

HINXTON NEWS

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Dear Readers,

The weather has played a significant part in our lives recently. We must count ourselves fortunate that we have avoided flooding of the magnitude witnessed in Yorkshire and in the Midlands. Can we trust the experts, who are determining the scale and suitability of the local industrial expansion proposals, to get it right? Our proximity to the river and the surrounding flood plain demand that the planners are not railroaded by subjective arguments about 'national interest' and the current popular tendency to tolerate *any* initiative loosely associated with science.



Snow on daffodils.
Lovely !

photo by Steve Trudgill



Our poor broken bridge
after the gales that swept
the country

It is always sad to report the news that a member of our close community has passed away.

Kelvin Hurst did not live here in Hinxton yet his personal influence in the village over the years has been immense.

His skill as a builder will be a massive loss to many close to him but everyone will miss his affable personality and ready smile.

Our thoughts are with his family.

Mike

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. Delivered free to approximately 170 Hinxton households.

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KELVIN HURST 1958 - 2020

"It is with the greatest sadness that we have to announce the sudden death of Kelvin Hurst on 11 February.

Many of us know of Kelvin from his building work in the village. There is hardly a property in Hinxton and many in other local villages that Kelvin has not maintained, improved or created.

Kelvin was a pre-eminent family man and like his father a wonderful example.

A kind, caring, perfectionist. hard working, good humoured, and gentle. responsible, helpful and honourable.

Everyone who met Kelvin came to respect and love him as an example of a true gentleman.

He will be in our hearts forever."

De-cluttering? Do you have any oddments of china or glass sitting in the cupboard doing nothing? This is a great chance to get rid of it at the Deanery Fair on the Hinxton Church China & Glass stall.

Margaret would be happy to collect....ring 531045

SPRING FAIR

*Granta Deanery supporting the Church's work
with young people
in village communities of South Cambridgeshire*

Saturday 21st March 10.00–12.00 noon

Great Shelford Memorial Hall

Cakes * Produce * White Elephant * Toys *
Jigsaws

* China * Glass * Card & Craft * Gifts * Tombola *
Raffle

Refreshments

Wide Range of Books

Entrance: Adults 50p

Children Free

Contact Ros for more information 532064

Spring at Caldrees



Caldrees Manor in Ickleton will be opening their gardens for the National Garden Scheme on March 21st. The Manor has wonderful spring bulbs in the extensive gardens and woodlands, which will make for a perfect day out on Mothers' Day weekend.

The snowdrop opening had to be cancelled for safety reasons when Storm Dennis blew across the country. So instead, and before the garden clothes itself fully in summer green, the owners of the gardens have very kindly offered to open for the National Garden Scheme when the bulbs should be in their full glory, both in the lawns and borders, and in the beautiful woodlands. It's just the right time to celebrate mothers everywhere, the day before Mothering Sunday.

The garden will be open from 10am till 4pm on Saturday 21st March.

Tea and cake will of course be available.

For more information, search for Caldrees Manor on the National Garden Scheme website www.ngs.org.uk where you can also find out more about the charity.



THE SEASON OF LENT

The Christian Church is now in the season of Lent, a time of preparation for the great feast of Easter. The word 'lent' comes from the Anglo-Saxon word for springtime, associated with the lengthening of days and the transition from winter to spring. This forty day period offers an opportunity for reflection, self-denial, repentance and renewal. The Archbishop of Canterbury has urged Christians to change their lives to "rebuild our relationship" with the earth this Lent.

He said, "We urgently need to rebuild our relationship with our planet. To do this, we need to change our habits - in how we pray and how we act." Archbishop Welby's Lent book, 'Saying Yes to Life' by Dr. Ruth Valerio, is the book we shall be studying in our parishes this Lent.

The Revd. Olivia Coles will be hosting the group at Whittlesford Vicarage on Thursday afternoons and anyone who would like to join us will be made most welcome.

There will also be an exciting series of talks and presentations at Whittlesford Church, with refreshments available from 7pm.

Lent is not just about giving something up, but more about doing something positive. The reality of climate change, global warming and plastic pollution is a huge concern and we need to respond to the poverty and environmental crises which we face.

What can we do? Can we change our habits to help our planet? With God all things are possible.

Julie Baillie, LLM.

Services in March

Sunday 1st First Sunday of Lent

There will be no 8am service

- 10 am Parish Communion
with Sunday Club Ickleton
- 5 pm Evensong Hinxtun

Sunday 8th Second Sunday of Lent

There will be no 8am service

- 10 am Parish Communion Duxford
- 6-7:30pm Youthinc Thriplow

Sunday 15th Third Sunday of Lent

- 8 am Holy Communion Ickleton
- 10 am Parish Communion Hinxtun
- 5:00 pm Taize Service Ickleton

Sunday 22nd Mothering Sunday

There will be no 8am service

- 10 am Parish Communion Duxford

Sunday 29th Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 10 am Five parish service Whittlesford School

Messy Easter

Easter craft activities

St Peter's Church, Duxford
Wednesday 8th April
10am - 12
(age 3 - 11)

Lego Easter

Telling the story through play and creativity

St Peter's Church, Duxford
Tuesday 7th April
10am - 12
(age 5 - 11)

Test your smoke alarm!

Did you know that you should test your smoke alarms at least once a month? Or that you should have smoke alarms on every floor of your home? Or that Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service do free home visits to make sure your home is fire safe?

Visit this website for helpful tips and advice: <https://firekills.campaign.gov.uk/>

It only takes one accident to start a fire. Fire kills. Let's prevent it

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28th March

6th June

12th September

14th November

Everyone

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buffet

Start at 8:30pm

If you wish to
join the club,
the annual
membership is
£10, ladies over
60..£5
Men over 65,,£5

*Two full size
snooker tables
are available to
all*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Could you please consider giving a bit of your
time to help with one of our village events as
the existing crew are getting a bit creaky.

Please contact :-

Ros Smith (532064) or Mike Boagey (530216)

*We are an equal opportunities employer and
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Friends of Hinxton Church

CAR BOOT SALE **AND FAMILY FUN** **DOG SHOW**

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
April 13th

Oak House Meadows
off Duxford Road, Hinxton

ONLY PRE-REGISTERED CAR BOOT
SELLERS WILL BE ADMITTED
BEFORE 9:30am

Gates open 10am for buyers @ £2 per car

Dog Show will commence at 11am
Refreshments and Snacks
available during the event

Contact Mike
to pre-register as a car boot seller
01799 530216
mikeboagey666@gmail.com





Campus Open Saturday + Empowering People:

Genetic Counselling in Focus exhibition

Sat 21 March, 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/>

Café Sci Cambridge: Obscure Crops to Save the World

Tues 10 March, 7-8.30pm

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

Around the world, more than 30,000 plant species have documented uses, yet day to day we exploit just a handful of these. What does this simplification of our domesticated flora mean for humanity, faced with impending climatic and environmental challenges over the coming century? What will we be eating a century from now? Join Dr James Borrell, Kew Gardens, to explore this important topic. Part of the Cambridge Science Festival 2020,

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

More info: www.cafescicambridge.org

Gathering memories of Hinxton Hall

Local community history project:

Sat 21 March, 1-4pm,

Wellcome Genome Campus, Hinxton, CB10 1RQ

Wed 25 March, 7pm,

Hinxton Village Hall

We need your help as we embark on a project to capture community memories of Hinxton Hall. We would love to bring the Hall to life with historical references and any memories you may have of working, playing or events attended at the Hall or in the grounds. Do you have these memories to share? If so, do drop into during one of these two sessions and tell us your memories, or bring photos along. We would love to hear from you!

More information: <http://bit.ly/call4HHmemories> or 01223 494896



**WELLCOME
GENOME
CAMPUS**

QUIZ NIGHT



Friday 20th March

ENTRY FORM for TEAM.....

Team Members		Fish and Chips	Chicken and Chips	Veggie Burger
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				

We do have a licence to sell wine and beer, so please do not bring your own drinks as all proceeds of the bar will go to the charity.

Give your team a name

Choose your team members and enter their names below

Maximum 8 in team

Tick their meal preferences

Send entry fee of £12 per team member to :-

Andrew Walker 66 High Street making your cheque payable to
HINXTON PCC

HINXTON STORY COMPETITION

RULES

£50 prize money for the winner each of the Seniors & Juniors

- Closing date for entries is 12th June 2020.
- Entrants must be resident in Hinxtton. Everyone is eligible.
- Entrants to the Junior competition must be under 16 years of age.
- The maximum length of submissions is 1000 words for the Seniors and 500 words for the Juniors.
- There is no minimum length.
- Senior Group Stories** must contain the words TREE and RING and are welcome in any prose style.
- Junior Group Stories** must contain the words
- The official Entry form will be published in the **March** edition of **Hinxtton News**.
- Authors may enter once only. There is no entry fee.
- Entries will can be returned but please keep a copy for yourself.
- Entries must be entirely the work of the entrant and must never have been previously published.
- Entries will be read and judged anonymously by **Hinxtton Book Club** representatives; the entrant's name should appear only on the entry form and not anywhere on the stories/manuscripts. The stories/manuscripts must be free of all personal information about the author. This includes age and address.
- Winners will be notified by telephone. The successful entries will be published in the **Hinxtton Life Magazine** in the Autumn edition
- The Judge's decision is final, and no individual correspondence will be entered into.

Anthony Browne MP

As I write, it has been just over nine weeks since the general election, although it feels like a lifetime ago. So much has happened in the early days of this Parliament both nationally and locally.

The UK has officially left the European Union and must now focus on negotiating a new trading relationship with our European partners. For South Cambridgeshire, a crucial aspect of this new arrangement will be the provisions on agriculture. I was therefore delighted to make farming issues the focus of my maiden speech to Parliament during the debate on the government's new Agriculture Bill. In the coming weeks and months I want to engage closely with local farmers to better understand their needs, so that I can best represent their views in Parliament as it shapes the country's future agriculture policy. If you would like to be involved in these discussions, please get in touch.

You may have heard that the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has recently elected not to 'call-in' the planning application for the expansion of the Genome Campus at Hinxton, following the decision of South Cambs District Council to grant outline permission for the scheme in October last year. This means that the final planning decision will now be taken by South Cambs District Council. I know that this news has come as a disappointment to many local residents who are very concerned about the scope of this development and were hopeful that the Secretary of State might scale back the plans. I have met with the Secretary of State to explain the concerns of local people and have written to him to ask for further information regarding the rationale behind his decision. I am also liaising with the Hinxton Parish Council and will continue to do so.

Last week I enjoyed a fascinating visit to the new Royal Papworth. It is the first UK hospital to be rated outstanding across every CQC category, which is a testament to the talent and commitment of its staff and management team. I saw the site where the Cambridge Heart & Lung Research Institute (HLRI) will be built, a brilliant example of the how the Biomedical Campus brings together the world's best clinicians and researchers to develop new treatments for the most challenging conditions. We are so fortunate that this local expertise will improve healthcare not only here in South Cambs, but across the world. I know there are concerns about the UK's ability to collaborate with EU research partners post-Brexit and I therefore raised this matter in Parliament with the Science Minister in January. He offered

assurances that the UK would remain committed to the Horizon 2020 programme and would seek as full an association as possible with its successor scheme, but I will continue to meet with local stakeholders and push the government on this issue.

One of my key pledges as your MP is to help to fix our creaking transport system. We had some extremely welcome news this month when the Transport Secretary announced that East West Rail will take a northern route through Cambourne, where local commuter demand is highest. This is not only great news for Cambourne, but also for residents in the Bassingbourn area, who were overwhelmingly opposed to EWR taking a southern route.

The new Cambridge South Station will form a critical new transport hub for the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. I have already met with Network Rail to find out more about this project and to discuss parking problems at local stations and the notoriously problematic level crossing at Foxton.

I am actively raising local issues in Parliament. For updates on my questions and speeches, the best place to look is my Facebook page (@anthonybrownemp) or website (anthonybrowne.org). I am now holding regular surgeries in the constituency, so if you have a problem I can help with please get in touch. I have now added a helpful guide on my website setting out what issues I can assist with. You can reach me at anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk



Staff News

It is with regret that we inform our patients that Dr Mig Arbide and Dr Chris Schramm will be leaving us in March. Both doctors have dedicated over 20 years to the Linton practice and Shelford practice respectively and will be greatly missed.

Dr Abide and Dr Schramm's patients have been assigned new registered GPs, and we would like to take this opportunity to reassure our patients that they can access care from any of our clinical team within Granta, irrespective of their registered GP.

Dr Schramm and Dr Arbide have asked us to share these announcements with you:-

A message from Dr Chris Schramm (Shelford site) who is leaving on 2nd March 2020:-

"After 20 intense and often satisfying years I have decided to move on to a new challenge. During 2020 I will be working at the national winner of the "RCGP Research Practice of the Year 2019" award, which is out of Cambridge. I am also taking on a role with the regional NHS Research network. I am deeply indebted to my Shelford colleagues, staff and numerous patients, all of whom have taught me many things which generally are not in books and who have, thereby, enriched my life."

A message from Dr Mig Arbide (Linton site) who is leaving on 23rd March 2020:-

"I am immensely grateful to have had the opportunity to serve my patients for the best part of twenty years. I have enjoyed the privilege of their trust, built through respect, dedication, and stability."

I am fortunate to continue offering my time, experience and knowledge to patients in the prison service. I will also continue to practice in my areas of clinical specialist skill and interest: enhanced minor surgery, vasectomy services, sports medicals and dermatology."

Sandra East, Granta Communications
sandra.east@nhs.net

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

It is easy to take for granted the helpful signposts to be found at many of our road junctions, yet they are part of our culture and heritage. Early road signs were erected by cycling and then motoring organisations as ordinary people began to enjoy the freedom afforded by ownership of a bicycle or motor car. Standards for signage on main roads were redefined in the 1960s to satisfy faster traffic and night visibility. Fingerposts that indicate direction and distance from rural junctions are frequently much older and can merit further investigation.

Fingerposts, with arms pointing in several directions, are white with black lettering, and generally made of wood or iron. Many local examples, some almost 100 years old, were made of iron in Essex at Maldon Iron Works. The manufacturer's name is now usually obscured by many layers of paint.

Personal favourites include the fingerpost at Matching Green indicating the mileage to London –precisely 26¼ - and one north of High Roding that points to Takeley Station which closed 60 years ago. On the B1039 between Chrishall and Great

Chishill, a finger points to a non-existent GREAT CHISHALL. A Henham sign shows the way to the pub, Ugley Chequers. This and all other signposts were removed for the duration of WWII lest they should aid the enemy.

Some signs at T-junctions have information on the back, albeit hidden from view. Usually this is the same as the visible side, but not always: the southerly finger of one on the B1051 in Broxton points to Broxton and Bps Stortford, but the back reveals that it has been recycled and once pointed to Wimbish Green.

As you travel along the lanes, please take time for a



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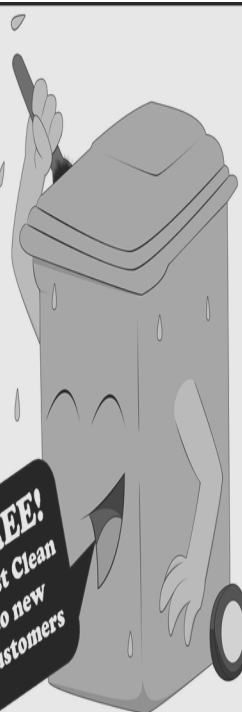
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Term Dates –

28th Feb– 27th March
24th April—26th June
Half term 29th May

Contact Zoë to book your place
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zoe@zoekirby.com



Whittlesford & Duxford

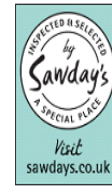
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

In January, we finished the renovations to our caving system and the first groups started to explore the tunnels.

Some groups celebrated Chinese New Year - the year of the rat – with activities including Splat the Rat and making Chinese food. Other activities: decorating pots and planting flowers (**Forest Fri**, 6-8 yrs), making bird feeders (**Wild Wood Beavers**, Wed, 6-8 yrs) and bird boxes (**Arrows Scouts** Tues, 10½-14 yrs), and holding a bring and buy to raise money for the WWF for wildlife affected by the bush fires (Mon **Sirius** and Thurs **Javelins Cubs**, 8-10½ yrs).

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

or call Carmel on 07939 507805.



**March Greetings to Hinxton Villagers
from all at The Red Lion Inn**

Local Success Story!

Congratulations are due to Hinxton born Shane Barker, who has survived working at the Red Lion for just coming up to 10 years. He started as a kitchen porter in 2010 and has worked his way up the ladder, working under 5 or 6 different Head Chefs, to finally taking the Head Chef role himself. This is no mean achievement and we look forward to seeing him develop his own style, building on the best he has picked up from his predecessors.

Don't forget your Mother or your children's Mother!

**Sunday 22nd March Mothering Sunday
– booking early is advised**

**We look forward to welcoming you and
your friends**




Kind regards

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

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DIARY for MARCH 2020		
1st	Sunday	5pm Evensong
2nd	Monday	
3rd	Tuesday	 BLUE & GREEN BIN
4th	Wednesday	Gt Chesterford Garden Socy 8pm Ickleton Village Hall
5th	Thursday	
6th	Friday	HINXTON WALKERS meet Bus Shelter 0930
7th	Saturday	
8th	Sunday	6-7:30pm Youthinc Thriplow
9th	Monday	Parish Council Meeting 7pm Village Hall
10th	Tuesday	 BLACK BIN
11th	Wednesday	COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall 1030-1200
12th	Thursday	
13th	Friday	BINGO for VEGETABLES ** SPECIAL EVENT **
14th	Saturday	
15th	Sunday	10am Parish Communion Hinxtton
16th	Monday	
17th	Tuesday	 BLUE & GREEN BIN
18th	Wednesday	Mobile Library, War Memorial 1220-1235
19th	Thursday	
20th	Friday	HINXTON QUIZ NIGHT Village Hall 7:30pm
21st	Saturday	Deanery Spring Fairp.2 Caldrees Manor in Ickleton p.2
22nd	Sunday	Mothering Sunday
23rd	Monday	
24th	Tuesday	 BLACK BIN
25th	Wednesday	Gathering Memories of Hinxtton Hall 7pm Village Hall
26th	Thursday	
27th	Friday	
28th	Saturday	ICKLETON QUIZ NIGHT, Ickleton Village Hall 7:30pm
29th	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent 10 am Five parish service Whittlesford School
30th	Monday	
31st	Tuesday	 BLUE & GREEN BIN

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Bank Holiday
Monday

April 13th

Hinxtton Car Boot
Sale and Fun Dog
Show

Details to follow & p.5

World Bee Day

May 20th

Hinxtton Village Fete

"An English Country
Garden"

Saturday 13th June

FRIDAY 17th JULY
for the
Garden Evening at
The Oak House



Fruit & Veggie Bingo

Friday 13th March
SPECIAL SPRING EVENT
You mustn't miss this one
Eyes down 7.30 Village Hall