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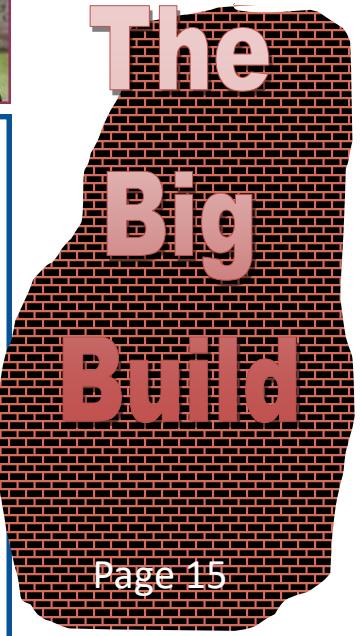
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from the Editor

The SmithsonHill development continues to be the main topic on the Parish Council agenda. We are very lucky to have such erudite and dedicated councillors who have waded through reams of documentation to produce an excellent and comprehensive rebuttal of this spurious planning application. Unfortunately, not everyone agrees and Sawston PC have caved in to the lure of more jobs. The other surrounding Parishes staunchly oppose it.

A leaflet was delivered to all households in Hinxton with the contact details to place your thoughts about this with South Cambs planning. Thankfully, many of you will have done that. To keep everyone smack up to date it may be necessary to put more information through your door, if it considered to be important or urgent enough.

It is interesting that a lady, who I happen to know quite well, recently returned a bag of potatoes to the shelf in Waitrose because she noticed that it was supplied by Robert Smith Farms Ltd. I'm sure he will get by somehow.

The weather continues to baffle. The very cold spell just after Christmas saw some snow settle briefly and I am hoping that some of you may have taken a photo or two to add to our stock. Just email them to me.

We would like to introduce a new feature called *The View from my Window (page 10)*. Hinxton has some wonderful outlooks and gardens so please share your favourite photographic view with us. (Name or address would not be revealed for obvious reasons.)

The Parish Council honoured Roy Ellis with a surprise gift to mark his big birthday and as a token of our appreciation for all he has done for the village. (p.9)

Whilst we are on the subject of FAMOUS people. It is the Queen's big birthday on 9th June this year which happens to be the date for our Village Fete. Unsurprisingly this will have a "Royal" theme. We can all help to make this a bumper event in a number of ways.

Dig out anything Royal tucked away in those cupboards, flags, mugs and memento's. Save cuttings and plants and clumps for the plant stall. Contact Ros Smith if you would like to be involved.

Mike

Joan Pettett 5.2.1935 - 18.1.2018

Although it is with sadness that we share the news of Joan's death, it is a blessing that she died quietly at home as she would have wished.

For those of you who didn't know her, Joan was born in Hinxton and had lived here all her life. She was a staunch member of Hinxton Church from her early childhood, singing in the choir, setting up and serving for communion, changing the altar cloths and carrying the processional cross on Remembrance Sunday.

She was a faithful and valued member of the PCC.

Joan was known to many of us for her love of gardening, having inherited her father's green fingers. She was never without a feline companion, and each cat who came to live with her knew they were onto a good thing! Joan was greatly appreciative of all the love and care shown towards her by many friends and neighbours.

She so enjoyed her 80th birthday party at the village hall, and the support given ever since.

"She touched the lives of so many Hinxtonians and she will be greatly missed.Julie Baillie

Next month's newsletter will contain a section dedicated to Joan's memory. If you have any special memories, anecdotes or reminiscences which you would like to share, please drop them in/send to the editor by the middle of February.



Church news

Christingle at Hinxton Church December 24th 2017

Thanks are given to all those who helped to make this such a wonderful occasion. Our nine junior and five senior elves constructed 90 christingles in a record 45 minutes on December 23rd. There were about 100 adults and 40 children, the youngest aged just 7 months, at the service on Christmas Eve, during which the crib was blessed and Petra explained the meaning of the symbols on the orange. The singing of 'Away in a Manger', by candlelight, never fails to bring a lump to the throat and tears to the eyes and it is amazing to experience complete silence during the brief time of prayer. The offertory for The Children's Society was

£328.15p

and gift aid reclamation will add nearly another £40. The first Christingle Service was held at Hinxton Church on Christmas Eve in 1989 and there has been a service every year since. It is a great joy to have folk, who once took part as children, now bringing their growing families to share in this lovely gathering.

Julie Baillie, LLM/Reader

Collection for Children The Children's Society

This year's house to house collection will be held from April 14 – 28. If you would like to help by calling at a few houses with a special collection box, please let me know as soon as possible. Your donations will be used to support the most vulnerable children and young people in our country.

Julie Baillie,
Local Representative for The Children's Society.
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Women's World Day of Prayer St.Peter's Church, Duxford on March 2nd at 3.00pm

Everyone is invited to attend this service, one of over 5,000 identical services being held around the world on March 2nd. This year's service has been written by the women of Suriname in South America. The theme is

'All God's Creation is Very Good'.

This is not simply a day of prayer for women, but for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it. All are welcome and there will be tea after the service!

Julie Baillie, LLM/Reader

Hinxton Carol Singing

The community spirit of Hinxton has always been a powerful force – it is a village where people give generously and often to a variety of good causes. However, it was especially touching to witness the warmth of neighbours towards a determined band of Church carollers on a cold, very cold, December night.

Two hours of singing raised £564.52 for the starving families of the **Rohingyas**.

Even better news is that this money will be part of funds for an appeal that has attracted **AID MATCH** ie. a promise from the British government to match penny for penny money raised by Concern UK, a development charity that works in more than 25 countries with the poorest of the poor.

That means the final total will be **£1,139.04**

As £400 could provide 15 families with two weeks worth of food so "*you'd be making a massive difference to some very vulnerable children and adults here*", according to Suzi McIlwain, Concern's community fund raising manager.

Once again, thanks to all those who turned out to sing and to listen (it was perishing on the doorstep) – and to the Church for making it possible.

Chris Elliott

A message from Petra

I am writing this on a dull January day. Looking out of my study window, I can see the Christmas tree stripped of its decorations and lying on its side waiting to be disposed of.

Taking the Christmas tree down always feels a bit sad. I get used to the lights and colours and the sense of the festive and while, in all other ways, it's often a relief to get back to normality, I miss the tree. Traditionally they come down at Twelfth night, but I would much rather leave ours up until Candlemas on the 2nd February as they do in many other countries. I did one year and it nearly drove my husband nuts. The neighbours thought we'd gone slightly mad too! In many places cribs are also left in place until Candlemas.

In Church, Candlemas brings the season of Epiphany to an end and so is the point at which we turn from Christmas towards Lent and then Easter; so it's a kind of pivotal point in the Church calendar. It commemorates the visit of Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem and the meeting with Simeon, the old man who recognises the tiny child as the bringer of salvation and the light of the world.

"Lord, your servant can now depart in peace ...

for my eyes have seen your salvation ... a light to lighten the Gentiles."

Traditionally, people would bring their candles to church to be blessed and then used for the rest of the year. It's a source of light at an otherwise dull time of the year. It's also a reminder that we can't leave the baby in the crib forever. The story doesn't end with the birth of a baby; that's just the beginning. Simeon says to Mary,

"This child will be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

The story is one of a child who grew into a man who challenged the corruption of the political systems; who challenged the marginalisation of the poor, the sick, the fallen and failed, women and foreigners. He was such a thorn in

the side of the authorities, they had him executed as a common criminal on a trumped up charge of blasphemy. Of course, God turns around that story of apparent failure on Easter Day and it becomes a story of the ultimate triumph of goodness.

It's easy to think of the Christmas story as a lovely, sweet story of the birth of a baby – and it is that. But it is also the story of a baby born into a world every bit as corrupt and fragile as the world is today. It's a story that calls each one of us to challenge every injustice, oppression, inequality, every violent act or word, to work tirelessly for peace and to make the world a better place into which our own children and grand-children are born.

CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

February 4th

8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	Duxford
10.00 am	All-age communion Service	Ickleton
6.30 pm	Evensong BCP	Hinxton

February 11th

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Hinxton
10.00 am	Parish Communion	Duxford
5.30 pm	Taize Service	Ickleton
6.00 pm	YOUTHINC	Hinxton Village Hall

February 14th ASH WEDNESDAY

6.30 pm Communion with Imposition of Ashes Duxford

February 18th

8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	Ickleton
10.00 am	Parish Communion	Hinxton
6.30 pm	Evening service with prayer for healing and wholeness	Duxford

February 25th

8.00 am	Holy communion BCP	Hinxton
10.00 am	All Age Communion	Duxford
6.30 pm	Evensong BCP	Hinxton

Wednesday 2nd March

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

3.00 pm Service followed by tea ALL WELCOME

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ANY OR ALL OF THE ABOVE.

Coffee Mornings

The monthly Hinxton coffee morning will not be held in February as it falls during half term when the Village Hall will be occupied by the children's holiday club.

The next one will be on Wednesday 14th March between 10 – 12 noon.

Owing to the very small number attending recent occasions, the March coffee morning will serve as a guide as to whether these should be continued or not.

Virginia Walker

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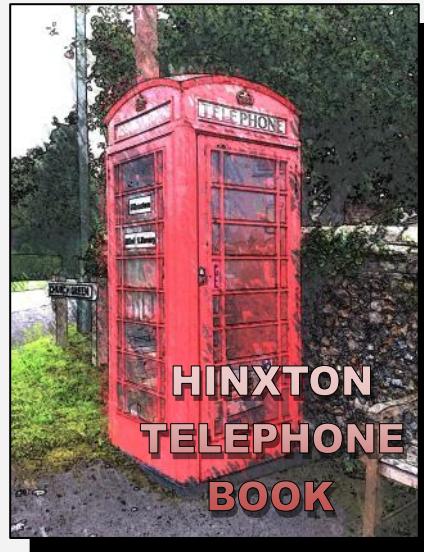
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*Well done
Rosemary Breen.
Her lovely Crocus
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on sale in the Saffron
Walden Tourist office
in the Market Square
with the proceeds
going to benefit our
church.*



This badge was recently found outside a wine merchant in Saffron Walden.

The search continues.



For those of you who haven't got one, copies of the new Hinxton Telephone Book can be obtained from Rosemary Breen
Her contact details can be found in the
Hinxton Telephone Book



LATE NEWS : The Wellcome Campus Invitation to discuss future growth

A number of Hinxtonians attended an initial consultation session at the Human Genome Campus on Saturday 27 January to discuss the expansion of the Campus onto the farmland east of the A1301.

No details were provided at this point, but it was clear that the general concept was much the same as the “**Campus Vision**” of 2015 ie additional genome research buildings, buildings to house fledgling businesses based on genomics research, and housing.

Several of their consultants were there, focusing on transport, traffic, landscape, and amenities that might be desirable for the village.

The next major step will be a roll-out of a more detailed proposal in March, preparation of a formal outline planning application over the summer and early autumn, and filing that application with the SCDC before the end of the year.

Richard Jones

E V E N T S

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WORLD

in

1938

Anthony Eden resigns as Foreign Secretary

Gas masks are issued to the civilian population

The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race is first televised on the BBC

The Beano comic first goes on sale featuring the character Lord Snooty

Paul Daniels, Diana Rigg and Terry Wogan are born

Walt Disney's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* is released

Neville Chamberlain meets Adolf Hitler later giving his famous *Peace for our time* speech

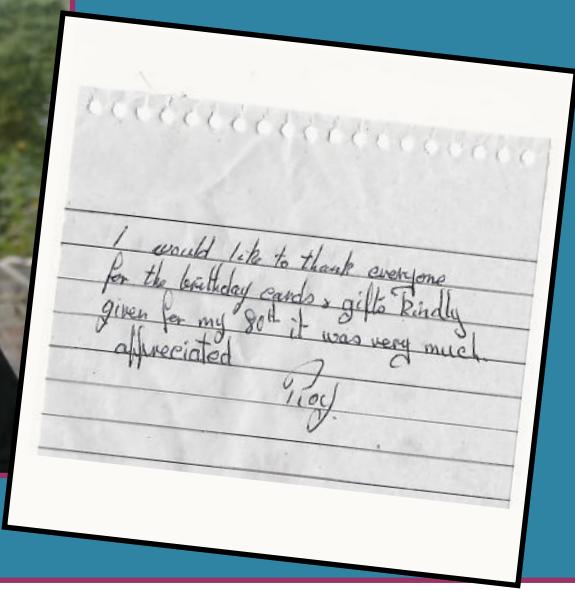
English cricketer Len Hutton scores a record Test score of 364 runs in a match against Australia

RMS *Queen Elizabeth* is launched at Clydebank

andRoy Ellis is born



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROY



Just outside the beautiful village of Hinxton is a town called Saffron Walden... quite pretty in its own way, albeit troops in the Second World War used to call it 'Sufferin' Boredom'. It is far from boring nowadays. Not only does it boast a cinema, and a concert hall but it now has its very own Arts Centre and it is from the Arts Centre that I run a Life Drawing Class every Tuesday evening from 7.30 – 9.30pm.

In my case I couldn't draw for toffee six years ago. I was such a disappointment to my grandchildren. My dogs looked like cats, my buildings looked like wonky boxes and as for people, even a very primitive monkey would have been insulted.

I decided to try for a life class and find myself a really good tutor and search out some professional models. (Not an easy thing to do in Saffron Walden.) *Not as traumatic as for a friend of mine in Italy whose very first life class was raided by the local police!* However, the life class at the Fairycroft House Arts Centre, on the corner of Audley Roadm (just above Waitrose) has flourished ever since, both for absolute beginners, like me as well as for proper artists. I don't make a penny profit from the classes, but then that wasn't my plan.

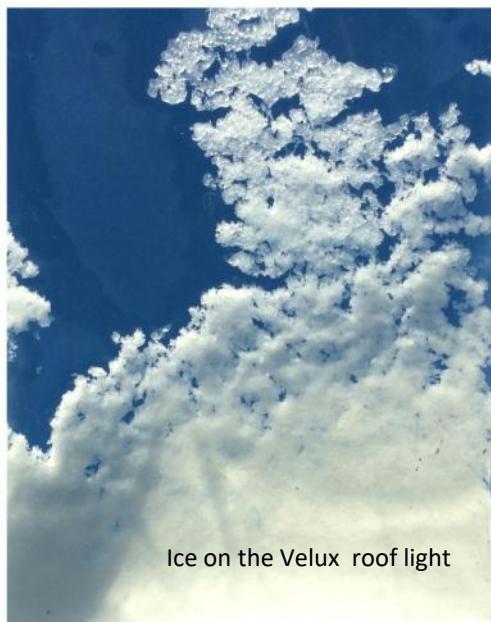
Anyone can be taught to draw, I have discovered, even me. Now I travel without a camera and simply pack a sketch book instead. Properly looking and seeing things around me have truly opened my eyes too. So, what could be better, on a Winter's evening, than to be amongst a friendly crowd of all ages drawing a brilliant model with an amiable tutor - in the warm?

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By Ian Miller

The View from my Window.....28th December



Ice on the Velux roof light



Orange sunset over the barns

R O S E M A R Y ` S R A M B L I N G S

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For me this month is full of excitement as so many spring flowering bulbs start to appear. February is a mixed month and we are likely to see the coldest of the weather but remember spring is just round the corner.

Some jobs that your garden will thank you for, check protection you have on tender plants, keep feeding garden birds and remember how much they need water, this time of the year it may well not thaw during the day. Recent research has pointed clearly to the fact that areas where birds are fed must be kept clean to minimise the risk of infections that can prove fatal.

February is an excellent time to

cut back hedges and mulch them, if you are planning to plant new trees, shrubs or hedging now is an appropriate time if the ground is not frozen. If you have the lovely winter flowering jasmine it will need some help from you or it will end up as a messy bundle. Cut out any dead or damaged stems, tie in the new ones and tie back to a framework.

Apply a general fertiliser and a good bulky mulch around the base of trees, shrubs and climbers remembering to always apply the mulch when the soil is moist, this is not a problem in Hinxton just now!

If you are planning to sow

vegetable seeds outside later this month it is worth covering the soil with cloches or a double layer of fleece or polythene to keep rain off and warm up the soil. In the kitchen garden prune fruit trees and apply a winter wash of tar oil. Blueberries, currants and gooseberries may be pruned, and autumn flowering raspberries should be cut to the ground.

This is not a high-pressure time in the garden however there is no doubt that being outside and seeing the early plant activity is immensely good for you and certainly will cheer you up on a gloomy day.





THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY



The overall population of the Hundred Parishes increased by around 1% a year between the last two censuses, 2001 and 2011. As district councils finalise Local Plans for the next 15 years, generally catering for even faster population growth, there is concern that our familiar landscapes will undergo significant change. We may be able to take comfort from the European Landscape Convention, to which the UK is a signatory. This encourages local authorities to introduce exemplary, long-lasting policies or measures to protect, manage and plan landscapes. The overall aim is to achieve sustainable landscapes that are as visually biodiverse and as culturally rich as possible, thus meeting society's social, economic and environmental needs. The character of our villages and small towns and their setting within the wider landscape are fundamental aspects of what gives the Hundred Parishes its sense of place. Responsibility for keeping it special is vested in our elected representatives.

I encourage you to observe, enjoy and perhaps photograph the seasonal changes within your surrounding countryside. Sown crops germinate, flourish and are harvested. Trees mature or are felled. Fresh leaves soften bare twigs in spring and fall again in autumn. This cyclical rhythm has inspired many local, notable artists and examples of their work can be viewed in the Fry Art Gallery in Saffron Walden.

The Gallery traditionally closes for the winter months, but this year there is an exhibition at Fry Art Gallery Too, located next to the main entrance gates of Saffron Walden Museum, in Museum Street, Saffron Walden. Gallery Too is open until 25th March 2018 on Saturdays from 11am to 5pm and Sundays from 2.15pm to 5pm. The Museum is always worth another visit. Winter opening times are 10am to 4:30pm Tuesdays to Saturdays and 2pm to 4:30pm on Sundays.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee

February 10th

Hinxton Village Hall

if you would like to come, but cannot enter a team of your own, you would still be very welcome.

We will find a friendly team you can join!

You should register with Ros 532064

QUIZ
NIGHT

RECIPE RELAY



My Mother's Recipes by Steve Trudgill

I inherited a collection of mother's recipes. I love reading how during the war she made something tasty with so little available, for example an entry in her wartime diary reads: 'had an egg today'. The exception was when Grandpa had shot a rabbit – he was a Norfolk farm steward and Granny sometimes posted a rabbit, just as it was, with a label round its leg to Mum and Dad in Norwich. [1oz = 28g; 1/2lb = 227g; gas mark 6 = 200oC; 1 pint = 568ml]

Cheese Dumplings (a meal for when there is no meat; makes the cheese and egg go further)

4oz self-raising flour, 4 oz grated cheddar cheese, pinch of English mustard, salt and pepper to season, 1 egg, 1 small onion skinned and chopped 1 level teaspoon of chopped parsley. Sift the flour into a bowl. Stir in the cheese, mustard and salt and pepper. Add the beaten egg and enough cold water to make a soft dough. Shape into 8 dumplings. Put onion in a large pan with the bay leaf. Add some water and salt and pepper and bring to the boil then add the dumplings. Cover and simmer 20 minutes.



Lift out the dumplings, drain well and toss in the Parsley. Use the liquid with onions to make a gravy with gravy browning and/or stir in a spoonful or Bovril or Marmite if available, removing the bay leaf. Serve with any available vegetables.

Cheese Plait. Roll the pastry (8oz flour, 4oz fat) into a square. Peel and sliced ½ lb potatoes, 1 carrot, 1 small

turnip. Boil the potatoes, carrot and turnips for 20 mins. Cut into small cubes. Chop a large onion and fry in 1oz margarine. Grate 4oz cheddar and mix 3oz with all the vegetables and season. Spread in a strip down the centre of the pastry and cut the sides into strips at an angle, folding them across the centre alternately. Brush with milk and sprinkle 1oz cheese on top. Cook in oven on greased baking tray at gas Mark 6 for 45 mins.

Ratatouille. [I see from websites that the version we now know with aubergine, courgettes, peppers and tomatoes is relatively recent - so while the recipe below might looked impoverished it might actually be an earlier version of older origin.]. Half cook 4 carrots, 4 potatoes, 4 small turnips and/or a swede and 2 sticks celery and add a few mushrooms and courgette if available. 3 onions chopped. 2 oz margarine. Herbs as available. Chop half cooked vegetables into small equal pieces and sauté with the onions in the melted margarine in a pan with seasoning till just tender.

Mock Crab [would this fool anybody? Though maybe it made a small amount of fish go further and was tastier than plain fish]. Use white fish, cook and flake. Make white sauce and stir in tomato sauce (2-4 teaspoons per pint), pour over fish. Garnish with tomato and chopped hard-boiled egg.

Impossible Pie [this was a post-war fun recipe using a blender or electric whisk: You mix everything together and it magically sorts itself out into layers during cooking]. Blend together till smooth 4 size 3 eggs [whatever they were], 2 oz margarine, 6 oz caster sugar, 3 oz plain flour, ½ tsp baking powder, ¾ pint milk, 4 desiccated coconut and 1 tsp vanilla essence. Pour into prepared greased 8in pie dish in oven at 350oF/80oC/gas mark 4 [very 'modern' that all 3 measures are given] for about 1 hour. When ready a knife inserted should come out clean. As the pie cooks it forms a crust on the bottom with a custard filling and coconut topping.

TINNITUS WEEK 2018

5-11 February

At angliEAR Hearing we have a passion for helping people with Tinnitus. So for Tinnitus Week we have set ourselves a target to raise awareness with at least 100,000 people with our events programme. So here's what we will be doing:

What's Tinnitus?

Our audiologist Trevor Chapman will be on the Jeremy Sallis Show on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire between 12:15 & 12:45 talking about Tinnitus.

Children with Tinnitus

It is a popular misconception that children don't get tinnitus. Preventing & Educating children on hearing loss and Tinnitus can help reduce problems for their future.

We will be holding a Live Facebook Q&A between 12:30 & 13:30 with our audiologist Dr Stephanie Brushett to answer your questions.

Your GP appointment

Getting the most out of your GP appointment. We will share helpful information on contacting your GP, what you should expect from the appointment and how your GP should deal with Tinnitus.

You don't understand

The impact of Tinnitus on your friends, family, colleague's. What does it feel like having tinnitus and how does it effect their lives. We will share information for you to have with those closest to you.

All about Tinnitus

We will hold our final Live Facebook Q&A between 12:30 & 13:30 of the week to catch up anything you might have missed and make sure we really have fulfilled our Tinnitus target of reaching 100,000 people during the week.



Not been able to make a session or have specific questions call us on 01223 661399.
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Monday 5th

Tuesday 6th

Wednesday 7th

Thursday 8th

Friday 9th

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Anyone who watches Grand Designs will know that tears and moments of jeopardy - will they get permission/find the money - are inevitable. Well we did/somehow we have and Phase 2 of the Manor House renovation programme is finally completed. The six month build has definitely been'a journey'.

The curious and highly impractical octagonal structure was challenging to the last, as the builders discovered a solid one metre deep concrete plug beneath the shallow foundations. The room at the west end of the house was repurposed from a study into a temporary kitchen, along with the small bedroom which became the prep room, with a great outlook onto Red Lion Square. I've run up and down a lot of stairs since June, and have become very adept with a small combination oven, a slow cooker and a portable induction hob. I have even made cakes every day for the builders—they once asked if I really needed a new kitchen.

We were delighted as the new building started to take shape, to see how well it blends with the old house. The significant difference lies in the vast quantities of sheep's wool and Celotex that are packed into the walls, which mean it'll be warm in winter and comfortable in summer. A particular highlight was the first time we were able to look out of the first floor window across Knights Close and the fields beyond. Truly a room with a view.

The finishing touch has been the outside space, with a path across the garden to the new entrance hall in the widened link, and an enlarged patio area at the rear.

*We commissioned a replica of the original 17th century oak front door, accurate in every aspect other than it is a more suitable height for 21st century people.
If you're passing, do come and knock.*

As this goes to press, I am slowly working out where everything will go in the new space - a bit like playing Solitaire! It has been twenty six weeks of pain and pleasure in almost equal measure, but we are sure we made the right decision to start again from scratch.

The Manor has stood for almost 600 years, and seen many changes. We can only hope that our contribution will stand the test of time.

Sara & Howard Varey



This is my first newsletter of 2018 and I would like to begin by wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year! It was an incredibly busy end to last year and is shaping up to be more of the same in 2018!

Having recovered fully from being sawn in half(!) at the Cambourne lights switch on event, I was able to join local residents for some of their Christmas celebrations. I always enjoy carol services and this year was no exception. I joined residents in Papworth Everard ("Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" a highlight for me!) for their community carol service and attended the Christmas service at Holy Trinity Church in Elsworth. I was honoured to be asked to read one of the lessons and reflected on the work local community and faith groups do to bring people together not just at Christmas, but throughout the year. Our communities are stronger because of them.

I was also pleased to be asked to record a message for "Talking News for the Blind" which is provided to about 200 blind and partially sighted people in Cambridge and surrounding villages. This local charity does vital work to bring information and news to people who may feel isolated otherwise.

Last month, I invited Robert Halfon MP to South Cambs so he could see the excellent work undertaken at Villiers Park in Foxton. Robert is the Chair of the House of Commons Education Select Committee and understands the role education plays in social mobility.



Villiers Park are a phenomenal education charity who actively seek out the brightest kids from the poorest backgrounds, in the most deprived parts of the UK. They work with them over a number of years, mentoring and supporting them to achieve their potential and a place at a top University or high level apprenticeship. I am keen to help them expand, so if you work for an organisation who may be interested in sponsoring them, please do get in touch with me or them directly at www.villierspark.org.uk

Back in Westminster, the Agriculture Minister George Eustice kindly agreed to meet with some of my South Cambs farmers to

discuss what life might be like for them outside the EU. We had a full and frank discussion about what small and large farmers will need to keep this vital industry profitable. We all agreed it was a very worthwhile meeting and took great reassurance from George's understanding of the challenges the industry faces.

A common theme in my newsletters is my ambition to get round every school in South Cambs. First off, I took some pretty tough questions from Great and Little Shelford Primary's School Council! It was also great to be back at Cambourne Village College to hear from students who are members of CAMnesty, the Cambourne Amnesty youth group. The optimism and straightforwardness of young minds gives me a great energy boost. Finally, I visited Vine Inter-Church Primary School in Cambourne to understand the challenges facing a rapidly growing village with a constantly shifting population. The dedication of the staff and head teachers I meet in every school is humbling. It is always evident that every member of staff is completely and utterly committed to the children they teach.

Oakington's latest community facility is now open! Crossways CommuniTea Café at 1 Longstanton Road, Oakington is a social enterprise with the aim of bringing the community together in a warm and welcoming environment.

It was a pleasure to do the honours and cut the ribbon (I was allowed proper grown up scissors on this occasion!) I hope you will be able to support the café by popping in soon for a cuppa. I can confirm beyond all doubt that they make a cracking brew!

Cambridgeshire's Police and Crime Commissioner is seeking views on their share of your council tax. They are proposing to increase it by £12 per year per household (based on a Band D property) in order to provide more front line police officers.

The survey runs until the 29th January and can be found at - www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W3CD8P3

Since my last newsletter in December, I have held two surgeries - one in Gamlingay and one in Great Shelford. Listening to the views and concerns of constituents and helping them with issues affecting their lives is an important part of my role.

My next surgery will be on 3rd February 11am–1pm at the Hare and Hounds, 60 High Street, Harlton CB23 1ES. All are welcome so I like to run a "no appointment necessary" system, but the last surgery was incredibly busy so I'd recommend you get there early if you can.

Details of all upcoming surgeries can be found on my website - www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk. To contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk. You can also phone my Westminster office on 020 7219 5091 about national issues or my constituency office on 01223 830037 for local concerns.

See you next month!

Summary Minutes of Hinxton Parish Council Meeting held on 8th January 2018

At the start the Council wished Happy 80th birthday to **Roy Ellis**, who served on the Parish Council for over 30 years - he was presented with a small gift of appreciation.

North Uttlesford Garden Community – a meeting had been held with the Great Chesterford PC Chairman; the Uttlesford DC planning process has been delayed, further consultations are to be held

Smithson Hill Agri-Tech planning application - a draft PC response to the application was discussed. Points to be added concerned increased noise levels, light and air pollution and building heights. Traffic numbers from local survey will be collated. A leaflet would be distributed to all residents in the village encouraging them to send SCDC their comments. Copies will be sent to neighbouring Parish Councils. Letters will be sent to local press and politicians. RSPB and CPRE will also be contacted to send their views.

Wellcome Trust – the lime trees on the allotments have been removed and the dip in the road has been levelled. The elm tree has not yet been removed, neither have the replacement trees on Knights Close been planted. Iron Bridge – although there will be further discussions with the Wellcome Trust, it is hoped that restoration work will take place in the Spring.

Local Highways Improvement Initiative - we would meet with the Highways committee on the 5th February to discuss our application for replacing the damaged posts and rails alongside the river on Ickleton Road.

Speed reductions – following discussions with the CCC Highways engineer there was to be consideration of the possibility of cautionary signs and of a cycle/footpath along the roads to Ickleton and Duxford.

Mill Sluice - no further news; this is the responsibility of Cambridge Past Present & Future who own the Mill.

Sawston Trade Park development – there was to be a hearing on 10th January. Pampisford PC will be presenting concerns on behalf of Duxford, Hinxton and Ickleton. Tony Orgee will be there.

Flooding at North End Rd – the pipe has been cleared again but there is likely to be a need to drill out the obstructing roots and/or replace the pipes completely.

Local Bus Service – we had attended a meeting on this. Hinxton PC approved ‘option 1’– providing route loops locally between Hinxton, Whittlesford Pkwy station, Whittlesford, the IWM, and Sawston.

School Bus - the service has reverted to its original format of 2 buses so children have shorter journeys to school; this is for a trial period. As a result, more parents are sending their children on the bus so there are less cars going to Duxford school.

Playground report - the Os&Xs game will be removed until its rotten posts can be replaced. The flint wall is in a poor state. This has been inspected and there are options to repair or replace. Grants will be looked into to help with these repairs.

Allotments - most agreements have been received and rents have been paid.

Litter near Ford - still a problem, and we shall discuss with the new manager of McDonalds.

Computer purchase for Parish Council - it was agreed we should purchase a dedicated computer and software for Parish business and that Clerk should apply for a grant.

Budget and Precept - an analysis of the last few years' budgets was discussed and what future needs may be. We have new commitments to carry out, including the footpath license, repairs to the Village Hall and playground, as well as any possible future costs involved with local planning applications. It was proposed to increase this by 10%; the new figure would be £12,556. All in favour with one abstention.

Defibrillator for the village - it was agreed that this was a good idea and it would be added to our ‘wish-list’, with an enquiry into any grants that may be available. It could be placed in the entrance porch of the Village Hall.



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CPRE Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is our local branch of CPRE, a national charity. We speak up for the English countryside: to protect it from the threats it faces, and to shape its future for the better

Dear Ms Christodoulides

S/4099/17/OL Development of an AgriTech technology park, Hinxton.

CPRE Cambridgeshire & Peterborough objects to this application for the following reasons:

(1) Building in countryside. The site is in open countryside as defined by South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2004 and therefore development would be contrary to policies which limit housing and employment land to within the defined settlement boundaries. The emerging 2014 Local Plan Policy S/7 Development Frameworks states at para.2 'Outside Development frameworks, only development for agriculture, horticulture, forestry, outdoor recreation and other uses which need to be located in the countryside or where supported by other policies in the plan will be permitted.' We submit that office blocks do not qualify as permitted development.

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014 has been subjected to extensive review by the Inspectors. The proposed Modifications (published 5 January 2018) do not show that the proposed AgriTech site has been allocated for development

CPRE strongly believes that any major employment development proposals in the countryside should be raised by the review of the Local Plan where the merits of any such proposal can be examined in the light of the employment requirements for the district as a whole.

(2) Green belt. It is noted that a small proportion of the application site is for a bus/cycle interchange site at Whittlesford rail station. While the provision of facilities for buses and cycles can be commended, we object to the apparent necessity to use 7 ha for this purpose. The proposed use would encroach on the value of the green belt in maintaining countryside around settlements within the green belt.

(3) Loss of arable land and effect on the landscape. We note in the Planning Statement para.6.27 that the applicant disparagingly states that 'The proposed development will transform an ecologically barren and intensive agricultural landscape into a high quality parkland setting for the park for AgriTech...' We do not dispute that modern farming practices in the East of England can result in large areas of intensively cultivated land which are low in biodiversity. However we submit that the way to counter this is to plant more wildlife friendly features such as hedges, copses, wide field margins, not by erecting buildings and adding some park-like features.

The undulating rural landscape around Hinxton is worthy of protection and should not be urbanised by a large cluster of buildings.

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(4) Biodiversity We are concerned at the loss of habitat, particularly for overwintering birds. While the Planning Statement (para.6.32) states *A number of enhancement measures are proposed to improve the biodiversity of the site, including:*

- *Provision of bird boxes within the parkland*
- *Provision of bat boxes within the parkland*
- *Creating new areas of calcareous grassland*
- *Scrub planting along the proposed bunds*

we do not believe that these mitigating measures would in any way compensate for the loss of this valuable habitat.

(5) Traffic on rural roads. However laudable the intention to increase use of trains, buses and cycles, we believe it is inevitable that a development capable of accommodating 4,000 employees will generate many car journeys and that these will overwhelm the capacity of local roads.

Moreover in the last couple of years, Welch's Transport has been built at the edge of Duxford, erasing an area of countryside surrounding the village. The AgriTech development would be another incremental and permanent erosion of the countryside.

(6) Light pollution We are concerned that the light emitting from the buildings and car parks will add to the light pollution in this rural landscape and further add to the urbanisation of the district.

(7) Flooding. We note that the applicant at Planning Statement para.6.56 discussed the management of flood risk and surface water drainage. We urge the Planning Officers to examine closely whether such management will be effective in reducing flood risk - both at the site and at the nearby River Cam.

(8) Speculative Development. We note that the applicant is keen to describe why the site is best suited to assist the AgriTech business and cites some 13 institutions connected with agriculture and its technology. However, we also noted that only 3 institutions have submitted letters of support for the concept and none has actually said that they desperately need space into which to expand and would definitely be interested in occupying one of the buildings. We therefore urge the Planning Officers to carefully examine the business case for this AgriTech enterprise and to ensure that it would therefore be worth the price of sacrificing a chunk of South Cambridgeshire countryside.

(9) Summary. We urge the Planning Officers to note our eight main objections to the application and to refuse the application.

Finally, please note that our submission is in respect of the proposed development. While we have taken every effort to present accurate information for your consideration, as we are not a decision maker or statutory consultee, we cannot accept any responsibility for unintentional errors or omissions and you should satisfy yourselves on any facts before reaching your decision.

Yours sincerely

Shirley Fieldhouse

CPRE Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

HINXTON PARISH COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE – 29th January 2018

PARISH OPPOSES PLANNING APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS PARK

Hinxton Parish is opposing a planning application to South Cambridgeshire District Council for a business park to be built on its fields. The proposal, by SmithsonHill Ltd, is for a purported ‘AgriTech’ technology park on open farmland between Pampisford and Hinxton. The Hinxton Parish Council has just submitted its reasons for opposing this. They are to be found at:

<http://www.hinxton-pc.org.uk/community/hinxton-parish-council-7847/documents/>

Key points in the parish’s argument are:

1. The proposed business park would place 4000 employees in a large number of two and three storey office blocks and warehouses on open farmland between Cambridge and Saffron Walden.
2. The claim that the proposed business park would specialise in meeting world food problems is specious and not matched by credible plans. No established scientific or major food technology organisations are committed to the site. There are no constraints on the type of business which it might attract.
3. The chosen farmland in Hinxton is poorly placed for agri-technology. There is no reason why the business park should be sited on green fields other than the landowner’s wish for a better financial return.
4. There would be increased delays due to extra traffic in already congested parts of the A505 and A1301. The application’s traffic analysis is contradicted by independent surveys. The developer’s proposals to mitigate traffic problems are inadequate and unfunded.
5. The proposed business park would endanger Cambridge’s water supplies, risk flooding down the Cam valley, and damage biodiversity, including rare bird species. It would be a substantial eyesore on the open rolling countryside to the south of Cambridge.
6. The proposed development site is not in the South Cambridgeshire’s current plan, nor its draft Local Plan.

For further information contact

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13th October

17th November

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Please contact me for more information

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February Greetings to Hinxton Villagers

from all at The Red Lion Inn

Some dates for your 2018 diary:

Next Village Night to be confirmed

Wednesday 14th February

St Valentine's Menu – special Jordan Cummings menu

A la carte also available. Prior booking only.

Sunday 11th March

Mothering Sunday – book early advised

Friday 16th March

We are hosting our 9th Dining in the Dark

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

"Pint of Theatre" is back!

Saturday 19th May 2 course dinner and 50 minutes of theatre

Friday 23rd February and Friday 27th April at the Black Bull

"Pint of Jazz" Friday nights at The Black Bull

–

see website for dates

We look forward to welcoming you & your friends



Proposal for new Collections and Conservation Centre at IWM Duxford

Resident's community evening

Wednesday 7th February 2018

Between 6pm and 8pm

Concorde Room, IWM Duxford

As part of a 20 year Masterplan Vision, IWM Duxford proposes the creation of a new Care and Conservation Centre at the west side of the museum site south of the A505.

IWM Duxford has traditionally been known for its large exhibits and is internationally renowned for its aircraft, vehicles and artillery. It is home to one of the largest collections of military and civilian aircraft in Europe and is recognised for the skilled conservation work carried out by staff and volunteers.

The Care and Conservation Centre will provide the essential storage space needed for IWM's large object collection, alongside a modern bespoke facility for their conservation.

We'd like to share our plans with you and to give you an overview of this project. There will be short introductory presentations at 6.15pm and 7pm each followed by light refreshments and the opportunity to talk with IWM staff.

No confirmation of attendance is required; please just drop in to see us. Please enter through the staff entrance off the A505. You'll be directed to parking and the Concorde Room.

If you have any questions about this session please contact the Masterplanning team at dxfuture@iwm.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you at the event

Best Wishes

John Brown

Executive Director, Commerce and Operations, Imperial War Museum

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HINXTON EVENTS ~ February 2018

Notable Future Dates

1st	Thursday	
2nd	Friday	Hinxton Walkers meet 09:30 Village Hall
3rd	Saturday	
4th	Sunday	6.30 pm Evensong
5th	Monday	
6th	Tuesday	 GREEN & BLUE BIN COLLECTION
7th	Wednesday	
8th	Thursday	
9th	Friday	
10th	Saturday	QUIZ NIGHT 7:30 Village Hall
11th	Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion 6.00pm Youthinc Village Hall
12th	Monday	
13th	Tuesday	 Shrove Tuesday BLACK BIN COLLECTION
14th	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Valentines Day Mobile Library 12.20-12.35 at the War Memorial
15th	Thursday	
16th	Friday	
17th	Saturday	"Supper on the Run"
18th	Sunday	10.00 am Parish Communion
19th	Monday	
20th	Tuesday	 GREEN & BLUE BIN COLLECTION
21st	Wednesday	
22nd	Thursday	10 Tiddlers (Toddler Group) St.Peters , Duxford
23rd	Friday	
24th	Saturday	
25th	Sunday	6.30 pm Evensong
26th	Monday	
27th	Tuesday	 BLACK BIN COLLECTION
28th	Wednesday	

March
9th

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10th

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March
14th

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April
14th

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June
9th

Village Fete

July
13th

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