

The effects of the pandemic continue to overshadow almost everything, but there are glimmers of hope, with discussions of village social gatherings for next year. One way or another we will find ways to get back to normal. One Event we can all participate in is the annual **Ride and Stride** on 12th September (see on page 6).



It is very gratifying to see an abundance of the Pelargonium "Frank Headley" scattered around our village gardens. It is notable for an abundance of purplish pink flowers with variegated leaves. These came from the Hinxton Garden Centre and are a constant reminder of the fun we had meeting gardeners from every locality. Lots of people still stop outside 85 High Street and tell me how their plants are doing. Next year will build on the lessons learned and hope for the same success.

Our dear friendly Westie, Alfie passed away in July (page 3). He was the Champion of Champions at the Fun Dog Show last year. We have unanimously decided to name the 2021 Hinxton Dog Show Champions Shield after him.



Since Heidi Allen left politics we have not had any regular correspondence or Press Release from our new MP, Anthony Browne. This, despite writing to his Agent and directly to him. Obviously, there are more important things to do.

Mike

MINI CHURCH SERVICE

Every Sunday you will be able to find a short on-line service for the three churches of Hinxton, Ickleton and Duxford on the Hinkledux website www.hinkledux.com

Not as sophisticated as those that bigger churches are able to do and of course there are many of those which you can easily access on the net.

Nevertheless it's nice to feel we're meeting with other Hinxtonians – ideally at 10am, but it is available at any time

Help is at hand!

We have a team of local volunteers ready to help you!

If you are isolated by coronavirus, we can help by **delivering urgent supplies, collecting medication, dog walking or a friendly phone call** to help you through this difficult time.

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To be part of the Hinxton Help please contact

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Please note that this is not an official service.

We are a group of volunteers doing our best to harness the spirit of Hinxton & keep everyone as safe & well as we can.

Hinxton News is an independent village newsletter, established and run by volunteers.

Its mission is to inform residents of local issues and to maintain and promote community spirit.

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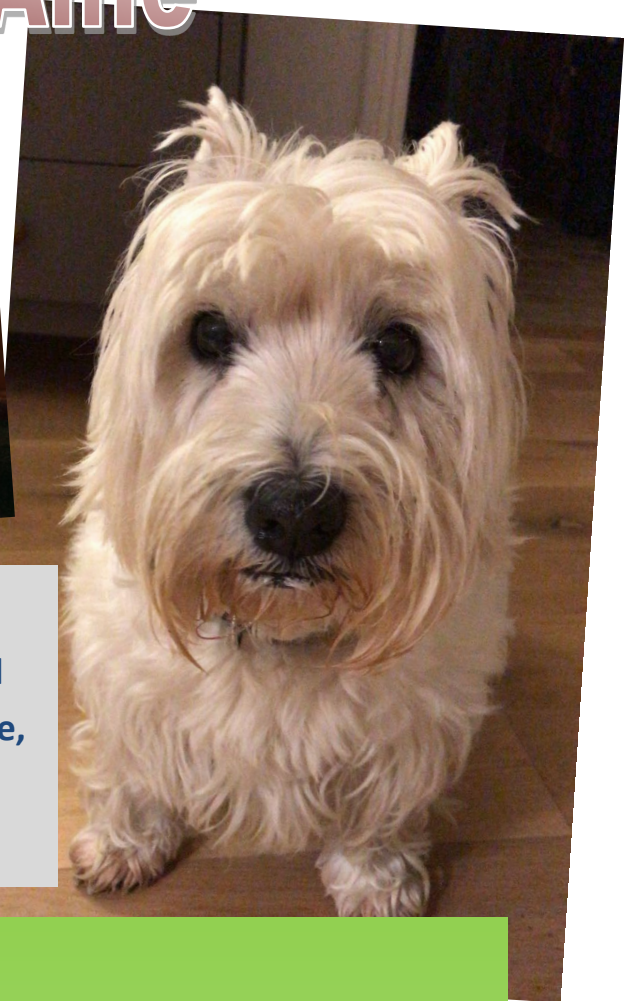
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We All Loved Alfie



Glenn, Di and Livvy Neaves

would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes upon the passing of their little Westie, Alfie on his

15th Birthday on the 14th July.

“Alfie

was such a character and loved everyone he met. He was a local (ish) lad from Takeley, born in 2005 and chosen by our daughter Livvy when she was 10.

He loved walking by the river and the surrounding fields in Hinxton and also at the Genome Institute and Ickleton Rec.

He also loved paddling in the sea on the North Norfolk beaches where he spent his last weekend with us. He went on several holidays with us to Norfolk, Devon and Cornwall and had a full and active life, loved deeply by all friends and family. He just loved people which is probably why people seemed to love him.

Also, he is still the reigning Hinxton Dog Show champion!!

Again, thank you all for your cards and very kind words that have really helped us. We will miss him deeply and will never forget him.

Glenn, Di & Livvy

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Village News Article, August 2020

Coronavirus Update

We continue to work hard to keep our patients as safe as possible, along with our staff and the community by managing the majority of medical care remotely. This way of working has proved very successful and is reflected in the very low number of Covid-related illnesses recorded in our area.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel unwell – we are here to help. You can contact us by telephone on 0300 234 5555, or via our non-urgent email address, capccg.covid19.gmp@nhs.net. These services are available 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday. When emailing please remember to include your full name and date of birth.

Access to any Granta site continues to be by invitation only, following a prior telephone assessment and only when the clinician feels that it is essential to see you in person. You will be asked to wear, and will be provided with, a mask when entering any of our buildings.

'Flu Vaccinations

We are currently planning our 2020 flu clinics. In the face of coronavirus it is more important than ever to have your flu vaccination if you are eligible.

Having your flu jab done at your GP surgery is quick and convenient - you will be given a time slot so you can arrange your day, and your medical records are available to the nurses / doctors which means no form filling for you.

We will publicise the flu clinic dates as soon as they have been confirmed.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

The Society's website has been expanded to include a new series of interesting walking routes. The website already has 20 walks that start and finish at railway stations but their attraction has been severely reduced by the advice to avoid public transport during the coronavirus pandemic. Now the Walks area of the website has two sections: Station Walks and Other Walks.

The new walks are all 'circular', starting and finishing at a location where there is normally space to park. The routes have been chosen for their attractiveness and level of interest, something which is not too difficult within the Hundred Parishes. The number of Other Walks is increasing all the time; in due course we hope that each of the hundred parishes will feature in at least one walk.

All walk descriptions can be downloaded and



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printed. Each includes clear instructions to help you find the way and there is also an outline map of the route. Within the description there is a short introduction to some of the places you will pass. The new walks range in distance from 1 mile to 10 miles.

We hope you will be able to try them out and we would be pleased to receive any feedback. If you particularly enjoy a walk, do please encourage others to enjoy it too. Please bear in mind that the usual pubs and tea rooms may not yet be open or may offer only a limited service. Walking boots or stout shoes are generally encouraged, although during dry periods they may not be needed.

Now that most of us can get out, please take the opportunity to explore new parts of our attractive countryside, villages and small towns. There is so much to appreciate in the Hundred Parishes.

Ken McDonald, Secretary.



River Chelmer



Looking towards Linton



Thaxted

Reading the book of life: What has genome sequencing ever done for us?

Genome Lates: a season of public conversations celebrating the Human Genome Project anniversary

Thurs 30 July, 6-7.30pm, online

To celebrate 20 years since the landmark first draft of the complete human genome, we'll be exploring some of the ground-breaking work happening at the Wellcome Genome

Campus through a season of public conversations with some of the people behind the science. In this first talk, Professor Sir Mike Stratton, Director of the Wellcome Sanger Institute, reflects on how far we have come since those early days, in conversation with science writer and broadcaster Dr Kat Arney.

Free but please register in advance at <http://bit.ly/GenomeLates>



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Virtual Café Sci: Obscure Crops to Save the World

Tues 11 August, 1-2.30pm, online

Our monthly informal chats exploring the latest ideas in science and technology have moved online for now. Join Dr James Borrell from Kew Gardens to explore how climatic and environmental challenges will affect what and how we eat over the coming century.

Free but please register in advance at <http://www.cafescicambridge.org>

Genomic Futures

Genome Lates: a season of public conversations celebrating the Human Genome Project anniversary

Thurs 27 August, 6-7.30pm, online

Join us for a discussion with early career researchers and scientists from the Wellcome Genome Campus who will talk about their work and the contribution it will make to the future landscape of genomics and biodata. If you are considering further education or a career in biology or bioinformatics this is a winner for your lockdown diary.

Free but please register in advance at <http://bit.ly/GenomeLates>

Home learning packs

To support students learning over the summer holidays we have created a series of PDF packs that can be worked on at home or at school. Each pack has four activities with information and worksheets.

For younger students (7+):

DNA Discovery: What is DNA and what does it do? Discover more about this marvellous molecule and how it impacts the world around us. <https://bit.ly/DNAdiscopack>

Marvellous Microbes: There is another world all around us - the microbial world! Discover how studying DNA is unlocking the secrets of this hidden world for all to see. <https://bit.ly/MarvMicrobes>

Amazing Adaptations: Explore the natural world and how creatures have adapted to their habitats. What genes help animals and plants survive? <https://www.yourgenome.org/>

For older students (11+):

Genomics and Genes: an introduction to the basics of DNA, genes and genomes and, some of the ethical issues associated with genome technology. <https://bit.ly/Genomicspack>

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Whittlesford & Duxford Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

In June, some of our groups continued to do home-based and virtual activities during lockdown. **Forest Beavers** (Fri, 6-8 yrs) have done some zoom meetings including a session on endangered animals and did some beautiful sea collages. They also designed an insect out of recyclable materials.

Sirius and **Javelins Cubs** (Mon and Thurs 8-10½ yrs) again worked towards individual badges including performing music pieces learned online. **Sirius** have also done some zoom meetings including games nights, scavenger hunts and Kahoot.

Javelins Arrows Scouts (Tues, 10½-14 yrs) have worked on individual badges including crystal evaporation, making pizzas and S'mores.

If you would like to get involved, do get in touch via our website

www.wanddscouts.org.uk

or call Carmel on 07939 507805

Your bin collection dates

Date	Black bin	Blue bin	Green bin
Tuesday 21 July 2020		✓	✓
Tuesday 28 July 2020	✓		
Tuesday 4 August 2020		✓	✓
Tuesday 11 August 2020	✓		
Tuesday 18 August 2020		✓	✓
Tuesday 25 August 2020	✓		

Chair: Stephen Tomkins Editor: David Brooks

Please email davidbrooks@btinternet.com with any items for him to consider for the next newsletter or to request that your address be taken off (or added to) the emailing list. Do forward this newsletter to anyone who may be interested.



Postponing any visits to pubs on 4 July, as the Covid-19 restrictions were eased, two small, dauntless, socially-distanced teams of volunteers renewed the **CVF attack on Himalayan balsam** along the **lower Bourn Brook**: cohabiting couples cocooned in canoes (photograph on left), and loners (in loose pairs) scrambling along the banks. The following Saturday a group in chest waders, also organised by the driven, strategically-minded Mike Foley, tackled the even more challenging and potentially serious, recently-discovered outbreak of **Floating Pennywort** in the **Great Shelford Award Chalk stream** immediately behind Scotsdales garden centre and the Camping and Caravanning Club site.

On the other hand the **Environment Agency (EA)** itself is responsible for a serious threat of a very different kind which is easily controlled, given the will. As reported on our website, in early June we were shocked to discover

that the EA was planning, once again, to **blanket spray glyphosate along various lengthy stretches of the Cam and its tributaries**. The stated reason for this is "to maintain sinuosity within the channel to help reduce flood risk". The EA's proposals, and our highly critical response, are on our [website](#). We are recommending that their funds should instead be used for habitat improvement, which will often bring significant flood attenuation or alleviation benefits, thereby meeting the EA's objectives in a much more positive and less harmful way. There can be times when herbicide use is justified, for example to tackle persistent infestations of non-native invasive species, but any such treatment must be highly selective, pinpointing individual plants for treatment. So far we have had only a most unsatisfactory response from the EA.



Though eating a plastic bag killed a **Cambridge bullock** this summer, the exquisite photograph on the left, of **The Rush on Sheep's Green**, presents an alluring pastoral vision of harmony between landscape, humankind, and beast.

Cambridge is unusual as a city in having such green spaces at its heart - many of them on the floodplain of the Cam. These Commons and riverside Local Nature Reserves include **grazing as an important conservation technique** to maintain the historic landscape and our riverine biodiversity.

The City Council holds the grazing rights for these public free-access spaces and advertises each year for local graziers to obtain a licence to graze them. Most people are heartily in favour of continuing this practice on these meadows. Apart from the joy of seeing the humanely-treated animals, and their useful grazing of the grass, many of us also value the meat they eventually afford. If you mind your step there is nothing much to object to. Cowpats are rich habitats for insects, such as flies, and without them there would be even fewer swallows and swifts visiting in summer.



August Greetings to Hinxton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

Well we have been allowed to open at last!
Thank you to those who have ventured out already.

We are taking things slowly and feeling our way under the new guidelines.

We are fortunate to have plenty of space both inside and out and plenty of fresh air (both inside and out!). This combined with plenty of handwashing and sanitising means we are well placed to offer a safe visit.

If you are able to book online from the website or drop us an email or phone message if you are planning to visit, that would really help us space and distance everyone.

This month we will be extending food opening times a bit. Please see our website for our latest times. There will likely be a **Rishi Half Price Wednesday** lunch and evening, as well as Thursday to Sunday offerings.

There will be **Take-away Fish & Chips** on offer any session that we are open for food.

Keep well and safe.

Best wishes from all of us
Alex, Jamie, Matt, Kaitlin and the teams

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uncertain Government rulings
in the near future, the
proposed concert, to be held
in Hinxton church on Saturday
5th September in aid of the
Teenage Cancer Trust, will be
cancelled. We are sorry for
this disappointment.**

**Jonathan, Rhiannon and
Virginia**