

HINXTON NEWS

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You could be forgiven for wondering if anything will ever get back to normal as we seem to be caught in a seismic shift that is largely beyond our control.

Just in the last few weeks, not only has the controversial **Wellcome Trust** development been given outline planning permission but we are losing two very important public figures, as both our priest in charge, Petra Shakeshaft and our MP, Heidi Allen are stepping down.

South Cambridge District Council have approved the outline planning of the Wellcome Trust Campus expansion. This will include a huge, relatively high density housing estate, shops and a hotel alongside offices, workshops and storage facilities. The scale of this development will have a serious detrimental effect on all the local villages but especially Hinxton. The negative impact was acknowledged by the planners but despite not being in the Local Plan it was passed through on the grounds of National Interest. You can read some comments by those attending this meeting on pages 6 and 7.

This decision was not entirely unexpected however we must continue to question the decision to allow this without a clearer understanding of all the implications especially for the traffic problems that already exist. I am reminded that we should at least consider the benefits that this will bring but it goes without saying that we would rather they just went somewhere else that really needs the employment and has the available space.

I like Heidi Allen. She is feisty and sincere. Her recent moves from party to party may well have lost her a lot of support but she was always available

and in touch with her constituency. Sadly, there is a viciousness about modern politics that descends to personal confrontation and intimidation that she found too much to handle.

Good luck Heidi and Phil.

Petra and her family have also suffered a personal attack that has led to a decision to leave the vicarage in Duxford. Another very talented lady who, rather like Heidi, is committed and driven by her beliefs. Hopefully they will stay in touch with us.

*Sorry folks, the **Comedy Hour** has been postponed. It occurred to me to have it on the night of the General Election alongside the ballot boxes in the Village Hall. Quite appropriate really!*

The Hinxton Fete 2020 will be held on June 13th. Our theme is "**Gardening**" so there is a big effort underway to prepare suitable plants and display apparatus. Seeds have literally already been sown and we are collecting cuttings ready to grow on. If you feel you could help make this an amazing event please go to the back page for contact details.

Make no mistake, Hinxton will survive any amount of intrusion. We have a refreshed Parish Council that has the right positive outlook to face the challenges both short and long term.

Mike

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A message from Petra

The word that has been recurring throughout the last month is 'process'. We are guided through the police process, a process about which we know little; a process that seems, in those first days, brutal, but which we recognise is necessary, working against the clock to produce the desired result. Two men are arrested. The court process is also unknown territory. I grill my legal friends and get them to tell me what will happen and we wait, hoping for two guilty pleas. We are disappointed. A date for a trial is set and we begin the process of waiting.

There is also the process of grief for what has been lost; for my daughter, the new found independence she was exploring, the sense that she can feel safe in her own home; what was home is now a place of fear, a place where every inch has a terrifying memory attached to it. Shadows become intruders, noises become the sound of someone breaking in. This is also the process of trauma, as memories gradually surface unexpectedly over the weeks following. The trauma psychologist says this is normal. It feels anything but.

Then there is the processing of what has happened; trying to make sense of something that makes no sense at all. How can a decision made by two complete strangers turn our lives so upside down; and not just our lives, but the lives of our friends and families and neighbours? I am aware of a sense that the community in which we live and those communities I serve, as well as the church communities we have belonged to in the past, also feel a sense of violation and, for some, that same sense of fear.

I find myself wondering too, about what kind of life, what kind of background, what kind of childhood must these two have experienced to bring them to this point? What kind of brokenness and dysfunction lies at the heart of these wicked acts? How do we process evil when it confronts us in such a violent way in the middle of what had seemed such an ordinary day?

We are beginning the long process of healing. For my daughter it comes out in fits of raging anger at what has been taken away from her... and what has been left behind; the fear and insecurity, the flashbacks, the nightmares, the inability to be left alone, the inability to concentrate... For us, her parents, we have lived through enough to know that it will be all right in the end; that the healing process, if done well – and we are determined we will do it well – can also be a strengthening process, can also make you resilient and wise. But, as parents, we would give anything not to have to watch her grief, her

fury, her sense of powerlessness; to have to hold her as she sobs, to try to find words of reassurance when we know we can never say 'never' again, because it happened

In the end we will have to find a way to forgive. Forgiveness too, is a process. We tend to talk about it as if it is a single act, but it's not. We all know that feeling when we think we are over something and one tiny thing suddenly brings it all flooding back again; the pain, the sense of betrayal. We have to be kind to ourselves – forgiveness really *is* a long process, but it's one that releases us perhaps more than it does the person who has wronged us. When Jesus said we must forgive our neighbour seventy times seven times he didn't mean we should keep a count, but rather that we should keep on trying, because in the end it will set *us* free; free from the pain of anger and resentment, free to move on with our lives, free to be the people God means us to be and not broken or twisted with unforgiveness. This is the process of transformation; of new life.

So as we work our way through these many processes, please do continue with your thoughts and prayers, they are keeping us afloat. Please do pray for our communities too, that there may be healing and transformation for us all.

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd Fourth Sunday before Advent

- 8am BCP Communion. Duxford
- 10am Parish Communion with Sunday Club. Ickleton
- 4pm All Souls service. Hinxton

Tuesday 5th 10.30 am Coffee morning. Ickleton

Sunday 10th Remembrance Sunday

- 10:55am Remembrance Service (War Memorial) followed by Service in the church Hinxton, Ickleton & Duxford
- 6-7:30pm Youthinc (Village Hall) Hinxton

Sunday 17th Second Sunday before Advent

- 8am BCP Communion. Ickleton
- 10am Parish Communion with AI2gether. Hinxton
- 5pm Taize Service Ickleton

23/24th Weekend Hinxton Art Show in Church

Saturday 23rd 10am-4pm Christmas Fair Ickleton

Sunday 24th CHRIST THE KING

- 8am BCP Communion. Hinxton
- 10am Parish Communion AI2gether Duxford
- Saturday 30th 9.30 – 12.30 Craft Café Duxford

WORLD'S
BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING

£840.50 !!!

A BIG Thank-you to everyone who came to this year's coffee morning & for the very generous donations from those that were unable to make it

Thank-you all so much for your help, support & donations !

Sarah -Jane Pearson

The Children's Society.

Sincere thanks to the kind folk who have contributed **£247.00** to this year's house box collection for the work of the Children's Society.

A letter of acknowledgement from the charity says, 'House boxes play such a vital role in the work we do here at The Children's Society. Every year incredible House Box Holders raise over £1.4 million to help vulnerable children in this country. Thanks to your contribution, we were able to be there to support more than 11,000 young people who felt scared and alone last year, and campaign to bring changes that help hundreds of thousands more.'

If you would like to have a house box, please let me know.
Julie Baillie. Tel. 530684.

Scouts 

Whittlesford & Duxford

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Our annual bonfire night is on Saturday 2 nd November on Hinxtion Road, Duxford. Spectacular fireworks, huge bonfire, BBQ, refreshments... Gates open at 5.00pm, fireworks at 6.30pm. The free car park closes at 6.15pm. Get your tickets from the local shops (adults £3.50, children £2, families £10) or on the gate (adults £4, children £2.50, families £12).Preschoolers are free.

In September, all colonies welcomed their new recruits. The colonies made the most of the lighter, warmer evenings with activities including: gardening, litter picking, and scavenger hunting and an expedition camp. We cannot run the groups without our amazing volunteers.

If you would like to get involved, do get in touch via www.wanddscouts.org.uk or call

Carmel on 07939 507805.



Located in the modern River Barn at St Marks College Audley End, the Saffron Walden Community Shed is a place to gather, make and mend things, do shed type projects together, drink tea, eat cake and relax.

Significant research has shown that loneliness is a growing problem in our modern society and with an ageing population many older people, particularly men, are finding that that they are isolated and without social contact. The Men's shed movement, which originally started in Australia but has now over 500 sheds in the UK, aims to give people who enjoy doing practical work a place to meet together, make friends and socialise. If you would be interested in joining us or just want to find out more about what we do email

Mike at: admin@swshed.org.uk

We would be happy to show you around our shed and explain what we are doing and how you might be able to join in.

No obligation, just a friendly chat and maybe some cake.

A BIG BAND BONANZA

with the

FABULOUS 4 VILLAGES ORCHESTRA

Duxford Primary School

Saturday 30th November, 7.30pm

Are you "In the Mood for Love" ?

Do you want us to "Fly you to the Moon" ?

If you love the Big Band sound you won't want to miss the Fabulous 4 Villages Orchestra's latest concert.

A selection of some of the best of big band sounds will take you to "Birdland" on the wings of a "Skylark" before taking a turn to "Straighten Up and Fly Right"

We welcome back the vocal talents of Jane Mayo and Tony Lee so don't do "Somethin' Stupid" like miss this concert...it's worth more than a "String of Pearls".

The concert's sure to be a sell-out. So come on, boogie to the Big Band Sound of the Fabulous 4 Villages Orchestra at Duxford Primary School on Saturday November 30th at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £9 and £7 (concessions) ...book early



from John Statham on 01799 530258.

4VO is a local orchestra with members mainly from four villages: Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford and Hinxton.

Notes and Commentary from the Parish Council Meeting,

30 September 2019

Willy Brown. This was the first Parish Council meeting following Willy's untimely death. The Council reiterated its deep sadness at this unexpected event. Willy was a huge figure who had made major contributions to the village. He will be sorely missed by all.

Parish Councillors and Chairperson. The Parish Council had been significantly depleted by the loss of Willy and the resignations of Fiona Marshall and Julian Bright. Following our appeal to the village, we were heartened that Rupert Kirby, Ceri Williams and Sam Nichols expressed interest in joining the Council. They were co-opted at the 30 September meeting.

At that meeting, Graham Fagg was elected chair. Graham reminded the Council that he will be able to take this role only for a limited period of time, as a result of his upcoming relocation to Ickleton. Steve Trudgill also indicated that, after 22 years of service, he will step down from the Parish Council at latest by May 2020. We are therefore grateful that our outreach led to several other residents flagging up their interest in joining the Parish Council over the next few months. This is a welcome opportunity to replenish the Parish Council and to "hand on the baton" to a new generation of villagers. The Parish Council is very appreciative of the level of interest and support.

Wellcome Genome Campus Expansion. This planning application will be considered by the SCDC Planning Committee on Thursday 24 October. The Parish Council will make a 3 minute statement of objection at the Planning Committee meeting. Statements may also be made by local residents.

It was noted that the Parish Council had responded to additional planning documents submitted by Wellcome, and that it had also submitted an updated Section 106 request following further discussions with Wellcome and SCDC. It was noted that Wellcome had rejected the earlier request to build a compound weir above the Mill, following feedback from the Environment Agency. The updated Section 106 request rather focused on the village's need for a larger village hall and extended recreational facilities to deal with a potentially growing campus, whilst at the same time reiterating the need for Wellcome to make substantially more significant commitments to Hinxtun, to the local environment and to traffic management to

mitigate the impact of their proposal. The updated Section 106 request incorporated feedback from the Village Hall committee, for which we were very appreciative.

North Uttlesford Garden Community. The Parish Council expressed its thanks to Terry Sadler (Ickleton Parish Council) for making a statement on its behalf at the NUGC hearing in July. The NUGC proposal is now a part of the Uttlesford Local Plan process. We await the outcome of the Inspector's deliberations.

SmithsonHill Business Park. The appeal hearing was concluded in July. The Inspector's report is due in mid-November and will be referred to the Secretary of State. We understand that the Secretary of State's determination of the case will likely be available in Q1 2020.

Playground. Fiona Marshall kindly updated the Parish Council on her investigations to replace the wooden train, which is now considered unsafe. This will cost close to £5,000 including installation. The Village Hall committee has agreed to make a contribution, but the Wellcome Genome Campus has said that it does not have the funds to contribute (despite being significant users of these village facilities).

The flint wall within the playground area is also crumbling and needs repair. A proper re-build will cost in the region of £25,000. These are costs that the Parish Council does not have the means to cover. It was agreed to explore whether a grant from Amey Cespa might be feasible to support the costs of renewal of the wooden train and the flint wall.

Traffic in Duxford Road and Hunts Lane. Several residents have commented that rat-running through the village is continuing to increase, and that speeding along small access roads in and out of the village is becoming a significant problem. The volume of traffic on Duxford Road during peak hours is notoriously high. Highways has historically been reluctant to reduce the speed limit on this road. The Parish Council discussed measures to manage this, including the possibility of speed monitoring, and/or the installation of flashing speed awareness signs along the road.

Speeding along Hunts Lane has led to several close shaves with residents emerging from Hall Farm Barns. The Parish Council agreed to erect signs indicating 'Concealed Entrances', and this is in the process of implementation.

E-Hinxton. We're very grateful to Brad Charteris for taking in hand the Parish Council website and keeping us in the modern world!

This page deals with comments that have come in since the SCDC planning meeting on the 24th October

The statement offered to the press, following the SCDC Planning Committee meeting:

"Hinxtton Parish Council is very supportive of the research done on the Wellcome Genome Campus and would not have opposed an expansion for R&D purposes. However, we did consider that the scale of the proposed expansion, particularly with regard to the planned 1500 housing units, was excessive. As South Cambs Planning Committee noted, the impacts on Hinxtton and other local communities is severe, in terms for example of heritage, landscape and visual impact, and increased traffic. It is also outside the current Local Plan.

The proposal was waved through on the basis of national interest and medical benefits, though as the Planning Committee itself noted, all the disadvantages are borne by local communities. We are disappointed that the scale could not have been reduced, to better respect and preserve Hinxtton's rural heritage."

HINXTTON VILLAGE SACRIFICED ON THE ALTAR OF GLOBAL MEDICAL ADVANCEMENT *by Jane Chater*

SCDC Planning Committee met last Thursday to discuss and decide on the Wellcome Trust plans to include the provision of 1500 houses. The sixty minute outline presentation was given by a council planning officer, and a 3 hour discussion followed, with very good presentations given by Emma Senior on behalf of the village, Graham Fagg on behalf of the Parish Council, and Peter McDonald, our District Councillor. Sadly our County Councillor Peter Topping was not present.

The provision of water for this development was discussed at length, but since no representative from the water companies was present, this question went unanswered, as did transport questions, although there were Highways representatives present, and it was apparent to those of us sitting in the gallery that this was glossed over, with the suggestion that the A505 be duelled. When the point was made about increase in traffic should NUGC and the Agrihub go ahead, the Chairman informed the committee that only the application in front of them should be discussed. Wellcome Trust have offered to "loan" the field adjacent to the village hall (to increase the size of the playground) although Willy Brown had asked for them to give it to the village under the Section 106 payments. They plan to build a new village hall in their development, so when that happens they will take the field back. They have also offered to give the village hall £250,000. As far as I

understood it, that was the sole concession to the village. The houses built would be put on the open market if not sold within 16 weeks, it was pointed out that if a mortgage was needed, then the property had to be on the market. We were assured that these properties would have a covenant attached, presumably so they could not be sold on to the open market, but this was not made clear.

The Chairman in summing it up said that although this application went against the Local Plan, and against all planning guidelines and would "undoubtedly harm" Hinxtton, this was an exceptional development, and "public benefit outweighs the harm of loss of land, landscapes and to local residents"

I know that many people have understandable feelings about the outline planning approval for the Wellcome expansion *by Steve Trudgill*

In this context, I do feel that it has been entirely right for the Parish Council to support the scientific and medical work while challenging what seems to us to be add-on extras and the implications for the local environment, not least for the traffic problems. This approach was so ably expressed by Willy and recently and so effectively by PC Chair Graham Fagg and Emma Senior speaking on behalf of us in the village at the Planning Meeting.

We were never going to stop the expansion completely – the 'national interest' argument shows this, though we had hoped and argued for a moderation of the scale of the development. I feel that we have achieved a measure of success in that there is, in all the press coverage and the deliberations, a clear awareness that there will be detrimental effects locally. We can certainly be thankful to Willy for expressing this very widely and this awareness is very much a tribute to him. We can but hope that this awareness will indeed lead to effective mitigation measures. I am sure that were Willy still with us he would still be finding a positive way forward and supporting the call for such measures.

Also, as I retire in the next few months from the Parish Council after some 20 years, I am sure that the Council, with its new members, will be taking the aspects of mitigation forward with the support of us all.

Don't despair....It's not all bad
Here are some other comments
from the village

"Wellcome will build a much more attractive campus than a normal commercial developer."

"Assuming it does become the pre-eminent research park in its field then there it will be a bit of cachet of having it as a neighbour. "

"The residential element may be built slower than expected as only a few people will want to buy there largely young, overseas, research types so it will be a relatively insular group and the existing village will have limited interaction with the new community. "

"There has been some discussion whether it should become its own entity with its own governance. I would therefore hope that people don't desert the village."



Lorna Marshall won this huge
pumpkin at the Bingo



Kenny & Vicky
5th October 2019

On a bright fine day, Hinxton enjoyed the happy comings and goings of a rare village wedding.

We wish them all the very best of
luck and happiness



Willy Brown

April 22nd 1945 - August 1st 2019



Let's start at the beginning...

Where he was born and what was his childhood like?

Willy was born in Oxford where his father, the applied economist Arthur (A.J.) Brown, had a Fellowship at All Souls College. Willy had a very happy childhood growing up in Leeds, where his father had taken a lectureship. Willy took after his father in terms of being strongly rational and intellectually assured. But unlike his father Willy was extremely sociable and he could talk to anyone and put them at their ease. From childhood onwards, Willy was never in the slightest awe of anyone because of their position or fame. There's a story of him as a small child when the Queen Mother came to open a building at Leeds University. Willy was chosen to present the bouquet. The headline in the local paper said 'The Queen Mother meets William Brown'. He liked that!

Willy described himself as being born with a 'silver spoon in his mouth' and his guiding principle was that you strive to give back more than you've been given in life.

Which school and University did he attend and what did he study?

He was a Scholarship boy at Leeds Grammar School. He went on to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) at Wadham College Oxford.

What was his career?

Immediately after Willy graduated from Oxford (1966) he went to work as a research assistant at the National Board

for Prices and Incomes, which was charged with running an incomes policy for Harold Wilson's government. He travelled the country interviewing shop steward committees and junior management to find out about workplace pay bargaining. He went on from there to join the Industrial Relations Research Unit (IRRU), at the University of Warwick. He was the Director of IRRU before leaving Warwick in 1985 to take up a position as the Montague Burton Professorship of Industrial Relations at the University of Cambridge. He was also a Fellow of Wolfson College. In 2000, Willy was elected as the Master of Darwin College, a position he held until 2012.

Who drew the portrait of Willy and why?

It is usual for a College to commission a portrait of the Head of College. This portrait of Willy was painted by Geoffrey Hayzer. It hangs in Darwin College dining room.

What was Willy's research about?

Willy's research was on employment relations. It was a time of profound changes in the way labour markets work, not only in Britain but also internationally. One theme of his work was how to protect the pay of the weak and disadvantaged. Willy was a member of the Low Pay Commission between 1997 and 2007, that introduced the National Minimum Wage. Most recently his work was about industrial conflict resolution in China, where inequalities in income and wealth continue to increase.

When did Willy and Jackie move to Hinxton and why?

We moved out of Cambridge to a house in Hinxton in 2013. Willy had retired and we wanted a house away from the increasing busyness of Cambridge. Retirement made both of us nervous but it turned out to be a time of great happiness. Willy loved planes and he was entranced by the Lancasters, spitfires etc. that appeared in the skies over home. He also loved our large garden and worked hard to make it beautiful. He often said with much pleasure that 'gardens work with you'. Willy was also busy with 'work' work. Part of his retirement involved producing a book on emerging employment relations in China. This was a collaborative effort involving former students.

Why did Willy enter local politics and did he like it?

Local politics allowed Willy to use both his arbitration and research skills to good effect in terms of pulling together the responses from local Parish Councils to the threats posed by commercially-led development plans. Willy sought to understand conflicting points of view and to work for consensus, though never at the cost of principle. He loved team-work and found it very satisfying to work with others in finding ways of enhancing the local community.

As Steve Trudgill noted in a lovely tribute

"Willy was a friend to many, a person with great intellect and affable style, who brought people and views together".

He set the bar high for going forwards.

Obituary Headline

“Academic whose work on industrial relations led to the minimum wage and who took Arthur Scargill, the miners’ leader, to task”

Stephen Trudgill writes:

I’m from Norwich and my linguist brother Peter still lives there – he is President of the Friends of Norfolk Dialect (FOND). They have meetings with readings in Norfolk Dialect, including from a well-known (in Norfolk) ‘Boy John’. Peter told me that at the latest meeting, the FOND 20th Anniversary celebrations, someone read out a Boy John letter which ended:

"Aunt Agatha she say: if you wanta stay friends wi'people, stay orf the parish council".

Well, of course in many villages that might be wise council. However, as many Parish Councillors in Hinxton have experienced, and as Willy certainly found, the opposite can be true. In Willy’s case, his style meant that everyone regarded him with affection even when they

might not agree with him. Instead of falling out with him, everyone still respected him whatever any differences of opinion.

But very many people agreed with him and very much appreciated his endeavours in doing the best he could for the village. To me, this was because he recognised that others might have different views, which he saw could be perfectly valid, while at the same time assessing their views by the logical, critical appraisal of the evidence rather than by prejudice and bias. He thus always came out with something clearly reasoned, fair and well argued. People may have gone against his conclusions but to me his quality of argument was of the highest order. We may aspire to emulate this in our own way, but it was him who gave us this object lesson in how to approach the issues which surround us.

Mike Boagey writes:

It took me quite a while before I contacted Jackie following Willy’s wonderful funeral. I realise now that it was because I was slightly embarrassed to admit just how much his death had affected me personally. That must sound very selfish but It is not easy to lose someone who you had only just got to know well enough to call a friend, especially when I was looking forward to regularly enjoying his company into the foreseeable future.

As I write, the village has just learned that the Wellcome Trust appears to have won the first round of their planning application. Willy did so much to give us the very best chance to secure some concessions for the locality. Much of his work continues to be the cornerstone of our debate.

His mild mannered, jovial conversation and unquenchable wealth of anecdotes, all punctuated by that amazing bark of a laugh, made him a perfect drinking partner and the very best of company.

Willy Brown September 16 2019, The Guardian Newspaper
Obituary extract by George Bain

“His research, policy formulation, and, perhaps above all, his humanity and decency, made him one of the most influential academics of his generation. The concept of “fairness” was central to his research. He believed workplace representatives were motivated not by political militancy but by a desire to create stability in pay and other matters when management had abdicated responsibility, preferring to rely on payment systems that simply saw workers as there to maximise earnings”. The result, in his view, was that employers got the unions they deserved.”

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.

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

The Society, covering local villages including the Chesterfords, Ickleton & Hinxton, organises meetings, talks, outings and events for people interested in gardens & gardening.

New members (including novice gardeners) and visitors are always welcome....from anywhere in the locality!

RECENT MEETING

October saw entertaining speaker Dr Twigs Way give the detailed talk Sunflowers in Art and Culture. Always discovering the quirkier side of garden history, art, literature and landscapes, she revealed the long history and botanical background of the sunflower, its association with sun god Apollo and its perception as having divine rights. From the sunflower's first recording in 1597, artists such as Van Dyck, Gauguin and Van Gogh have celebrated it in their paintings. Impressionists such as Monet and Klimt also included the sunflower in their works and it was adopted in the arts and crafts movement seen in the William Morris designs on wallpaper and fabric. Since being first regarded as rare, over the centuries the sunflower has become a common garden flower and now appears in many cottage garden schemes.

FORTHCOMING MEETING

Wednesday 6th November 2019
VARIEGATION – ORIGINS AND TYPES

Speaker Joe Sharman, Monksilver Nursery – writer, broadcaster and nurseryman,

Joe is a popular returning speaker, known as 'Mr. Snowdrop'. Plants will be for sale.



HINXTON CHURCH

VIEWING TIMES 10AM—5PM

SATURDAY 23RD
SUNDAY 24TH

TEA & COFFEE SERVED
WITH
HOMEMADE CAKES & SCONES

PAINTINGS * DRAWINGS
ETCHINGS * POTTERY * CARVING
NEEDLEWORK
CROCHET * PORTRAITS

Wellcome Genome Campus public events in November

In Cambridge:

Café Sci Cambridge: The Surprising Science of Fatherhood

Wed 13 November, 7-8.30pm

Espresso Library, 210 East Road, Cambridge, CB1 1BG

Join Anna Machin from the University of Oxford as she looks at the role of fathers from a biological perspective, exploring the idea that men are biologically and psychologically prepped to become fathers. She will also look at the impact that fatherhood can have upon mental state.

This is a free, non-ticketed event. Please arrive for 6.45pm.

More info: www.cafescicambridge.org

At the Wellcome Genome Campus:

Empowering People: Genetic Counselling in Focus

Sat 16 November, 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/>

FREE FIREWORK DISPLAY AT THE WELLCOME GENOME CAMPUS!

The Genome Campus Sports and Social Club are holding their annual Fireworks display at the Wellcome Genome Campus on Friday 1st November at 7pm. As always, residents of the surrounding villages are very welcome to attend. The show will again be fired from the cricket pitch, with spectators asked to congregate on the grass area on the opposite side of the lake, between the Sulston Building and the Conference Centre.

To minimise the need for vast numbers of people to negotiate the site, catering for the event will be on the main lawn – There will also be a van offering a large variety of sweet and savoury crepes, a van selling pulled meat rolls, a chip van, pizza van and hot drinks, cookies

and flapjacks will be available to purchase from our Conference Centre. Food will be available from 5.30pm until the fireworks begin at approximately 7.00pm.

There are parking spaces available for those who need to drive. If you are going to attend, please make sure that you get there in plenty of time – due to the safety measures that have to be in place for this event, access to the cricket pitch area of the grounds will be strictly forbidden. Access to the grounds over the Wetlands Nature reserve and through the large gates to Hinxton will be available.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact either:

Heather Bevan-Hunt on 01223 499936,
email hbh@sanger.ac.uk or GCSSC –

ANN HOWSDEN CHARITY

The Ann Howsden trustees are seeking a new trustee as from the date of our **AGM on 19th November.**

The new trustee will be 'nominated' and therefore appointed by the Parish Council, according to our charity scheme. (There are four nominated trustees and four co-opted trustees.)

Please would anyone interested in becoming a nominated trustee apply in the first instance to Virginia Walker, administrator, email address: virginiamwalker@btinternet.com, tel: 530360

if possible by 9th November, so that candidates can be considered at the **Parish Council meeting on 11th November.**

Thank you.

Hinxton now has its own defibrillator located in the porch of the Village Hall.

Instructions for use have been delivered to every household, but if you would like another set, please contact the Editor, who will arrange it for you .



Politics at a national level has dominated our headlines over the past few months but locally, I want to ensure that the important issues of education, healthcare and big infrastructure changes don't get drowned out. I benefit greatly from hearing your views at my continuing pop-up surgeries. Since my tour started, I've visited 20 parishes and this month more venues are planned for **Bassingbourn**, **Whittlesford** and **Hinxton**. Please do come along to share your thoughts or concerns with me. It's a great opportunity to support the many wonderful local pubs and cafes who allow me to host.

At one of my most recent surgeries, a brilliant young constituent approached me to raise the issue of plastic pollution both at a local and national level. During the summer holidays, I also received some articulate, thoughtful and beautiful letters from pupils at Hardwick Primary School on the same topic. The environment and how we care for it has rightly gained traction recently and I'm determined to support local and national initiatives that legislate for more change, more quickly. We can all do our bit, with even minor changes having big impacts as I learnt when I visited an Eco Home in Coton as part of the Open Eco Homes awareness day. The two constituents living here had retrofitted their house with ecological improvements, thus reducing their carbon footprint by over 60%.

If you'd like to find out how your house might benefit, please visit

www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org.

The quality of the Hardwick pupils' letters reminded me of how



Heidi meeting a young constituent who raised concerns about plastic usage

fortunate we are to have some brilliant teachers and leaders in South Cambs. I saw this in action at a recent visit to Queen Edith Primary School where staff highlighted the difficulties that funding pressures are causing. The school regularly outperforms on national measures and has a thriving nursery and after school provision but there can be no doubt that teachers and support staff are going the extra mile to secure these wonderful results, in spite of cost pressures. To highlight my schools' concerns, I recently met with the County Council's Director for Education, Jonathan Lewis to understand how the new funding formula might affect South Cambs. Schools will see an uplift but the sector as a whole needs more funding. I'll continue to push government for this whilst the funding formula is rolled out. Whilst

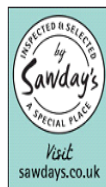
promises of extra cash are welcome, some parts of our education sector need action now and I was delighted to work with Homerton Maintained Nursery school to demand an interim package from the Education Secretary whilst funding makes its way through the system. At the other end of the education spectrum, I also counter signed a letter from 93 MPs to Chancellor Sajid Javid urging him to boost education funding for 16 to 18 year olds. Young people get one chance at education – we need to ensure that within Cambridgeshire, it is properly funded.

South Cambs is blessed not only with inspirational educationalists but with exceptional healthcare workers and I spent a brilliant day with the Women and Children's Services Unit at CUH learning about plans for the new children's hospital. This superb new facility is proposed to open in 2023 and will house many of the outstanding staff at CUH currently treating very poorly children with outstanding skill and care. Staff remain the backbone of our NHS and I was delighted to share in the vision of future GP services at the inaugural Primary Care Innovation Academy weekend organised by Cambridge University and Granta Medical Practice. This platform allows GPs to become leaders of the future, delivering services that are truly innovative and beneficial for our local communities. We need to ensure that we retain experienced GPs as our primary care evolves and I recently wrote to the Chancellor and Health Secretary demanding they look at ways to retain this talent within our NHS.

We have a thriving healthcare community and volunteers play an enormous part in this. A constituent recently visited me at one of my surgeries to ask for my help in raising awareness of a potentially serious late onset genetic health condition. Genetic haemochromatosis (GH) is a genetic disorder that results in your body experiencing iron overload. Arthritis found only in the first two finger joints, chronic fatigue, abdominal pain and many more symptoms can be suggestive of GH. It's vital that sufferers get a diagnosis and treatment so if you have any concerns please visit <https://haemochromatosis.org.uk/haemochromatosis/symptoms/> and discuss your symptoms with your GP.

As ever, my newsletter can only provide a snapshot of my work but if there is anything you would like to talk to me about, please visit my website for details of my upcoming surgeries – <https://heidiallen.co.uk/constituency-surgeries/>. In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or call my office on 01223 830037. My team and I are always available to help constituents with any concerns. I look forward to sharing more news with you next month.

Heidi



Newly Appointed Home-grown Head Chef

I am delighted to announce that I have appointed my first completely home-grown Head Chef to start in November. Shane Barker started with us 10 years ago in the sink and has worked his way up, apprenticing under numerous head chefs, through all the ranks and is now more than ready to take the helm himself. He is in no rush and will be delivering inherited menus through December, but I am looking forward to seeing his own style come through in the coming months.

Our **Christmas** Party menu is out and on the website for those needing to book a particular date, time or larger numbers. 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?!

Friday 1st November – Live Music at The Black Bull

A Pint of The Strumsters – free entry

For those who enjoyed The Strumsters at our Garden Party – they are back.



Friday 7th November Showstopper Pudding Club at the Black Bull

For those who missed his visit to the Lion earlier this year, or would like to see him in action again, we are chuffed that the legendary GB Bake Off finalist chef, Ian Cumming, has kindly offered to perform another special Showstopper Pudding Club, this time at **The Black Bull**. Tickets £27, in advance only.



We look forward to welcoming you and your friends
Kind Regards

Alex Nichol Shane Kris and the Teams

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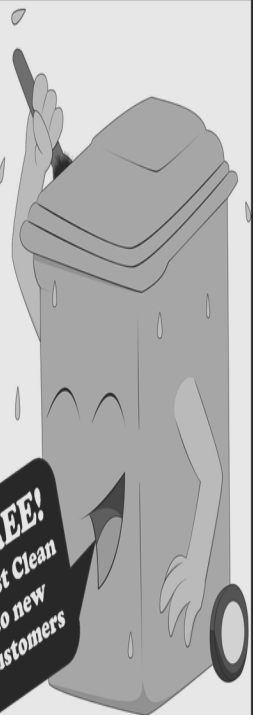
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DIARY for NOVEMBER 2019				
1st	Friday		Wellcome Campus Fireworks p.12	
2nd	Saturday		Duxford Scouts Fireworks p.3	
3rd	Sunday		4pm All Souls Service	
4th	Monday			
5th	Tuesday		BLACK BIN	
6th	Wednesday		Great Chesterford Garden Society 8pm Ickleton Village Hall	
7th	Thursday			
8th	Friday			
9th	Saturday			
10th	Sunday		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10:55 at the War Memorial followed by Service in Church 6-7:30pm Youthinc (Village Hall) Hinxton	
11th	Monday		Parish Council Meeting 7pm	
12th	Tuesday		BLUE & GREEN BINS	
13th	Wednesday		Coffee Morning Village Hall 10-12	
14th	Thursday			
15th	Friday			
16th	Saturday		COMEDY HOUR- CANCELLED Ickleton Social Club Quiz 8:30pm	
17th	Sunday		10am Parish Communion with Al2gether. Hinxton	
18th	Monday			
19th	Tuesday		BLACK BIN	
20th	Wednesday		Mobile Library. War Memorial 12:30-12:35	
21st	Thursday			
22nd	Friday			
23rd	Saturday			HINXTON ART SHOW p.11
24th	Sunday		8am BCP Communion. Hinxton	
25th	Monday			
26th	Tuesday		BLUE & GREEN BINS	
27th	Wednesday			
28th	Thursday			
29th	Friday			
30th	Saturday			

DOOR TO DOOR POPPY COLLECTION FOR THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER
November 22nd-24th HINXTON ART SHOW
December 6th BINGO for Xmas
December 15th Hinxton Children's Christmas Party p.10
December 15th 6:30pm CAROL SERVICE Hinxton Church
December 19th 6pm Carol Singing around the village. Meet North End Road
December 24th Christingle Service
December 26th Boxing Day Walk
June 13th 2020 <i>Hinxton Fete</i>

HINXTON FETE 2020 Saturday June 13th

on a "BILL & BEN the FLOWERPOT MEN " GARDENING theme
Early planning is vital to ensure that Hinxton puts on a fantastic event.

Can you make a contribution this year?

Do you have plants that can be split ready for sale or display in June?

Do you have a heated greenhouse we can use through the winter months?

??? Good Ideas.....Offers of help.....Covered Storage Space ???

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