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from the Editor

Canines and Australia feature strongly this month and it is with great pleasure we can formally announce that there will be a **Fun Dog Show** alongside the fete this year.

More details will appear in our April issue but the arrangements are well underway.

The front page is a brilliant photo sent in by **Jennie Scott** of her labradoodle called Pickles enjoying the brief spell of snowy weather at the start of February. **Recipe Relay** came all the way from the Antipodes in **Linda's** suitcase! Anzac biscuits....lovely.

You can also enjoy the first of many **Letters from Oz** from **Theresa**, who is just settling down with family in Melbourne.

Look also on page 4 where you will see an unusual view of our Church in the snow taken by **Julia Lowndes** from her house.

Its no secret that I like to collect photos of a snowbound Hinxton, so if you have any tucked away please forward them to me.

There is nothing from **Heidi Allen's** office this month but we have a promise of a newsletter in March. All totally understandable in the circumstances. Whatever your opinion on this turn of events we will still continue to publish her writings whilst she remains our MP.

Supper on the Run has had to be postponed owing to the threat of illness, also known as the High Street Lurgy which swept through the village like a medieval plague.

The new date is in May so there is still time to join in.

We have other big nights out this month starting with **Bingo for Vegetables**, closely followed by the ever popular **Quiz Night**.

Huge respect to our Parish Councillors for the credible way they have handled the serious issues surrounding the Wellcome Trust expansion application.

Letters can be seen on pages 6/7.

An old village friend and ex-editor of Hinxton News, **Mirna Allen** came home recently to clear the garage before selling her old house They discovered a box of back copies of HN going back to 1986.

Where is Theresa when you need her?

Now the daffodils are all showing and the **Deanery Fair** is on the horizon it looks like Spring is here but there is still a chance of a cold snap.

Remember, this time last year we were enjoying

The Beast from the East!



IMPORTANT

The Iron Bridge

The Environment Agency has now approved the Wellcome Trust's decision to replace the iron bridge on the Cam following an environmental assessment. The intention is to create the access for the work, so that a route has been established before the nesting season starts.

Given this detail, the works should hopefully start by April and take about 10 days.

Illicit and unsafe use of the old bridge is, however, a matter of considerable concern to the Trust.

Could people please keep off the bridge until it has been replaced as any incident could jeopardise the replacement?

Thank you.

Notice from the Parish Council

St Mary & St John

A BRIEF HISTORY LESSON

The church of *ST. MARY AND ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST* has borne that name since the later 19th century, before which it was dedicated only to

St. Mary. The church is built of rubble with ashlar dressings and has a chancel with transeptal south chapel, nave with south aisle and porch, and west tower with a lead-covered spire. Parts of the nave and west tower survive from a late-12th-century building, and the chancel was probably rebuilt in the earlier 14th century when the south chapel was added. The chapel incorporates an east window of 13th-century design, completely restored in the 19th century, which may have been reset from the earlier chancel.

The nave was refurbished later in the 14th century, when its north windows and roof were renewed and the south porch was added. The south aisle, which occupies the space between the porch and the chapel, was built under a bequest of **Sir Thomas Skelton** (d. 1416), whose brass lies in the chapel flanked by those of his two wives. All three may also be commemorated on the corbels to the aisle arches. Later in the 15th century the west tower was remodelled, new windows were put into the chancel and the south wall of the nave and chapel, and a new south doorway was made for the nave. The chapel was also provided with a new roof and diagonal buttresses. Part of the 15th-century rood-screen survives, and there was a loft approached by a stair in the north wall of the nave.

During the 16th and early 17th century the chancel was reported as ruinous, and when it was repaired, possibly by Sir Edward Hinde (d. 1633), it may have been shortened, the original 14th-century buttresses being reset against a thin east wall. The chancel roof probably dates from that period of repair. The chancel contains many monuments to members of the **Dayrell** family between 1669 and 1729. More extensive repairs were carried out from the mid 19th century onwards. Much of the ashlar was renewed, and it is not certain that the east window or the stonework followed the medieval patterns. In the 16th century there were three large bells, and a sanctus bell in the steeple which survived in 1971. Two were replaced in 1665 and 1667 with bells by Miles Gray, but the third was sold c. 1785 after it had cracked. An annual gift of 71/2d. from Great Chesterford church to Hinxton church, established in the 17th century for bell-ropes, was normally deducted from the payment to Great Chesterford under Anne Howsden's charity. The church plate in 1552 included three silver chalices. A silver paten and remade cup given by the Revd. James Plumptre in 1805 and a pewter flagon and plate were in 1837 the only vessels. A paten and wafer box have been added since 1900. The registers begin in 1538 and are complete.

Nonconformity.

A Hinxton woman, probably a Catholic, was imprisoned and fined £260 for refusal to attend church in 1598, and another was presented as a recusant in 1622 and 1638. Catholic recusancy at Hinxton was, however, confined to individuals, and there were no recusants in 1676.

Only one protestant dissenter was reported at Hinxton in 1676, although 18 people had been presented in the previous year for refusing to receive communion. In 1704 a house there was licensed for nonconformist worship, but the number of dissenters remained low throughout the 18th century: There were six Presbyterians and two Anabaptists in 1728, one Presbyterian family in 1779, and in 1799 about six families described as Methodists, although they were more likely Congregationalists. With the building of the Congregational chapel at Duxford in 1794, the number of dissenters in neighbouring parishes began to increase. A house in Hinxton was licensed as a meeting-house in 1826. Nonconformity at Hinxton received much encouragement from the Nashes, lords of the manor 1817–84, who were themselves dissenters. Wedd William Nash, lessee of the rectory, refused to pay the parish clerk's wages, and the family declined to donate land for a Church school. Having acquired the rectory farmstead at inclosure, Wedd William Nash conveyed part of it in 1836 to trustees, for nonconformist preaching and education. A barn was repaired for use as a meeting-house with 170 sittings, and from c. 1844 the British school was held in the same building. In 1871 a Congregational chapel was built on the site of the barn, west of the churchyard, but the congregation continued to be served by the minister from Duxford. Average attendance in 1851 was 130, and the vicar reported in 1877 that most families in the parish regularly attended both church and chapel. By 1897, however, the number of dissenters in Hinxton was estimated at only 40. The chapel had been unused for some years in 1949; it was sold in 1950 and converted into a private house.



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A message from Petra

As I write I'm sitting beside the Dead Sea with a large box of the squidgiest dates and five fellow pilgrims to the Holy Land. The sun is beating down and we are in the dappled shade of a couple of date palm trees. Lest you should think the parish priest is shirking her duties, this is a Diocesan pilgrimage, there are 59 of us and the schedule has been extremely hectic; days lasting from 6.00 am often into the evening. The Biblical landscape is serene and beautiful in parts, but edgy, wild and infinitely strange in others. If the land itself is not quite the pastoral idyll of children's Bibles, nor is the place one of peace and tranquillity. This is a place characterised by a brutal wall separating neighbours that both have a legitimate claim to the land, but cannot live peaceably together.

From the post-lunch tranquillity of a fishing boat in the middle of Lake Galilee, still as glass and warm sun bathing us, we looked out towards the Galilean hills, Tiberias on one side and on another the distant mountains of Jordan and in yet another direction, the Golan Heights, a place of unimaginably brutal destruction and division. We came up against these disturbing juxtapositions time and time again. Who could forget the children in the St Vincent's orphanages, denied a surname/family name, because their fathers were the brothers or cousins who raped their mothers, these young women cannot let her pregnancy be discovered or they may be killed - by members of their own family. The orphanage is in, of all places, Bethlehem, where two thousand years ago another single mother gave birth in a strange town in a room or stable owned by strangers. Then there were the two fathers, one a Jew and the other a Palestinian Muslim united in their grief for their daughters, one blown up by a suicide bomber and the other killed by a sniper. These two men spend all their time going from place to place, school to school trying to educate, especially children, hoping, praying that the younger generations might bring an end to the divisions that exist. At the same time we met at the Pools of Bethesda where

Jesus healed the paralytic man and where our own time of prayer brought healing in many different ways to the members of our group. We shared Communion on the shores of Galilee and in the Cathedral at Jerusalem. We joined the local community in Nazareth for their Sunday morning service, held simultaneously in English and Arabic! Religious identity in this place is tied closely and visibly with cultural and ethnic identity and you soon learn, as one Palestinian Christian priest said, "There is a lot of religion in my country, but only a little faith." There is a difference. Religious identity is a good thing which gives a sense of belonging to a particular community, but without real faith it lacks the compassion and confidence that are rooted in the knowledge that we are all held in the love of the one creator God who sees us all alike – and in whose image we are all made. If that identity is focussed on the external trappings, which say that someone else is different and therefore a threat, it is dangerous.

True faith should give us a confidence to see the common

humanity in every person, to reach out to others regardless of colour, ethnicity, religious identity, gender, sexual orientation, age or status. As the Jewish father said to us, "We should be building bridges, not walls."

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR MARCH

Sunday 3rd

8.00 am BCP Communion *Duxford*10.00 am Parish Communion with Al2gether *Ickleton*5.00 pm Evensong *Hinxton*

Tuesday 5th 10.30 – 12.00 Coffee Morning *Ickleton* **Wednesday 6th** 6.30 pm Ash Wednesday Communion with the imposition of Ashes *Ickleton*2.15 pm Window of Prayer *Ickleton*Thursday 7th 7.45pm LENT GROUP 1, *Whittlesford Parish Room*

Sunday 10th

10.00 am Al2gether Service at Duxford 6.00 pm YOUTHINC *Thriplow Village Hall*

Monday 11th 2.00 pm LENT GROUP 1 Whittlesford Vicarage Wednesday 13th 2.15pm Window of Prayer Ickleton Thursday 14th 7.45pm LENT GROUP 2 71 High Street Hinxton

Sunday 17th

8.00 am BCP Communion *Ickleton*10.00 am Parish Communion and Al2gether *Hinxton*5.00pm Taize Service *Ickleton*3.00 pm CAFÉ CHURCH at *Duxford, St Peter*

Monday 18th 2.00 pm LENT GROUP 2 *The Rectory, Duxford*Tuesday 19th 10.30am – 12.00 Coffee Morning *Ickleton*12.30 Communion service *Ickleton*Wednesday 20th 2.30pm – Julian meeting *Ickleton*Thursday 21st 7.45pm LENT GROUP 3 71 High Street *Hinxton*Saturday 23rd 9.30am – 12.30 Craft Café *Duxford*10.00am Church clean at *Ickleton*

Sunday 24th

8.00 am BCP Communion *Hinxton*10.00 am Parish Communion and Al2gether *Duxford*5.00 pm Evensong *Ickleton*5.00 pm **CONNECT** at *Stapleford*

Monday 25th 2.00 pm LENT GROUP 3 *Whittlesford Vicarage* 7.30 PCC Duxford @ *The Old Vicarage* Wednesday 27th 2.15pm Window of Prayer *Ickleton* Thursday 28th 10.00am TIDDLERS 0-5 group, Duxford *Church* 7.45 Bible Study 71 High Street *Hinxton* Morning Prayer: 8.00 am Mondays – Duxford, Tuesdays – Duxford, Wednesdays – Hinxton, Thursdays – Ickleton Sunday 31st

MOTHERING SUNDAY Services in each church. Duxford & Hinxton 10.00 am

and Ickleton 11.00am with cake and coffee BEFORE THE SERVICE.

Letter sent to Wellcome Trust Governors and the Board of Directors

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Dame Eliza Manningham-Buller Chair of the Board of Governors, The Wellcome Trust Gibbs Building, 215 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE

9 February 2019

Dear Dame Eliza,

I am writing as Chair of Hinxton Parish Council to you as Chair of the Board of Governors of the Wellcome Trust. We wish to arrange a meeting with you.

As you know, the Wellcome Trust has submitted a planning application to expand beside its Hinxton Hall Genome Campus. It is proposed broadly to triple the extent of the Campus and its workforce and to increase the number of households in our village tenfold. I am attaching Hinxton's statement of objection to South Cambridgeshire District Council. Nearby parish councils have registered similar

We object with much regret. Our village takes great pride in the work of the Campus and would be happy to see its scientific research activity continue to expand on the site. But this application is for something quite different. It is a means for the Wellcome Trust to raise revenue by leasing property to commercial firms. There is no need for such activity to be on this site. Cambridgeshire has many suitable business parks within easy reach of your Campus' science.

The proposed development would inflict enormous costs on our village and others nearby. Its scale is too great, and the infrastructural mitigation measures proposed are far too slight with regard to traffic, environment and landscape. The arguments to the contrary used by your consultants in the application are dishonest in ways you would not tolerate for a moment from your scientists.

We have been shocked by the lack of effective consultation with Hinxton. We have long enjoyed excellent relations with the Genome Campus and with those who manage the Wellcome-owned land surrounding our village. But during the purported consultation process your developers have seen fit not to moderate but to expand the very features on which we have expressed greatest concern.

We would hope that the Wellcome Trust might appreciate the importance of maintaining the goodwill of the community in which its Genome Campus is embedded. We would certainly expect your Trust to consider the substantial reputational risk implied by its gratuitously damaging our village for

A useful first step in responding to our concerns would be your agreement to meet with representatives of Hinxton village as soon as possible. I look forward to your reply.

Yours.

William Brown

Chair, Hinxton Parish Council

The Reply



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25th February 2019

WELLCOME GENOME CAMPUS EXPANSION

Thank you for letter and enclosures of 9th February 2019. Your concerns had already been shared with members of the Executive Leadership team at Wellcome and I have asked Tom Clarke, Planning Director, to arrange a meeting with you as soon as possible to discuss your representations in more detail.

I am disappointed to hear your feedback on the consultation process given that it involved four rounds of community events in 2018, including the use of virtual reality technology to provide local residents with a clear picture of the future relationship of the development to the village. Feedback from the consultation events, and your concerns has in fact had a direct impact on the shape of the planning application and moderated it. I attach an extract from the Statement of Community Involvement which summarizes responses to community feedback and note, in particular, the inclusion of public access to the expanded campus and amenities, a sustainable travel plan, highway improvements, setting development back from Hinxton village, early landscape planting and occupancy restrictions on future occupiers of the research and translation space, as well as the campus homes.

The vision for the campus is that it should become the international centre of excellence in the fields of genomics and biodata. An important element of this vision is to enable a vibrant translation and commercialisation system which allows for new knowledge and discoveries to be applied beyond the academic setting for the widest possible benefit to society. The scale of the expansion has been developed to ensure the scientific, health, societal and economic benefits of this unique genomics location are realised.

The 'engine' of the campus will remain the research institutes.

The outline planning application, if granted, would provide us with the stable foundation on which to develop detailed plans for the campus expansion and I do hope the parish will play an active role in the process.

I look forward to receiving a further update from Tom following your meeting.

Baroness Manningham-Buller Chair, The Wellcome Trust

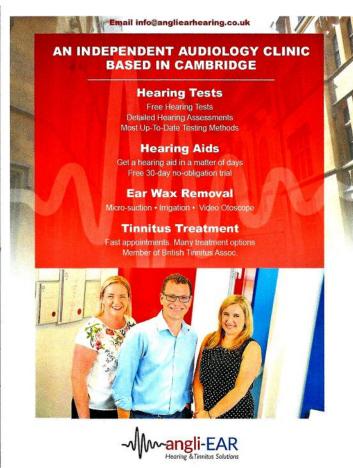
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If you would like to come to the Quiz Night but are unable to get a team together, please give Andrew a ring and they will find you a space with others who don't have a full team



At the Campus Open Saturday-

Curious Nature exhibition & Den Lab

Sat 16 March, 1-4pm

Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre
Curious Nature is a lovely family-friendly exhibition that
explores the Wellcome Sanger Institute's anniversary project to
sequence the genomes of 25 species found in the UK. This
project helps us build a picture of biodiversity in the UK and to
understand, and tackle, our impact upon it.

You can also visit Open Lab to discover more about the Campus' history and the cutting-edge research that happens here today.

The three Open Lab visits will be filled on a first-come basis. Everyone is welcome, though we recommend Open Lab for ages 10 and up.

Open to all and free to attend but booking is essential.

Tickets: https://open-saturdays.eventbrite.co.uk/

In Cambridge

Café Sci Cambridge: The Darwin Tree of Life Project

Wed 13 March, 7-8.30pm

New venue: Espresso Library, 210 East Road, Camb, CB1 1BG Discover more about the ambition to sequence the genomes of all life on Earth and the UK's goal to include 66,000 plants, animals and fungi from across the British Isles.

This is a free and non-ticketed event. Please turn up for 6.45pm

Cambridge Science Festival

Meet the DNA detectives decoding cancer

Tue 12 March, 6.30-8.30pm

Michaelhouse Café, St Michaels Church, Trinity St, CB2 1SU Join this speakeasy-style event and talk with scientists about cancer research happening here in Cambridge.

Five things about genetics everyone should know

Thurs 14 March, 5.30-7pm

Babbage Lecture Theatre, Downing Street, CB2 3RS
There's a lot of talk about genetics but what five things does Dr
Ewan Birney think you need to know?

Get to grips with genomics

Sun 17 March, 12-4pm

Drop in to The Guildhall to get hands-on with science!

Genomics in a Jiffy

Wed 20 March, 7-9pm

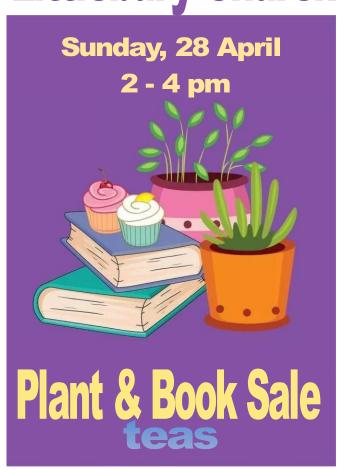
Michaelhouse Café, Trinity Street, CB2 1SU

Join us for this lively, social with researchers from the

Wellcome Genome Campus

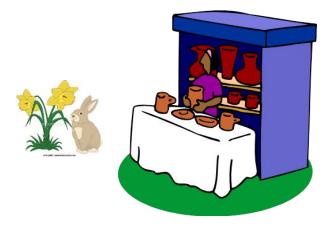


Littlebury Church



Granta Deanery

Spring Fair





We must go to this!

Saturday 30th 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

Supporting the Churches' work for

village communities in South Cambridgeshire

Ickleton Cricket Club News

Ickleton Cricket Club reformed in 2012 after almost 20 years without a club in the village. In the last 7 years the club has grown remarkably. We field a Saturday 1st XI in the Cambridgeshire leagues and won promotion the last two year on the bounce. With our success and growing numbers of players we have just entered a 2nd XI in the Saturday League for 2019.

We have not one but TWO midweek teams, playing 20-over cricket on a Wednesday evening in a local league which is a great way to break up the week. As well as this, we play a few Sunday friendlies too......Aaaand if that wasn't enough, cricket we have a growing youth section paving the way for future generations of Ickleton Club cricketers, with sessions for ages 5 - 13 during the summer. Those over 13 are welcome in our senior sides to develop their cricket in a safe and supportive environment.

With so much cricket available, there is always space for new players and supporters, so if you're interested in playing cricket you'll be very welcome to join us at Ickleton CC. You might be new to cricket and fancy giving it a go, or an old hand who dreams of having a good knock again. Either way it would be great if you joined us. We're running some indoor winter net sessions on Sunday evenings during March and April at Hills Road Sports Centre, Cambridge. If you'd like to join us please get in touch. There's no commitment website: https://ickleton.play-cricket.com/ to join the club....but you might find at the end of



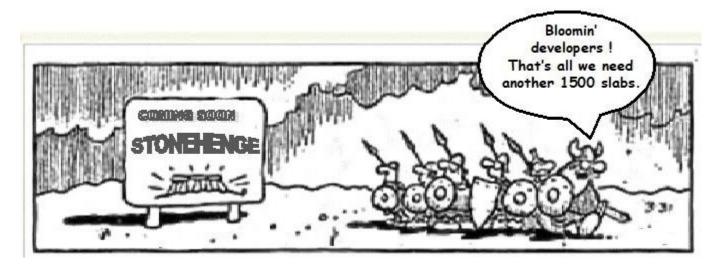
it you'd like to. (This would be an adult session so we're afraid youngsters under 16 would have to wait until the summer.)

Once the weather improves in April we practice outside on Ickleton Recreation Ground on a Monday evening, from 6pm.

As well as players, Ickleton CC are looking for anyone who might be interested in joining our club to help our youngsters develop. So if you'd like to get involved in coaching cricket, please get in touch. We can provide you with access to coaching courses and give you all the support you need.

To find out more about how you could enjoy cricket with Ickleton CC:

You can find us on Facebook - just search 'Ickleton Cricket Club' - or have a look at our contact details in the 'About Us' section



Letter from Oz

This is the first of a series of letters that Mike and others have asked me to write about my new life in Australia. It's been 3 weeks now since I arrived in Melbourne. There was a time when I thought I would never make it, so it is very important for me to be able to thank all those who rallied around to help me. In particular Sara and Paul Gregson, Jenny Goodwin and Stephen Theobald, Mike and Julie Boagey, Margaret Malcolm, Kate Riley, Linda Allen and Peter Hiscocks, Paul and Rosemary Breen, Virginia and Andrew Walker all of whom helped me in various ways moving furniture and packing up my belongings, taking stuff to the tip and who fed and accommodated me when the house became increasingly devoid of all creature comforts and my thanks too to everyone who sent good wishes. It will be a surprise to no one to hear that I am missing you all and the camaraderie of Hinxton With love to all Theresa

Love stepping into the garden to pick fresh lemons

I arrived here just in time for Australia Day, which felt appropriate. It was the beginning of a long weekend holiday and was a good excuse, if needed, for a gathering of friends and family and the obligatory BBQ. That was followed by a lovely day on the nearby beach paddling in warm water with two small boys. Then the temperature soared to 44C dropping back to upper 30Cs just as you were experiencing the first really cold weather of the winter, which meant that being indoors was the best place for all of us.

The greatest change has been living with the family and with two small grandsons who noisily greet the day

My grandsons Felix and Jasper

before 6am and who's boundless energy keeps me busy and amused and physically grovelling for a part of the day.

The rest is the necessary boring bureaucracy of getting a bank account, registering for Medicare and house hunting, which involves rushing around on Saturday morning viewing houses for a maximum of 15mins before rushing on to the next.

The photos illustrate a few of the things
I am really enjoying.

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Some dates for your 2019 diary

Sunday 31st March

Mothering Sunday early booking advised

Friday 5th April

We are hosting our 10th **Dining in the Dark**– three course dinner, of which starters and puddings are a blind tasting competition - raising money for CamSight.

Friday 1st March

"Pint of Theatre" is back at The Bull 2 course dinner and 50 minutes of theatre

Proteus Theatre's Mad, Bad and Dangerous

@ £25 at the Black Bull or £5 for just theatre

(Save the Date for the return of James Rowland with his sell-out Team Viking show **Thursday 1st June** at The Black Bull)

Stand by for more "Pint of Jazz" Friday nights at The Black Bull

- Claudette Burch 8th March and 3rd May

- see website for details

We look forward to welcoming you & your friends Kind regards Alex, Nikol, Jiri, Shane, Kris and the teams

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The Art of Caring Exhibition

We are pleased to say that our Robinson College Art Exhibition "The Art of Caring" raised £2570 for Cambridge Cancer Health Centre and Headway.

This means that we will be transferring the sum of £1285 to each charity.

Many thanks to those of you who donated money to purchase artworks, this is very much appreciated.

Thanks especially to all those in College who supported the endeavour in any way, including arranging the exhibition boards, catering and facilities, handling the money and accounts and staffing the exhibition from time to time.

For us, as well as people's willingness to dig into their pockets and donate, one of the striking aspects was the willingness of donors to give art works to such worthy causes, many donors mentioning family and

friends who have very much appreciated the work of the two charities.

The other was seeing how pleased the people from the art groups of the two charities were to see their works exhibited in a Cambridge College.

With all best wishes

Steve Trudgill

Exhibition Organiser, Robinson College Visual Arts Committee

Emeritus Fellow in Geography Robinson College

Thank-you to all our friends & neighbours in Hinxton for all the lovely cards, flowers & kind words of support after losing our beloved dog Dougal

Sarah-Jane, Ian & Tabitha Pearson xxx

DUXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL Governor

The Governing Body of Duxford School is currently seeking to appoint a governor from the local community.

School governors are volunteers who contribute their skills to working with the professional staff at the school, to ensure that local children get the best education that the school can provide.

We are particularly looking for someone with some financial experience and/or experience of corporate or charitable governance to join the team.

The role of school governor is a serious commitment; it is also, however, richly rewarding and you can make a serious contribution to the aim of improving the educational outcomes of children, working as part of a team.

There is substantial training available.

If you are interested please contact the school for more information Tel. 01223 712108 or email



It's a New Year!

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Village Hall
Eyes Down at 7:30

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

The pond by the village green at Finchingfield is a much photographed and much painted example of the idyllic view of the English countryside where ducks swim and white clouds are reflected in its calm waters. The area of the Hundred Parishes has a variety of similar ponds. Those alongside roads were often formed from ancient extraction pits for clay or gravel; others appeared where earth had been extracted for building work. Some are surviving medieval fish ponds or the remnants of moats around isolated old farm houses. Ponds on farms provided water for livestock, but following the reduction in cattle and sheep-rearing many have been filled in.

Fortunately, a number of private gardens have ponds where aquatic plants provide a haven for a wide variety of creatures that depend on such water bodies for their survival. Dipping a net into a pond will reveal snails, the assorted larvae of dragonflies, water beetles and midges. Larger ponds may support fish.

Amphibians such as frogs, toads and newts need to lay their eggs within water but will spend much of their

adult lives on land, eating a range of garden pests if there is some dense vegetation and a rockery nearby. These creatures have become quite scarce in the wider countryside with the reduction in suitable habitats. During March, the croaking of male frogs hoping to attract a mate is one of the sounds of spring. Local records of any adult amphibians and locations of spawn provide valuable information about their distribution and behaviour. If you are fortunate to see frogs, toads or newts in your local ponds, then please do pass this information to either the Essex Field Club or the Freshwater Habitats Organisation. Details are on their websites: www.essexfieldclub.org.uk and www.freshwaterhabitats.org.uk.

Tricia Moxey Trustee



Stay safe Stay connected



As the

weather drops further and the snow and ice kicks in, we begin using our fires, burners and chimneys more often to heat up our homes. But, have you had your chimney swept in the last year?

Follow our 'top tips' below to ensure your home is kept safely warm and cosy all year round:

Chimneys and Open Fires

- Have your chimney swept once a year or more frequently if you burn wood
- Avoid burning resinous woods that quickly build up soot
- Only burn fuels suitable for your burner (eg. never burn anything other than wood in a wood burner)
- Do not overload the grate/ appliance
- Do not bank fires too high and remember to let them burn out well before you go to bed
- Check the hearth, floor and furnishings near the fire for hot sparks/embers
- Do not place objects on or over the mantelpiece which cause you to stand too close to the fire in order to reach them
- Use a fire/spark guard to prevent accidental fires and make sure it has the kite mark or conforms to British/ European standards
- Inspect your chimney breast, particularly the roof space. Make sure it is sound and sparks/ fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks.

Wood/Multi-Fuel Burners

A qualified and competent engineer should install all wood/multi-fuel burners and boilers

regular maintenance should be undertaken to prolong the working life of the appliance. Specialist servicing and maintenance will usually be provided by the company you purchase the appliance from but you can also refer to www.solidfuel.co.uk for advice and information

- Ensure correct ventilation is in place when the appliance is in use
- Wood burning appliances should only use the right quality wood recommended by the supplier
- Regularly inspect the chimney and flues
- Generally wood should be well-seasoned (usually wood kept dry and stored for around 2 years)
- Avoid wet or newly felled wood as this will cause tars/ creosote deposits forming in the burning appliance and chimney
- Using laminated chip boards will leave binding glue deposits
- For each slow burning period there should follow a quick burn to dry out unwanted tar/creosote deposits and to warm up the chimney again
- At the end of each burning season and at least once during the season the entire system should be cooled and thoroughly cleaned to maintain top performance.

Most importantly

- Fit a smoke alarm that carries the kite mark or British Standard Number 5446 and test your alarm weekly by pressing the test button and know the life of your battery.
- Always also install a CO alarm in the room where the burner is installed. Chimney Fires continue to be a common occurrence in home fires in the winter months.

We experience an average of 81 chimney fires a year in Cambridgeshire

alone. Whatever fire you have, or fuel you burn, it is vitally important you have your chimney swept to avoid a build-up of ash and soot.

For more information or to get in touch contact us at

GREAT CHESTERFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)
The Society, which covers seven local villages including the Chesterfords, Ickleton & Hinxton organises meetings, talks and events for people interested in gardens and gardening.

New members (including novice gardeners) and visitors always welcome.

Discounts arranged for members through national and local suppliers.

Meetings are normally held <u>at 8.00 pm</u> on the first Wednesday of the month at:

MAIN HALL, ICKLETON VILLAGE HALL, FROGGE STREET, ICKLETON.

For further information contact Chair, Mrs Pauline Gale <u>01799-525543</u>

RECENT MEETING

The Annual Spring Party & Quiz was held at the February meeting. The Chairman's ingenious, horticulturally themed Quiz was enjoyed by all ten teams, with little to separate the top three teams on points! Winners were 'The Lupins', with 'Elmdon Eagles' second, and 'Top Fruit' in third place. The Cheese and Wine Supper aided contemplation!

FORTHCOMING MEETING

Wednesday 6th March 2019
AN EYE FOR A BIRD

Speaker: Colin Day - local amateur naturalist with tips for encouraging birds into the garden.



March is the month when most gardeners will come out of hibernation. Warmth can be felt in the sun and many seeds sown outside will germinate readily. Spring begins in earnest with cheerful daffodils, early tulips, crocus and polyanthus. It is time to cut back cornus and salix stems to just above ground level to ensure beautiful colour again next winter.

With the warmer weather weeds will start into growth if you have some areas in the garden where they have taken over, Roundup is the optimum answer but do use the correct dilution. If you choose not to use chemicals the weeds should be fairly small so hand weeding is the answer. Take your time and enjoy the feel of soil and the satisfaction of a clean, neat area. The grass is growing again so this is a good month to reseed bare patches also to scarify using a spring tined rake. This will certainly pay off when summer comes.

Prune roses and any other shrubs that need shaping such as hardy fuchsias cut back to where lower buds are sprouting. Also while dormant this is the best time to move any that you feel are in the wrong place, after pruning or moving always feed with a mulch if possible.

If you would like to increase snowdrops they are best divided and moved while the leaves are still green, if you have a particularly interesting variety do offer a small clump to friends.

Surely some of these jobs will entice you outside and encourage you to slip into gear as the garden gets into growth.



Hinxton Watermill Repairs & Riverside Path

Thanks to local efforts and some generous donors, including the Red Lion and Wellcome Trust, £11,000 has been raised to repaint the exterior of Hinxton Watermill and carry out woodwork repairs.

Cambridge Past, Present & Future has appointed local contractor, G.B Decorative Services (David Tarry), to carry out the work, which will start in early April, and weather permitting, will be finished in time for the first Open Day of the season on 12 May.

While this work is being done CambridgePPF would be very grateful if people could take care when using the footpath alongside the mill. There will be certain days when the contractor will be working on the front and side elevation or moving scaffolding. At these times it would be really appreciated if people could avoid using the footpath during working hours for everyone's safety and to enable the work to be carried out uninterrupted.

Notices will be placed on the footpath to advise people.

The Mill Open Days this year will be on the Sundays of 12 May, 2 June, 7 Jul, 4 Aug, 1 Sept and 6 Oct, all 2.30pm-5.30pm. If you would like to volunteer to help then please contact CambridgePPF on 01223 243830

or enquiries@cambridgeppf.org

RECIPE RELAY

'Anzac Biscuits',



Ingredients

85g porridge oat

85g desiccated coconut

100g plain flour

100g caster sugar

100g butter, plus extra butter for greasing

1 tbsp golden syrup

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda



This month's recipe is for Anzac (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) biscuits. When Merv and I were visiting Australia and New Zealand recently, we came across Anzac biscuits in many cafes and shops. They are very popular, and we learned that during World War I, the biscuits were sent by wives and women's groups to soldiers in Gallipoli because the ingredients did not spoil easily. Our host Christine in Sydney made them for us, and straight out of the oven they tasted like nectar. They are also easy to make, which is always a bonus!

Here is Christine's recipe:



Method

1. Heat oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4. Put the oats, coconut, flour and sugar in a bowl. Melt the butter in a small pan and stir in the golden syrup. Add the bicarbonate of soda to 2 tbsp boiling water, then stir into the golden syrup and butter mixture.

2. Make a well in the middle of the dry ingredients and pour in the butter and golden syrup mixture. Stir gently to incorporate the dry ingredients.

3. Put dessertspoonfuls of the mixture on to buttered baking sheets, about 2.5cm/1in apart to allow room for spreading. Bake in batches for 8-10 mins until golden. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

EVENTS IN MARCH

1st	Friday	Hinxton Walkers meet 0930 bus shelter
2nd	Saturday	
3rd	Sunday	5pm Evensong
4th	Monday	
5th	Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday BLUE & GREEN BIN
6th	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Gt Chesterford Gardening Society 8pm Ickleton Village Hall
7th	Thursday	
8th	Friday	Bingo for Vegetables, Village Hall 7:30
9th	Saturday	
10th	Sunday	
11th	Monday	7pm Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall
12th	Tuesday	BLACK BIN
13th	Wednesday	Coffee Morning, Village Hall 10-12
14th	Thursday	
15th	Friday	
16th	Saturday	QUIZ NIGHT 7:30 p.9 Ickleton Social Club Quiz 8:30pm
17th	Sunday	10 am Parish Eucharist with Al2gether
18th	Monday	
19th	Tuesday	BLUE & GREEN BIN
20th	Wednesday	Mobile library at the War Memorial 12:20-12:35
21st	Thursday	
22nd	Friday	SUPPER ON THE RUNPOSTPONED
23rd	Saturday	
24th	Sunday	8am Holy Communion Craft Cafe
25th	Monday	
26th	Tuesday	BLACK BIN
27th	Wednesday	
28th	Thursday	10am TIDDLERS Duxford Church
29th	Friday	Wellcome Planning Decision Day & BREXIT
30th	Saturday	Deanery Fair p.11
31st	Sunday	MOTHERING SUNDAY Services in each church. Duxford & Hinxton 10.00 am

Notable Future Dates		
May 11th	NEWDATE Supper on the Run	
June 15th	VILLAGE FETE & FUN DOG SHOW	
July 13th	GARDEN EVENING	
Sept 8th	TUDOR FEAST	
Sept 28th	MacMillan Coffee Morning	

WANTED

Dinosaur Posters & Toys

To use as props in the village fete



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