is on the website and we
still have a variety of dates and times available it
interested.**

**We will also be open for Christmas Day Lunch again
this year for those who know someone who might
not fancy cooking or washing up on
this day?!**

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

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

**Over the festive period we will be closed on a few
occasions to allow the staff some family time off too:
Christmas Day evening, Boxing Day evening, New
Year's Eve evening and New Year's Day evening.**

**Some other events over at The Black Bull:
"Pint of Alton":**

Friday 6 th December – no tickets required

**Our resident Norfolk Busker is as popular as ever,
combining his own work with requests from the
floor for classic covers.**

Annual Winter Beer Festival:

Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd December

**We will be showcasing the best local ales again from
our festival beer tent.**

**News Year's Eve – join us for dinner and music – £24
two course / £29 three course
see the menu on our website.**

We look forward to welcoming you and your friends

Kind regards

**Alex, Nikol, Shane, Kris and the teams
01799**



YOGA

**Fridays at 9.30am
Hinxtton Village Hall**

**Term Dates –
6th September to 13th December
Half term break 25th October**

First block £63 (7 weeks)

**Contact Zoë to book your place
07956 644254**

zoe@zoekirby.com

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL



**Thank-you once again to all Hinxtton
residents who kindly donated to this
years Royal British Legion Poppy
Appeal.**

**Total this year is £864.80, this
includes collection boxes placed at the
Wellcome Trust Campus & Red Lion**

**Thank-you to Mary & Ros as always for
your help & support**

Sarah-Jane Pearson

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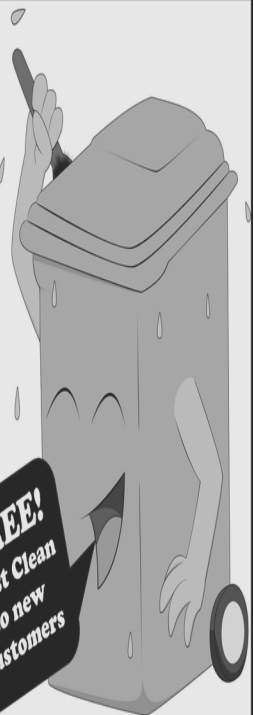
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DIARY for DECEMBER 2019			
1st	Sunday		
2nd	Monday		
3rd	Tuesday		BLACK BIN
4th	Wednesday		Chesterford & District Garden Society 8pm Ickleton village hall
5th	Thursday		
6th	Friday	BINGO for Xmas Vegetables	
7th	Saturday		Hinxton Walkers 9:30 village hall
8th	Sunday		PETRA'S FINAL SERVICE in Duxford 6-730 YOUTHINC Village hall
9th	Monday		
10th	Tuesday		GREEN AND BLUE BINS
11th	Wednesday		Coffee Morning 10-12 Hinxton village hall
12th	Thursday		
13th	Friday		
14th	Saturday		
15th	Sunday	6:30pm CAROL SERVICE Hinxton Children's Christmas Party	
16th	Monday		
17th	Tuesday		BLACK BIN
18th	Wednesday	Mobile library War Memorial 1220-1235	
19th	Thursday	6pm Carol Singing around the village. Meet North End Road p.3	
20th	Friday		
21st	Saturday		
22nd	Sunday		
23rd	Monday		
24th	Tuesday		BLUE BIN ONLY 4pm Christingle Service in Hinxton
25th	Wednesday	CHRISTMAS DAY	
26th	Thursday	Boxing Day Walk meet at the bus shelter at 11am	
27th	Friday		
28th	Saturday		
29th	Sunday		
30th	Monday		
31st	Tuesday		
1st	Wednesday	Bank Holiday	2020
2nd	Thursday	 BLACK BIN	

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Coffee Morning 8th
January
Starts at 10:30
Village Hall

**Saturday, 21st
March 2020.**
**The Deanery
Spring Fair**

**Bank Holiday
Monday
April 13th**
Hinxton Car Boot
Sale and Fun Dog
Show
Details to follow

June 13th 2020

Hinxton Fete

"On a garden theme"

BOXING DAY WALK 2019

Meet at 11am
at the bus
shelter in the
High street

The Red Lion
will offer coffee
and
refreshments
after the walk