

Dear Readers

The Friends of Hinxton Church are a group of people from the village whose mission it is to raise money to maintain the historic building of St Mary and St John Church. The fundraising is usually in the form of an event, such as the Garden Evening, where donations are rewarded with pleasant village social mixing. This group has been expertly steered since 2013 by David Mills. At the recent committee meeting, David decided to step down as Chairman. We can only thank him most sincerely for his massive input into village life during his spell in the chair. There is no doubt that his amazing ability to delegate, always with a smile, is an object lesson to any would be CEOs. A new Chair is being sought.

We were all saddened by the sight of our telephone box reduced to a blackened wreck. The pathetic children that started the fire need to be found before they do something really tragic. Apparently, they have been caught on camera and now it is just a matter of time before the police close in on them. What a complete waste of time and resources! Words fail me.

Every doorstep in Hinxton was graced with poppies and a card inviting a donation to the Royal British Legion. The reason for this was that door to door collections are not advised right now. Hopefully, everyone will respond to this worthy cause by posting a gift, however small, through the letterbox of Church Green Cottage. The traditional service on November 8th around the War Memorial will start earlier this year at 10.50.

Mike

Poppy Day collection



Hinxton Church Foodbank

From November 1st, a box will be located just inside the church to the left of the door, ready for any tinned or packaged food items you may wish to donate. At this time, when some are struggling, Hinxton is joining with Ickleton to collect contributions for delivery to the John Huntingdon Society, based in Sawston, which caters for those in real need in our local area. Hinxton Church will be open between 9am and 4pm every day (including weekends). If you would like more information, please feel free to give me a ring on 01799 530848, or email: mervandlinda@btinternet.com.

An expanded version of the November edition is available on the Hinxton Parish Council website

Hinxton News is an independent village newsletter, established and run by volunteers. Its mission is to inform residents of local issues and to maintain and promote community spirit.

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HINXTON COFFEE MORNING

Weather permitting, we shall hold the coffee morning again behind the Village Hall in October. The date is:

Wednesday 11th from 10.30 am to 12 noon

Please bring a warm coat and a drink but biscuits will be provided. That way, the use of the kitchen will not be necessary. We shall hope to resume our regular coffee mornings inside the Village Hall as soon as the Covid restrictions allow.

You are all warmly invited, young, old and in-betweeners (!), especially all those living alone and those working from home

– we shall welcome you all!

Virginia (tel: 530360)



Whittlesford & Duxford Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

In September, **Wild Wood Beavers** (Wed, 6-8 yrs) started back with worksheets.

Wild Wood are working through these individually and include activities such as paper plane making.

Our other groups were able to meet face to face.

We split each group into two bubbles with each half meeting on alternate weeks.

Forest Beavers (Fri, 6-8 yrs) learned about Morse code and water safety.

Both **Sirius** and **Javelins Cubs** (Mon and Thurs 8-10½ yrs) did backwoods cooking with tasty treats including popcorn, hot dogs and s'mores.

Arrows Scouts (Tues, 10½-14 yrs) also returned with a seat by the fire munching their swizzle sticks whilst playing outdoor darts and hockey challenges.

Finally, **Hitchhiker Explorers** (14-18 yrs Fri, 7.30-9.30pm) have lit fires, done some outdoor pioneering as well as a couple of zoom-based quizzes.

It has been really a great start to the new term for all involved.

If you would like to get involved, do get in touch via our website

www.wandscouts.org.uk or call Carmel on 07939 507805.

THE ANN HOWSDEN CHARITY

charity number 233086

The Ann Howsden Charity was established in 1631 to help 'the poor and needy of Hinxton'. Some of you may be aware that the trustees of the Ann Howsden Charity, have been working hard to amend our Scheme (Constitution), last revised in 1998, in order to bring the charity into the 21st Century and provide a working document that will be useful for a generation or more. This task, which was set in motion in August 2018, proved to be larger and take longer than originally imagined, but with the help of a tenacious specialist lawyer from Hewitsons, it is now complete.

The revision of the Scheme included important amendments to our 'Objects', which had to be thoroughly examined and approved by the Charity Commission. The new Objects are listed in full below (the 'area of benefit' is the Parish of Hinxton). The major change comes under (1) b), which allows us legitimately to give financial support to village institutions e.g. church and churchyard maintenance, the village hall, the children's Christmas party, Duxford School etc. We are now also enabled to give money to other charities (see (2) c)) that have benefited our residents e.g. the Arthur Rank Hospice, Macmillan Cancer.

We have also made changes that include

- 1) provision for our meetings (and therefore votes) to be conducted virtually and
- 2) the protocol to be used when we have no vicar (who traditionally is an ex-officio trustee), in which situation of course we now find ourselves, as well as other administrative and housekeeping changes that are important for governance in this day and age.

I would like to thank most sincerely my fellow trustees for their patience and support during this rather heavy-duty episode! If anyone would like to view the entire document, please contact me,

Virginia Walker (trustee, Ann Howsden Charity) Tel: 01799 530360, email: virginiamwalker@btinternet.com

Objects of the Ann Howsden Charity

- (1a) The relief of persons resident in the area of benefit who are in need, hardship or distress; and
- (1b) To benefit the residents of the area of benefit by providing or assisting in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life of the residents.
- (2) In furtherance of these objects, but not otherwise, the trustees shall have the power to:
 - (2a) make grants of money to inhabitants in the area of benefit;
 - (2b) provide housing, provide or pay for goods, services or facilities;or
 - (2c) make grants of money to other persons or bodies who provide goods, services or facilities to those in need.
- (3) In exceptional cases the trustees may decide to assist someone (who is otherwise qualified) who is:
 - (3a) resident outside the area of benefit;or
 - (3b) only temporarily resident in the area of benefit.



Where have all our rivers gone? Like the proverbial swan, the CVF may have been presenting a picture of serenity lately. Make no mistake, there has been strong paddling below, especially by our Secretary Alan Woods. The CVF statement Let it Flow! has been widely circulated and recognised as a landmark. We are much aided by the state of Chalk streams having caught a national mood. **Feargal Sharkey**, the widely-known pop singer has been using his voice to widen awareness with telling argument. There is now an **All Party Parliamentary Group on Chalk Streams**. MPs **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge) and **Anthony Browne** (South Cambridgeshire) are both members.

The time is ripe to send a handwritten letter to your MP expressing your despair at the state of our Chalk streams, asking him or her to take up your concerns with **Rebecca Pow, MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at Defra**. Whether your interest is over-abstraction, ecology, pollution, or whatever, you can be brief and to the point. For example: *I'm worried about phosphate from sewage works discharges causing eutrophication in our Chalk streams. I gather that current legislation, from 29 years ago, requires phosphate to be stripped out only from those sewage works that serve more than 10,000 people. This threshold should be reduced dramatically, to include all works serving more than 2,000 people, at least where sewage works discharge into Chalk streams. Please can you press the Minister, Rebecca Pow, to strengthen the relevant Regulations?*

Anthony Browne MP is working closely with us and Water Resources East, raising our concerns with Ministers and calling for a Defra Chalk Streams Task Force to develop a Chalk Streams Strategy. A new policy framework is needed to ensure that Chalk streams flow naturally, every year, throughout the year, in all weathers. He is also helping us to take our case to the regulators and water companies.

There is good news from the **Chilterns** (see photo above). **Affinity Water** has confirmed their commitment to stop or reduce groundwater abstraction from several catchments by 2024. Their future work will presumably be informed by the joint **Affinity Water/Thames Water/Arup project** to determine exactly what 'near-natural' flows they should aim for. **Dr Joe Stallard** is the CVF representative on their Advisory Panel. All we need now is for Affinity to extend its policy northwards to our groundwater supplying our upper Cam tributary springs. And for **Cambridge Water** to follow.

CVF has been in consultation with a wide range of organisations ranging from the EA (e.g. misuse of glyphosate) and the Chalk Aquifer Alliance to the Wild Trout Trust and Salmon & Trout Conservation. Powerful and robust responses have been submitted relating to a range of proposals from the Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy, the Greater Cambridge Integrated Water Management Study, and the Defra Environmental Land Management policy discussion document, to the proposed relocation of the Milton sewage works.

'GRAB & GO' COFFEE & CAKE STALL



£875

A Big Thank-you to all who braved the cold & rain for a take away coffee in the Village Hall car park Together we still raised £875 which isn't far off Hinxton Village totals in previous years

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Spotlight on Dr. Steve Trudgill

with Kate Riley

Dear Readers

Somehow I managed to lose Steve's introduction when this was published in Hinxton Life. Typically of Steve, his reaction was to suggest we ran a competition to identify the man in the picture. Enough said.

This version is extended to include more interesting information.

Mike

Your earliest memories of Hinxton and any outstanding events since. House-hunting in 1996, I asked a vendor: 'What's it like living in Hinxton?' 'Very friendly, we have each other's keys and feed each other's cats' was the reply. 'I'll buy it' I said. 'But don't you want to look round the house first?' 'Yes,' I said, 'but I'm still buying it'. I have never regretted that; Hinxton is such a friendly, supportive village. I went to a Parish Council Meeting as I thought it would be interesting. They said 'we do have a vacancy'. I have just retired after 23 years on it. This gives me time to write my book *'Why Conserve Nature: meanings, motivations and actions'* for Cambridge University Press.

Tell us a bit about yourself I grew up in Norwich in a house full of paintings, music and books, many from my nature-loving Quaker godfather. My father was Manager of Jarrolds Colour Publishing, producing postcards, calendars, guides and books on local nature. I knew local photographers and naturalists, especially Ted Ellis and others from the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists Society. Janet Smith our local librarian provided Arthur Ransome and nature books. I loved growing things, working in market gardens in the summer. I grew pine trees from cones, having to trim quite a few in Mum's garden years later. I've since helped to run Nature Reserves, especially Slapton NNR in Devon.

My father was from a local family talented in arts, crafts and music; my grandfather was interested in local history. I drew and painted, with encouragement from my father who published his drawings in local newspapers. He had art exhibitions, one in Norwich Castle Museum. My mother came from North Norfolk - her father was a farm steward. We frequently went back to there, binoculars in hand, to places like Blakeney, Cley and Morston - where an ancestor ran a pub. I cycled to the Broads and went to Breydon Water to birdwatch. I loved reading "My family and Other Animals" by Gerald Durrell (while my literary brother Peter read Lawrence Durrell). It all fitted - with Ted Ellis as my mentor as Dr.



Stephanides was for Durrell. Later, I ran family natural history courses in South Devon. Recently, one participant, then a 9 year old boy, found me out and said how formative that experience was - and how he too loved the Durrell book and I had taken the role of mentor for him.

Your career Geography, Botany and Zoology at 'A' level. University of Bristol Geography, Geology and Sociology. PhD on Aldabra Atoll, Indian Ocean with a Royal Society team of geologists and biologists. Lecturer Environmental Geography Strathclyde and Sheffield then Cambridge lecturing on nature and conservation and also Geography Director of Studies Robinson College - now retired.

What are your interests and leisure pursuits? Speleology (caving), cycling, walking, painting, making up crosswords, gardens, nature. I still enjoy being on the Genome Campus Wetlands Committee.

Do you have a favourite plant in your garden? The wisteria was stupendous this year.

Favourite music, book and film. Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto; Lord of the Rings; Lawrence of Arabia.

Do you like holidays? I always wanted to go to Venice and Florence and happily I have been painting and visiting art galleries in both. I loved all my summers cycling in France and Spain.

If you had one gift or power, what would it be? Being able to get rid of rancid political claptrap, economic catastrophes and viruses....

Who would you invite as your ideal dinner guests?

Anybody who appreciates my cooking.

What do you feel have been your greatest achievements? Helping to educate young people about nature, especially as a member of the Executive Committee of the Field Studies Council (<http://www.field-studies-council.org/about/fsc-stories/1960s/1966-steve-trudgill.aspx>) and raising money for the FSC Kids fund: <http://www.field-studies-council.org/about/fsc-kids-fund.aspx> to get inner city children out in the field. I am pleased to have been made an Honorary Vice-President of the Field Studies Council in recognition of this work.

Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

Apart from village life – especially garden and allotment - I'm still very active academically. I am now an Emeritus Fellow in Geography at Robinson College Cambridge where I am Chair of the Gardens Committee, Acting Chair of the Visual Arts Committee and President of the Alumni Association. I am Archival and Historical Editorial Advisor *Progress in Physical Geography* Journal. The new book is about the meanings of nature which lead to motivations to want to conserve nature. There are sections on the varied meanings of nature, climate change, ecological science and nature in literature and art. The personal meanings of nature feature highly, especially the therapeutic aspects in wilderness, nature reserves and gardens. The psychological importance of nature to our well-being is a key theme. The book ends with a contribution from a younger co-author on his research into why people conserve nature.

The book draws on material gathered from when I lectured on the social engagement with nature, biogeography, soils, nature conservation and environmental management in the Department of Geography, University of Cambridge. It is also based on experiences when I worked for the Nature Conservancy Council on their 1960s Reserve Review of limestone sites in northern England and on joint research projects with Institute of Terrestrial Ecology Merlewood, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Cambridge Botanic Gardens and The Field Studies Council (FSC). I was also a member of Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve (NNR) Management Committee in Devon. This is where I used to run the FSC family natural history courses which were a very special experience, being able to

look at anything and everything and to share plants, birds, butterflies, landscapes, painting and nature writing with children and their parents – and sometimes grandparents - was a great privilege. It is this which has spurred me to raise money for the FSC kids fund so that more young people can grow up with these experiences.

My environmental involvements have included being a Chair of the Environmental Research Group of the Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers (convening environmental conferences) and being a member of the Executive Committee and Science and Education sub-Committee of the Field Studies Council - helping to promote field studies for young people. I was also an Editor of *Ethics, Place and Environment: A Journal of Philosophy and Geography*, on the Editorial Board of *Progress in Physical Geography* and on the Editorial Board and the Environment Columnist of *Geography Review* 1997 - 2004.

As well as numerous research papers I have authored, co-authored and edited several books. In physical geography there are *Soil and Vegetation Systems*, *The Soil: an introduction to soil study in Britain*, *Soils in the British Isles*, *Limestone Geomorphology* and *Weathering and Erosion*. The last two involved me working on the weathering of St. Paul's Cathedral and King's College Chapel and led to me making a schools programme for TV – I had the same camera man who did David Bellamy's botany programmes – he said I was easier to work with. The commentary starts by calling me an expert and memorably one of my friends' children watched it and blurted out in front of the teacher: "That's not an expert. That's Uncle Steve".

I moved on to *Contemporary Meanings in Physical Geography: from what to why?*, then in the more environmental field there was a focus on water chemistry with *Solute Processes*, *Solute Modelling in Catchment Systems*, *Nitrate; processes, patterns and control* and *Water Quality: processes and policy*. More explicitly environmental were *Barriers to a Better Environment: what stops us solving environmental problems?* and *The Terrestrial Biosphere: environmental change, ecosystem science, attitudes and values*. Most recently I have written: 'Pioneering fieldwork heroes in the life sciences' Ch. 4 in Burt and Thompson (Eds.) *Curious about Nature* to celebrate the FSC. The new book: 'Why Conserve Nature: meanings, motivations and actions' co-authored with Rogelio Luque Lora for Cambridge University Press is due out in 2021.



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Coronavirus Update

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Patient access is by invitation only, following a prior telephone assessment. If the assessing clinician feels it is clinically necessary to see you, they will arrange for you to come in and see them.

Essential care, such as NHS immunisations, blood tests, smear tests, and mother and baby checks, continues to go ahead at selected sites. We carry out temperature checks on both staff and patients to minimise risk. Patients are asked to wear, and are provided with, masks when entering any of our buildings.

As we all know, coronavirus information seems to change by the day. For the very latest news go to www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/ and www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Flu Clinics

Thanks to a fantastic community collaboration with Duxford Imperial War Museum, we held the county's first ever drive-thru flu clinic on Saturday 3rd October, vaccinating 1,500 patients without the need for anyone to get out their cars. The weather was atrocious but it did not dampen our spirits, nor our patients, who were cheerful and supportive throughout the day.

We are holding our next drive-thru clinic on 17 th October, and we are holding smaller flu clinics at each surgery site throughout October and November.

To book an appointment please ring 0300 234 5555.

New Granta Website

Our new Granta Medical Practices website goes live in late October. It has been designed for easy navigation, has an accessibility widget, and incorporates a new, direct contact form. If you have a moment we would love you to give us some feedback. Whilst I cannot guarantee to accommodate every comment, all suggestions will be taken into consideration.

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Anthony Browne MP
Keeping in touch with South Cambridgeshire

MP welcomes latest figures showing support for businesses in South Cambridgeshire

In total, more than £200 billion of Government support has been provided to help individuals and businesses in all parts of the UK. New statistics showing government support to businesses in South Cambridgeshire have been welcomed by local MP Anthony Browne MP.

Businesses across South Cambridgeshire have benefitted from 87,019,653 worth of loans since the start of the coronavirus outbreak. This includes 1,805 Bounce Back Loans – government-backed loans which are interest-free for the first 12 months – worth 54,268,224. The scheme ensures that small firms who need vital cash injections to keep operating can get finance in a matter of days, with no repayments due during the first 12 months.

In addition, 136 loans have been offered in South Cambridgeshire at a value of 32,751,429 through the Coronavirus Business Interruption Scheme. This scheme has helped small and medium-sized businesses to access loans and other kinds of finance up to £5 million.

The Chancellor also announced that the government's Job Support Scheme will be expanded to protect jobs and support businesses required to close their doors as a result of coronavirus restrictions, alongside increasing the cash grants to businesses in England required to shut in local lockdowns to support with fixed costs – worth up to £3,000 per month.

So far, the government has provided over £200 billion throughout its economic response to coronavirus to support jobs and businesses in the UK.

Commenting, Anthony Browne MP said: *"This year has been hugely challenging for businesses in South Cambridgeshire, but these latest figures demonstrate the scale of support that the Conservative Government has put in place to protect livelihoods and businesses."*

"Never has the Conservatives' agenda to level up the whole county been so important – and we will continue to focus on supporting hardworking families across South Cambridgeshire."

Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak said: "Our support for businesses and workers has provided a lifeline to employers up and down the country, supporting people to stay in jobs and protecting livelihoods."

"We will build on this as we move to the next stage of our recovery through the Winter Economy Plan, which will continue to protect jobs and help businesses through the months ahead."

For further information, contact:

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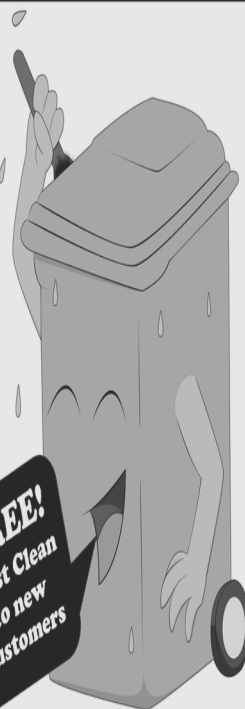
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Museum collections of assorted artefacts and documents add another dimension to the human history of the area. Saffron Walden Museum opened in 1835 and houses a real treasure trove of historical and other material relating to the local area. A recent grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund is enabling the development of plans to attract new visitors to the museum and adjacent castle.

Smaller museums hold collections of agricultural implements, local artefacts and archive material. The Grade II* building of the Forge Museum in Much Hadham houses a collection of metal tools while striking medieval wall paintings reveal details of Tudor fashion. The Ashdon Village Museum has exhibits about life in the 20th century and the curator is updating information on the family trees of seventy local residents and preparing displays in anticipation of re-opening in the future.

We look forward to the time when our museums can safely reopen. Meanwhile, we can enjoy our heritage and celebrate the past by continuing to explore outdoors. With regular additions of new walks to the Society's website, we can use these descriptive routes, some as short as 1 mile, to explore the cultural landscapes that make up the Hundred Parishes.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee.



Saffron Walden Castle

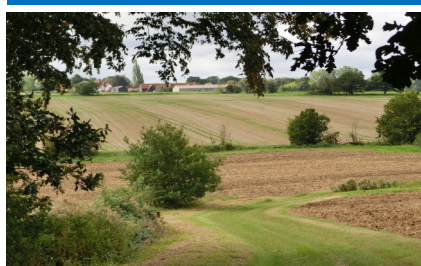


Barkway High Street



Saffron Walden Museum

Little Dunmow – Barnston footpath



Ashdon Village Museum



Forge Museum, Much Hadham





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

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