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from the Editor

It is so uplifting to see fresh new leaves unfolding on the trees and copious patches of purple aubrietia filling sparse garden borders. This all indicates that a good **Spring Clean** is in order and we have two fun opportunities in the Village to join in and make a contribution.

If you cannot make it on the day, it would be really, really helpful if everyone could simply sweep and tidy the bit in front of your own house in advance. This reduces the effort on the volunteers hugely.

Thank you.

We cannot announce the date of the **Mill Clean** until the committee meets, but it is hoped to be quite soon.

On page 13 you can see notices from our good neighbours in Littlebury. The Festival is an ambitious idea inspired by **Lizzie Saunder's** brother **Grant** who initiated the popular and celebrated annual **Staithes Festival** in North Yorkshire.

Littlebury hope to have many local artists and crafters exhibiting in an Open Garden setting with proceeds to benefit the community and selected charities. For a village with a population of less than 900, this is a marvellous concept and quite likely to become an annual event. Our very best wishes go to them for a successful weekend.

Apparently, an ambulance with flashing blue lights had to make a U turn on the A1301 owing to the volume of traffic approaching the horrendous McDonald's roundabout. Presumably he changed direction to go up the A11 and approach Addenbrookes that way. This is just appalling, and will not improve with the massive proposed developments along this road. Hopefully the patient was not affected but it illustrates how poor traffic management can affect our lives.

We can only hope that the various developers adopt a realistic and responsible approach to mitigating this growing problem and cease denying that there is already a critical problem.

The village is currently actively engaged with developers' planning applications on no less than four sites close to Hinxton. As you will see from the summary minutes on page 15, these threats will continue for many months to come. It is particularly regrettable that the **Wellcome Trust**, with which Hinxton has such a close relationship, is so unwilling to engage in serious discussions with us about their plans.

For those of you who know me, it will come as no great surprise that I am already getting overexcited at the prospect of the **HINXSTONES FETE** and the **FUN DOG SHOW**. The child in me is bursting to get out and enter the **JURASSIC** obstacle course and scoff a **HOT DINO DOG**. Pathetic, but totally understandable.

To launch our new **Desert Island Jukebox** feature this month, I will be the first to expose my personal choices. It is quite extraordinary how challenging it is to reduce your favourite selection down to just eight tunes. Mine started with a short list of about a hundred ranging from Fingal's Cave to Led Zeppelin! As most memories are frequently associated with music, my picks mostly revolve around significant times in my life. By the way, ninth in line was "Ernie—The Fastest Milkman in the West".

Now you can appreciate just how difficult this task was!

See you all at the Spring Clean

Mike

Hinxton Churchyard Tidy Up

Saturday 27th April
10am

Could you spare some
time to help tidy the
churchyard?

An hour or two spent
cutting back ivy or
helping clear areas in
the churchyard that are
overgrown would be an
enormous help. Please
come in old clothes with
gloves and secateurs or
a rake and maybe even a
wheelbarrow.

Refreshments provided!



We all know how particular Theresa
can be about her garden.

The photo shows what she has to
contend with in her new digs
(dig being the operative word).

The next "Letter from OZ" will feature in our
next edition.



EASTER GARDEN HINXTON CHURCH

Photo taken in 1969 and shared with us by
Jenny Saich

The Children's Society

Each year, since 1996, there has been a door to door collection for
The Children's Society in Hinxton and residents have been most
generous in their support. Nationally, there is now an unwillingness
to undertake the collection and the charity has decided to
encourage alternative forms of local fundraising.

*There will be an event in Hinxton, details of which
will be announced later.*

Meanwhile, I wish to thank everyone who has given time and
energy to collecting over the years and also to thank the village for
its great financial contribution, interest and encouragement.

Those who have home collecting boxes are reminded that July is
box-opening month, so keep popping in those fiddly little coins!

I have a few spare boxes if anyone would like to have a box at
home!

Julie Baillie,

Local representative for The Children's Society.

A message from Petra

With a month or so to reflect on our pilgrimage to the Holy Land, the beginning of Lent has left me thinking very much about the strange landscape that is the Judean Wilderness. It is, of course, the landscape that Jesus is led to and where he spends forty days and nights being tempted by the devil. These are the forty days and nights of Lent that the church observes before Easter.

The Judean wilderness is the strangest landscape I have ever seen; mile after mile of dry hills, stretch out, cut across with meandering pathways and wadis. Apparently the local Bedouin tribes know some of these pathways and where they lead, but otherwise the landscape speaks only of lostness, isolation, disorientation, hunger and thirst. And this land seems to me to be a suitable metaphor for that kind of inner wilderness Jesus must have felt, tempted, as he was, by the things we are all tempted by; wealth, power, status – the things that speak of success in the material world.

It's hard not to have our heads turned by these things; material success gives rise to our sense of identity. The shiny new Porsche or the row of designer handbags tell the world how successful we are and we can soon believe that our identity is determined by what we have achieved in terms of status and wealth. Money and power are heady things. In the Old Testament, the prophets warn of the consequences of 'worshipping idols'. There are many paths into the wilderness and temptation is at every turn.

It also seems to me that it's a jolly good metaphor for where we are now politically in this country. I am writing just days before the Brexit 'deadline' and, whatever your views on the referendum, the whole thing has become a complete fiasco; following paths that go round in circles, or to dead ends. It has left the country more divided and dissatisfied than it was before and many other political issues have been put on the back-burner for far too long to the detriment of vital provisions, like health, education and policing to name but a few. History will eventually give us the full cost of these years, not only in terms of economics and I suspect we're in for a longer time in the wilderness yet.

However, it's in the wilderness that we very often discover who we are. The devil keeps saying to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, then do ... such and such." and Jesus says "I am the son of God – but I don't do that, I do this." He remains true to his identity. He is not swayed or led astray by the flattery and temptation the devil lays in front of him.

Whether you read this as a believer, a doubter or a non-believer, it's a story that demonstrates that if we allow our heads to be turned, if we turn away from that which is good and right and true, then we lose ourselves somehow.

Jesus resists. His story ends with the most cataclysmic failure in terms

of worldly success and he is executed as a common criminal on the cross between two thieves. One taunts him, the other recognises he is blameless. To him Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." There is nothing that cannot be used, no experience that cannot be learned through, no situation that cannot be healed. In the end, all things can be turned around and God brings life out of death on Easter morning.

In church we will be coming out of the 'wilderness' on Palm Sunday to tell the Easter Story (part 1) beginning at St John's church in Duxford. From there, will be a Palm Procession down to St Peter's church for the rest of the story. Please do come and join us – it's not quite Oberammergau, but close! Please see below for other activities and services. And, when it comes, a very Happy and blessed Easter. With best wishesPetra

SERVICES and EVENTS in APRIL

Sunday 7th

8 am (BCP) Communion Duxford

10 am Parish Communion with Al2gether- Ickleton

6:30 pm Evensong- Hinxtun

EASTER WEEK

Sunday 14th PALM SUNDAY

10.00 am

THE DUXFORD PASSION

Three Parishes Service

Beginning at St John's with Palm procession to St Peter's

Monday 15th 8 pm Compline- Hinxtun

Tuesday 16th 10.00 – 12.00 LEGO EASTER- Duxford

*The Easter story told and built in LEGO for 5-11s**

8 pm Compline- Ickleton

Wednesday 17th 10.00 – 12.00 MESSY EASTER

Activities for children (3-11) & family Duxford

8 pm Compline- Duxford

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8.00 pm Eucharist *with foot washing and Stripping of the Altars followed by the Watch-* Ickleton

GOOD FRIDAY

9:30 Easter Garden with Julie- Hinxtun

12.00 noon - 3 pm *3 hours devotion at the cross—* Duxford

SATURDAY 7.00 Easter Vigil *with fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle-* Duxford

EASTER SUNDAY

10.00 am Festival Eucharist in each church.

Sunday 28th 8 am BCP Communion- Hinxtun

10.00 am Parish Communion with Al2gether- Duxford

6.30 pm Evensong- Ickleton

ALL ARE WELCOME Petra Shakeshaft Priest-in-charge mail petra@hinkledux.com or phone 01223 832 137

Desert Island Jukebox



1

"Look Homeward Angel" by Johnny Ray (1957)

Johnny Ray was the first pop singer I can remember. 30 years later this song was continuously played on our car cassette player so our kids know all the words.

2

"Apache"- The Shadows (1960)

This takes me back to my first year at boarding school when we all had a cheap guitar and this was the only tune we could pluck. We lined up doing the Shad's formation walk all wanting to look like Jet Harris.

3

"Sherry" by Frankie Valli and The 4 Seasons (1962)

The most iconic song of the pre-Beatles era. A group of us once sat in the Whisky-A-Go-Go listening to the Wurlitzer play this ten times in succession!

4

"Don't Worry Baby"- The Beach Boys (1964)

The Beach Boys have an amazing ability to communicate complex teenage angst in their songs.

5

"The Boxer"- Simon & Garfunkel (1968)

I love the poetical lyrics. Paul Simon is a genius.

6

"First Time Ever I Saw Your Face"-Roberta Flack (1972)

Amongst the best love songs ever written.

7

"I Dreamed a Dream" as sung by Anne Hathaway in the film Les Misereables (2012)

This is the most staggeringly emotional piece of theatre. I never fail to blub uncontrollably every time I see it. If ever a performance deserved an Oscar, this did.

8

Pearl Fishers duet by Georges Bizet

I am really a Puccinni fan but this song is probably as good as it gets.



The (almost!) annual quiz night in the village hall on Saturday 16th March was a resounding success! A heart-warming turnout of 80 people filled the hall with happy chatter and excitement! There were ten teams which including Hinxton residents and a welcome number of outside supporters.

Many congratulations to the winners, aptly named **"The Ever Hopefuls"**, who celebrated in style (see photo)! Our sincere thanks go to **Peter Hawkins** and **Yvonne Page**, the question master and his assistant scorer, to **Graham** for manning the bar so capably, as ever, and to **Ros, Deborah and Steve** who helped to set up during the afternoon.

But most of all, a big thank-you to all those who attended, parted with their impressive array of general knowledge and their generous financial contributions. These resulted in net takings, to go towards Hinxton Church, of **£570** – magnificent! The raffle raised a staggering **£261** which will be given to Duxford Church to help with their roof repairs following a spate of lead thefts last summer.

Here's to the next time ...!
Andrew and Virginia Walker





Ros Smith

with Kate Riley

Ros invited me into the cosy room in No 42, 'The Hermitage', to tell me more about her life.

I was born in Hinxton at No 20 in 1957, (the house where the Russells now live) and here I am back again in the heart of the village I love. At 8 years old, my parents, Deborah and I moved to Langley and I went to Clavering Primary school. From there I went on to Saffron Walden County High. We were a big intake that year and I remember later being told I would have to take pilot CSE exams instead of O levels, which really annoyed me. So after school I took History O level, just to satisfy myself. CSE was all about the Industrial Revolution where as I wanted to learn about the Kings and Queens!

After exams, we were all encouraged to go for mock interviews and as a consequence I was offered a job at Lloyds Bank in Saffron Walden. So I left school and worked for Lloyds for the next 24 years; I worked both there and in Bishops Stortford, driving along the M11 daily. The last few years were not happy; standard letters were being used more and I was bored, so was not too sorry to be made redundant. But the bank had enabled me to get a mortgage in 1986, jointly with a colleague, on a house in Saffron Walden. Thanks to that, I was able to move on by 1989 and buy No 115 back in Hinxton - and three years later I married Graham. By this time both Mum and Dad were in Ickleton and I started a new job at Brookfields in Cambridge where I worked for the next 17 years at Davison House which I loved. One day I would be the medical secretary, the next I'd co-ordinate outpatient clinics, and another I might help the admin for Volunteers. It was fun and interesting.

What was life like both growing up in Hinxton?

It was such a wonderful life. I had my Grandparents at No 10 and lots of friends, including the Manison sisters. It was here Grandad taught me to ride my bike with those balance wheels on the side – "I'm gonna do it, I'm gonna do it, tonight! I remember the Royal British Legion Christmas party for the children, Junior church, paddling in the pond and fishing for 'tiddlers'.

Dad was a game keeper, but we moved to Langley so he could begin game dealing and training gun dogs. There were always puppies to look after and pheasant chicks in shoe boxes in the warm. I had a pet duck and a rabbit.

Dad played a lot of cricket and as I got older I helped with the cricket teas and scoring.

What do you like doing in your leisure time? (I hesitated to ask, wondering if Ros had any leisure time!)

Well, if it hadn't been for Graham, I might still be eating fish fingers and Cornish pasties! But now we are a family and I have two step children and four Grandchildren! Given the chance, I love reading, gardening and socialising generally. History is still my big interest and I am having a wonderful time with Jack Page, researching Hinxton houses and the people that lived in them.

Pessimist or Optimist?

Optimist.

If you had one gift what would it be?

Stop the planning applications! Our special village should not be subjected to all this.

Your favourite plant in the garden?

I love so many of the cottage garden plants, but I think I'd choose freesias because of their scent and the colours. They are so delicate.

Do you have a favourite piece of music?

Yes - Pachelbel's canon in D major

True love ways, by Buddy Holly (and Cliff Richard!)

What historical figure do you most admire and why?

Mary, the Mother of Jesus. More and more, as I see or read how women live even in today's world, particularly in the Middle East culture, it makes me appreciate how hard it must have been for her to accept the role she was given. She played her part with such commitment and stood by her son to the end.

Now who would you invite to dinner?!

I'd invite Monty Don, Lucy Worsley, Alistair Cook and Michael Bubl  – they will cover all my favourite subjects, gardening, history and cricket, with Bubl  to sing for us all evening.

What gives you most pleasure?

My Grandchildren, and the Lake District where we have had holidays almost every year.

What do you count as your greatest achievement?

I think getting back to Hinxton and buying No 115 – without which I wouldn't be here. Out of the blue, we inherited The Hermitage, but without the sale of No 115 we wouldn't have been able to renovate it.

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For further information please contact Chair,
Mrs Pauline Gale 01799-525543

RECENT MEETING

Colin Day's subject at the *March* meeting of Great Chesterford & District Garden Society was 'An Eye for a Bird'. Colin has been interested in wildlife since his early years, and began by reminding us of how birds prominently feature in music, literature, poetry as well as art, before discussing the migration of Kestrels, Cuckoos, and House Martins and the current pressure worldwide just for birds to survive. Many bird species are low on numbers due to world population growth, general farming practices, climate change and the loss of many old hedgerows in England. The cheap food policy and the use of pesticides and herbicides have meant that there is less sustenance for wildlife in general. Colin indicated ways in which we could help wildlife in our own gardens by planting native species, creating wild areas and green corridors in the garden to allow wildlife access to food. Following a lively discussion, Colin judged the Monthly Competition – a brilliant selection of Spring Flowers and won by Gerry Birch with a Hellebore. Second: Jos Flitton - Pink Camelia and Third Ann Warren - Chionodoxa (Glory of the Snow). A reminder that the next meeting will be the AGM.

FORTHCOMING MEETING

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

**AGM & PLANT SALE with Tea & Cake, and
Membership Renewal (£10.00 pp)**

REMINDER

**Saturday 7th September 2019 at 2.00 p.m.
SOCIETY FLOWER AND PRODUCE**

SHOW

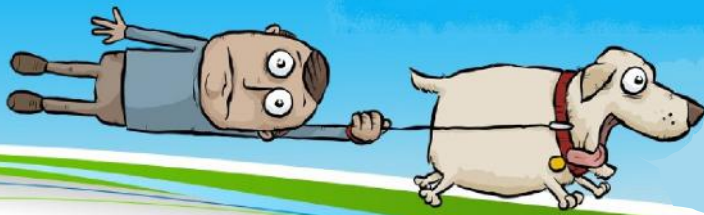
Main Hall, Chesterfords Community Centre.

***Please do enter some exhibits ***

***View the wonderful displays ***

***Enjoy afternoon tea ***

HINXTON FUN DOG SHOW at the Village Hall



Starts at 1pm

**FOLLOWED AT 2PM
BY**

THE HINXSTONES FETE

SATURDAY JUNE 15TH



**'A PREHISTORIC
SPECTACULAR'**

Dino Dog Burgers

The Jurassic Cave obstacle course for kids

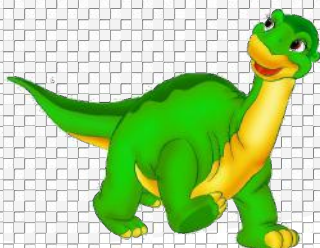
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Supper on the Run

NEW DATE

Saturday 11th May

For those of you who haven't experienced one of these events before it's a fantastic way to catch up with neighbours, make new friends and enjoy good food with very little effort. (You only have to provide food and drink for one course for usually about 6 people.)

The first two courses are taken at different homes with different groups of people. Supper starts at 7pm where everyone meets at their allocated houses for starters. At 8pm everyone moves on for main courses and then deserts are enjoyed in the Village Hall from 9;30 onwards, giving the opportunity for all to meet together. Those providing deserts are asked to help clear the hall at the end of the evening.

**Complete the form and return by 3rd May to
Sue Elliott Miller's Cottage or Jill Garnier 27 High Street**

sellio@live.com

jill@garniers.co.uk

**IF YOU HAD ALREADY REGISTERED FOR THE CANCELLED MARCH DATE...PLEASE
CONFIRM YOU WILL STILL ENTER THE FUN**

Name/s _____

Address _____

Contact number _____

Special dietary requirements _____

Circle which would you be willing to host?

Starter

Main course

Prepare a Dessert

Number of people (including yourselves) you can host

Dakotas to fly at Duxford



More than 30 Dakota aircraft will take to the skies over Cambridgeshire to mark the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings. The aircraft will gather at the Imperial War Museum at Duxford on 4th and 5th June.

Dakota aircraft crossing the English Channel
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THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

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The Hundred Parishes area includes many airfields and former airfields. Most were constructed in a remarkably short period by the United States Army Air Force when the USA became involved in World War II, while others date back to World War I and the very early days of aviation.

Duxford was built towards the end of WWI, many of its buildings constructed by German prisoners of war. It played a significant role in both World Wars. It is now the location of Imperial War Museum Duxford, a fascinating site that includes many buildings from both World Wars and a huge collection of military and civilian aircraft and other wartime exhibits. RAF Sawbridgeworth (actually in High Wych parish) also originated in WWI and was then used in WWII. Andrews Field was the first US air base in Europe, constructed in 1942/43 using rubble from the London Blitz. This airfield, partly in Stebbing and



partly in Great Saling, is well used today by small private aircraft and has a tea room open to the public.

Other airfields were built in WWII at Castle Camps, Hadstock (known as RAF Little Walden), Hunsdon, Little Easton (also known as RAF Great Dunmow), Matching (mainly in White Roding parish), Nuthampstead, Radwinter (known as RAF Great Sampford although only partially in that parish) and Stansted.

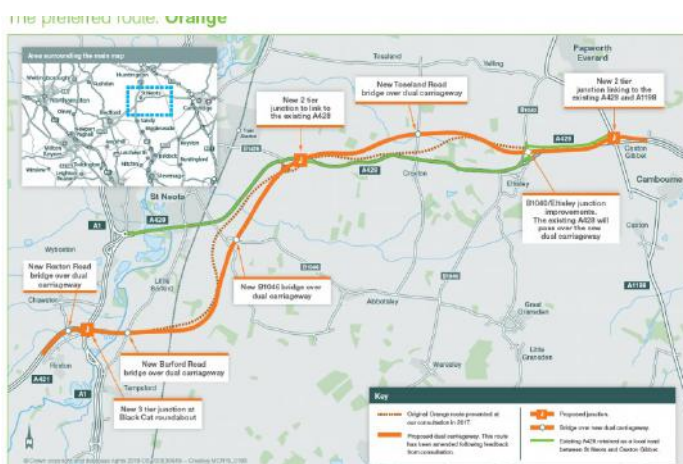
The runways, along with various buildings and more recent memorials survive at most of these airfields, whilst the sites have been developed for a variety of uses. RAF Debden, constructed in 1937 and mainly in Wimbish parish, is now the site of Carver Barracks. Wethersfield airfield (mainly in Finchingfield parish) was

built by the Americans and today is still used by the Ministry of Defence.

Fuller accounts of local airfields appear in the Society's 2018 book, *The Hundred Parishes: An Introduction*.
Ken McDonald, Secretary

From my point of view, I am pleased to see that Cambourne features as a location for a possible new station. As we have good railway connections in the South of the constituency already, I really do feel we should be concentrating our priorities in the North. These are very early scoping corridors and we all have a role to play in feeding in our views!

Finally, it's the turn of the **A428**! Highways England has published their long-awaited proposals for the A428 between Black Cat and Caxton Gibbet.



As I said at the beginning, it's business as usual and if there is anything you would like to talk to me about, my upcoming surgeries are:

In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or call my office on 01223 830037.

See you next month!

Items from the Parish Council Meeting on 11th March 2019

North Uttlesford Garden Community – Uttlesford District Council submitted its draft Local Plan which includes the NUGC in January. In response to consultation on a technical detail our PC sent in additional comments. The public hearing will be in June and July. The Chair of Great Chesterford Parish Council and the Chair of StopNUTown will both be standing as independent councillors in Uttlesford's forthcoming District Council elections in May.

Wellcome Genome Campus – the outline planning application had gone in just before Christmas. In the New Year we leafleted the village with a summary. At our request, Wellcome gave a public presentation in the Village Hall. It was the main topic of a well-attended public discussion at the PC meeting in mid-January. The formal objections that we submitted to SCDC included two traffic surveys. All our neighbouring Parish Councils have also put in objections. Of some 135 individual comments that appear on the SCDC website, the objections out-number the supporting comments by 6:1. We wrote to the Chair and Governors of the Wellcome Trust asking for a meeting. Her reply suggested we met their Development Director, which we refused, giving reasons for our having no confidence in such a meeting. In addition, a collective letter was sent to her by the Chairs of the PCs of our and neighbouring villages expressing concern at the scale of the proposal and requesting that it be cut back.

SmithsonHill business park – the planning application had been refused by SCDC in 2018. This was appealed against and we submitted an additional response of opposition. In October the Secretary of State intervened in the appeal, enabling him to over-rule the Inspector's report when it is published. In January the PCs of Hinxton and our neighbouring parishes wrote collectively to the Secretary of State objecting to his intervention and requesting a meeting. The Planning Inspectorate replied that such a meeting was not possible, but that our letter would become part of the documents considered in the appeal. This is due to start in June.

Car dealership near Duxford – We submitted objections to this proposal for large buildings on the A505 just west of the Volvo site. We objected to the impact of the proposed showrooms and workshops on the landscape and on local traffic.

Car park repairs – a quote was selected from three for the repair of the car park behind the Village Hall.

Iron Bridge – the Environment Agency has approved the

Genome Campus procedures for the removal and replacement of the Iron Bridge on the Cam. The work is expected over about ten days in April, during which time adjacent footpaths will be closed.

Allotments – it was formally agreed to raise the annual fee for a standard Hinxton allotment from £7.50 to £10 from next November. This is to meet the costs of providing water and associated facilities for allotment holders.

Wetlands Conservation Committee – the largest of the three Wetlands lakes was cleared of excess weeds, reeds and silt in January as the first of three annual stages of maintenance.

Dick Jones has resigned as Deputy Chair. We thank him for his past work and are pleased that he is willing to continue as a PC member.

Hinxton Village Spring Clean



Saturday 13 April

Meet at the Village Hall
at 9:30am

Gloves, Bags & Litter
Pickers will be provided

Coffee & Tea in The
Red Lion from 11:00



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WETLANDS EVENTS 2019

Wetlands Nature Reserve Events for 2019

Come and join the Wildlife Trust staff to learn new skills, discover exciting creatures on our **Guided Walks** and have fun helping to manage this nature reserve!

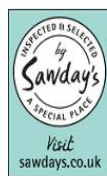
No experience is needed, all tools and gloves are provided.



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| ♦ 9 th April 2019, 12-1pm | General wildlife walk |
| ♦ 30 th April 2019, 12-1pm | Bird walk |
| ♦ 7 th May 2019, 12-1pm | Butterfly walk |
| ♦ 14 th May 2019, 12-1pm | Bird walk |
| ♦ 21 st May 2019, 12-1pm | Reptile walk |
| ♦ 28 th May 2019, 12-1pm | Bird walk |
| ♦ 4 th June 2019, 12-1pm | Reptile walk |
| ♦ 11 th June 2019, 12-1pm | General wildlife walk |
| ♦ 18 th June 2019, 12-1pm | Wildflower walk |
| ♦ 25 th June 2019, 12-1pm | Insect walk |
| ⇒ 1.15pm to 4.30pm | Volunteer Work Party |
| ♦ 2 nd July –2019, 12-1pm | General wildlife walk |
| ⇒ 1.15pm to 4.30pm | Volunteer Work Party |
| ♦ 9 th July 2019, 12-1pm | Butterfly walk |
| ♦ 16 th July 2019, 12-1pm | Insect walk |
| ♦ 23 rd July 2019, 12-1pm | General wildlife walk |

To book your place email wetlands@wellcomegenomecampus.org

To join the Volunteer Work Party please email Iain.Webb@wildlifebcn.org



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

Some events ahead for your diary:

Dining in the Dark

(our 10th, hosted this year at The Red Lion)

Friday 5th April

A three course dinner, of which starters and puddings are a blind tasting competition - raising money for **CamSight**

GB Bake Off Ian Cumming Pudding Club Special Friday 21st June

We are delighted that we are bringing back our hugely successful Pudding Club
With a Show Stopper: Bake Off Finalist and Local, Ian Cumming, has kindly offered to create and host a special Pudding Club for us.

Save The Date – more details to come.

"Pint of Theatre" at The Black Bull

Thursday 13th June - 2 course dinner and 50 minutes of theatre

James Rowland with his Edinburgh Festival sell-out Team Viking performance

Summer Beer Festival at The Black Bull
Thursday 13th – Sunday 16th June
showcasing the best East Anglian beers

"Pint of Jazz" at The Black Bull
Friday 3rd May – Claudette Burch
(see website for details)

We look forward to welcoming you &
your friends

Kind regards
Alex, Nikol, Jiri, Shane, Jon, Kris and
the teams

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GRANTA Medical Practices

Did you know

In January Granta Medical Practice's clinicians saw or spoke to 20,256 patients. This number includes urgent appointments, routine appointments and telephone appointments. Unfortunately, there were an extra 1,026 appointments that patients did not attend (DNA).

February's appointments totaled 17,876, but again there were an additional DNA's – 1,043!

Sometimes it can be difficult keeping to an appointment date and time. However, if you ring and cancel even half an hour beforehand we would be able to reuse your slot for another patient.

Please say instead of DNA!

You can also cancel your appointments online. Using SystmOnline allows you to book, cancel and rearrange appointments as well as requesting repeat medication and viewing your summary care record. Call into your local surgery or see our website for further information.

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Parsley



Sage



Rosemary



& Phil

Showers bring the garden to life and shrub and border plants are fresh and green and new flowers open every day.

As soon as foliage emerges on perennials that you feel were too big last year, lift and divide the clumps, they will look a bit thin to start with but will soon bulk up.

Its time to refresh containers, scrape off the top 50mm of compost, push in some slow release fertiliser pellets and top up with fresh compost.

Thinking about fertiliser, its worth remembering that bone meal is best to work into soil when planting a new plant, shrub or tree. Fish, blood and bone is effective when plants shrubs are in need of a boost and Growmore is a good all-rounder feed for established plants etc for healthy foliage and strong roots.

Make an early start and plant up hanging baskets, keep them under cover and have a fleece to hand in case of late frosts.

Continue to dead head daffodils and other Spring bulbs and when finished apply a general fertiliser around the whole area. The flowering process can use up a phenomenal amount of energy so it is worthwhile for beautiful blooms next year and beyond. A granular feed works well or a foliar feed watered in saves you trouble of having to water in the granular type.

Mow the lawn regularly this month, keeping the blades high. Sort out any gaps, bumps and hollows laying new turf as needed.

Above all enjoy the better weather and all the exciting things happening in your garden.

It's cold and wet out there but the weed seedlings are beginning to emerge, a sure sign it is time to start the plot for the year. I have been turning over the soil with a fork to take out the spaghetti-like couch grass roots. The bind weed and thistles are easy to deal with by hoeing during the year but the only way to get the couch grass out is to laboriously remove it by hand. Any that is left you are stuck with for the rest of the year.

I put my garlic in late this winter, not till January, but it is just beginning to shoot. I have also planted my onion sets and some broad beans that I grew in root trainers in the greenhouse. I tend to start most things in pots these days as I find the germination in the soil is so unpredictable.

This week I have set cabbages, cauli-flowers, Brussels, and calabrese. 3 inch pots, a dozen or so seeds to a pot and I will transplant them two individual pots once they have germinated. Pickling onions and Japanese spring onions I planted in trays of 1 inch modules. I set several seeds per module and will transplant them directly in blocks into the soil in a month or so. I find that they grow very well in clusters.

My tomato plants have now come up. I bought a couple of beautiful large toms in Sawston, I like them grilled for breakfast. They were awful, totally bland, a complete contrast to the ugly green striped ones that we ate in Valencia a couple of weeks ago that tasted a world apart. I tried to find the seed in Valencia and here without success so as a compromise I am growing some "black" tomatoes this year, Tula and Black Krim. Hoping for great things.



RECIPE RELAY



Our recipe this month is from Jack Page. Jack and I were reminiscing, and he told me that he liked to make a special fruit cake in the days when he did all his own cooking. He used to share it with friends and family who all enjoyed a slice or two. It took a while to hunt down the cookbook, but with the help of Kate Riley and sister Millie, the book was found.

This recipe is taken from the "English Electric" Cooker Book.

Linda

Jack's Currant Cake

INGREDIENTS

6oz butter or margarine

6oz castor sugar

3 eggs

Pinch of Salt

Half tsp vanilla essence

10oz self raising flour

8oz currants

Lukewarm milk to mix



Happy Times at Jack's 90th party

METHOD

Grease and flour a cake tin approximately 10x8 inches.

Cream the fat and sugar until light and creamy.

Beat in the eggs, one at a time, salt and vanilla essence.

Add the flour and fruit with just enough milk to make the batter a little less stiff but still firm enough to hold the fruit.

Bake for 1 1/4 - 1 1/2 hours at 350 degrees F (180 C or 160 Fan)

If you wish you can use the same quantity of fruit to make date, raisin or sultana cake.

Hinxton Events

April 2019

1st	Monday	
2nd	Tuesday	 BLUE & GREEN BINS
3rd	Wednesday	Great Chesterford Gardening Society AGM & plant sale
4th	Thursday	
5th	Friday	Hinxton Walkers meet at 09300 at the Bus Shelter
6th	Saturday	
7th	Sunday	6:30 Evensong
8th	Monday	715pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting
9th	Tuesday	 BLACK BIN
10th	Wednesday	NO Coffee Morning cue to half term
11th	Thursday	
12th	Friday	
13th	Saturday	Hinxton Village Spring Clean starts at 0930
14th	Sunday	PALM SUNDAY 10am THE DUXFORD PASSION
15th	Monday	8pm Compline
16th	Tuesday	 BLUE & GREEN BINS 10-1200 LEGO EASTER Duxford 8pm Compline
17th	Wednesday	10:00-12:00 MESSY EASTER Duxford Mobile Library at War memorial 12:20-12:30
18th	Thursday	MAUNDY THURSDAY
19th	Friday	GOOD FRIDAY 09:30 Easter Garden with Julie
20th	Saturday	
21st	Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY 10AM Festival Eucharist in each Church
22nd	Monday	BANK HOLIDAY
23rd	Tuesday	
24th	Wednesday	
25th	Thursday	 BLACK BIN note the day TIDDLERS 10-12:00 St Peters Duxford
26th	Friday	
27th	Saturday	Hinxton Churchyard Tidy Up 10am 27th Craft Cafe
28th	Sunday	8am BCP Communion
29th	Monday	
30th	Tuesday	

Notable Future Dates

May 1st Friends of Hinxton Church AGM in the village Hall at 7:30pm

May 11th Supper on the Run

May 12th Sawston Fun Run

June 4th/5th Dakotas to fly at Duxford

June 15th **VILLAGE FETE & FUN DOG SHOW**

July 13th **HINXTON GARDEN EVENING**

Aug 16th Red Lion Garden Party

Sept 8th **TUDOR FEAST**

Sept 28th **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Nov 10th Hinxton Comedy Hour

