

HINXTON news

Dear Readers

You are probably aware that we now have our own page on Facebook, called **HINXTON LIFE**. Hopefully it will become our discussion forum where we can exchange views and stories without interference from people outside our village (unless invited).. These social media sites are not everybody's cup of tea, but at least this private group will avoid the constant intrusion of unessential information from outside.

Only Hinxton villagers can join. Please visit

www.facebook.com/groups/2818768671576124

In April 2017, Fiona Marshall, whilst a Parish Councillor, invited each of us to come forward with our ideas for the village going forward. Since then much has changed and in the light of the proposed Wellcome Trust housing estate, it is probably time to reopen the debate.

Thank goodness that the end of social mixing constraints is in sight. We are all totally weary of it and looking forward arranging the first **Hinxton Bingo** session.Watch this space!

Mike



Spring

Thanks to
Sonya Ansell for the
fabulous wild life pictures
taken in her back garden



is in the
Air



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Nancy Pearce (nee Howe)
7th June 1919 – 8th January 2021

There may be one or two Hinxtontians who will remember Nancy Howe.

Nan was born in Great Chesterford, before the family moved to Hall Farm. She had four sisters, Margaret, Amy, Sybil and Mary (Johnson).

During the 2nd World War, she was an ambulance driver and recalled one incident where she witnessed a German plane crash and, with her colleague, attended the scene, for which she received a commendation in Despatches. She met a young man, Fred Pearce, who had been posted to Hinxtont, and they married in the parish church in September 1946. In 1953 they had a son, Rick.

Whilst living at Great Missenden, Nan joined the WI and the local drama group. Her great love was tennis, which she played until she was no longer physically able.

Nan was a lovely lady who had the most incredible memory and could name practically everyone who lived in Hinxtont during her time at Hall Farm. I was hoping to visit her again to ask for her help with the history of Hinxtont houses, but unfortunately the Coronavirus prevented me from doing so. However, I do have some wonderful letters that she wrote to my father, recalling various people and incidents that happened in the village in their youth.

She sadly passed away in a Care Home in Aylesbury on 8th January, aged 101.

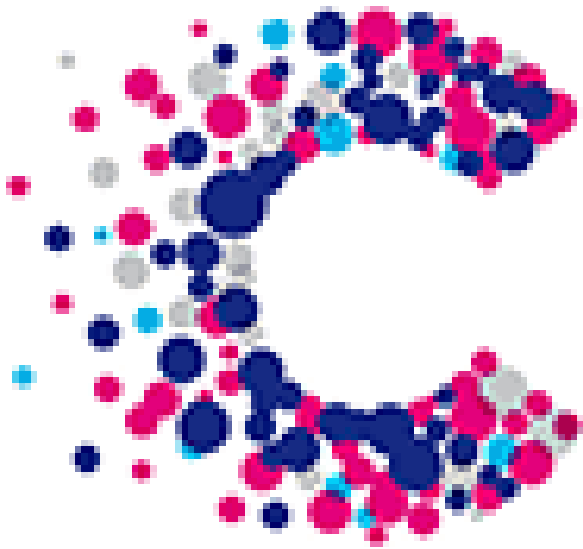
Ros Smith



World Day of Prayer March 5th 2021

This year's service, due to be held at Hinxtont Church, has been postponed until such time as we are allowed to gather in church. Hopefully, this might be sometime during the summer. Meanwhile, we are requested to remember the women of Vanuatu, who have compiled the service, as they and others worldwide meet in worship.

Julie Baillie, LLM.



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Jill Garnier is a Star



We are (almost) all committed to combatting climate change by achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, the UN-set target which is now enshrined in UK law. But that is different from achieving absolute zero emissions.

“Net zero” means as much greenhouse gases (mainly carbon dioxide) are taken out of the atmosphere as are put in. While most human activities – primarily burning fossil fuels – emit carbon dioxide, there are other activities that produce “negative emissions”, taking carbon dioxide out. Indeed, nature left to its own devices is carbon negative – since life started 3.5 billion years ago, it has been sucking CO₂ out of the atmosphere and burying it underground as gas, oil, coal, and carboniferous rocks such as chalk and limestone. Since the advent of the industrial revolution, mankind has been reversing that process, taking 3 trillion tonnes of carbon from underground and emitting it into the atmosphere, increasing the amount of CO₂ in the air by nearly 50%, exacerbating the greenhouse effect.

Negative emissions are a key part of the world’s strategy to tackle climate change. They are recognised by the UN’s International Panel on Climate Change and the UK’s Committee on Climate Change as an essential part of reaching net zero. There are some activities where it will be impossible to reduce emissions to zero, so we need negative emissions to offset them.

Last week, in my role as Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on the Environment, I hosted the Parliamentary launch of the Coalition for Negative Emissions, a new global group set up to champion taking carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and capturing it in the biosphere (life on earth) or burying in the geosphere (in geological formations far underground).

Nature-based solutions are the more straightforward part – planting trees, restoring peat bogs and salt marshes, and restorative farming practices. But then there are negative emissions technologies - carbon capture and storage (CCS - taking CO₂ out from the chimneys of power stations), and direct air capture (taking CO₂ out of the atmosphere). The UK’s Drax power station is burning biomass (wood pellets) and aiming to use CCS to become 70% carbon negative.

As was clear at the parliamentary launch, some environment groups have concerns that need to be answered. The technology has been shown to work, but is new, and hasn’t been developed at scale. Biomass is controversial – it clearly needs to be proven to be done in a way that is verifiable and sustainable, not leading to the destruction of nature. Of less concern now is the carbon escaping from under the ocean – it stayed there as natural gas and oil for hundreds of millions of years without getting out.

Negative emissions are not a solution by themselves and must not be used as an excuse not to curb emissions in the first place. They must be shown to be robust and do what they claim. But they are a potential useful tool in getting our emissions back in balance - and we should use every tool we have.

Hinxton

GARDEN CENTRE

is back in April

Expect the usual choice of our popular
tomato plants and geraniums.

This year we will feature a wider range of flowering plants
such as the lovely
Chater's Double Ickle Hollyhock, Sweet Pea and Cosmos.



*limited numbers on forecourt in line with government policy

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GRANTA Medical Practices

Granta Medical Practices Update March 2021

It's amazing to think that the UK has been in an emergency state for a year. We are now in our third national lockdown, and everyday life has changed beyond all recognition.

There is, however, a tiny light at the end of this long, dark tunnel and it is shining just a little brighter day by day with the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

As I write this (08/02/2021), we have vaccinated around 7,000 of our patients in cohorts 1 to 4. We continue to work our way through the priority groups, as instructed by NHS England.

You may be invited by us, or you may receive an NHS England letter inviting you to attend a mass vaccination centre. It is entirely your choice where you would like to go. All vaccinations are all recorded on a national database so please be assured that you will not be missed.

Information about the virus and the vaccine changes daily, sometimes even hourly. To keep completely up to date with the latest guidance it is advisable to look at the Government website www.gov.uk and the NHS UK website www.nhs.uk If you know of someone who does not have access to a computer and you do, please help them access the latest information.

As always, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me direct on 01223 627743 or sandra.east@nhs.net

GRANTA Pharmacy

Granta Pharmacy Update March 2021

Our new **Automated Prescriptions Collection Point** in Sawston is now open! You can collect your medicines 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year, including weekends and bank holidays. You will need a valid mobile telephone number, to which a unique pin number will be sent when your prescription is ready for collection. It's a simple as

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If you can't get out to collect your medicines, why not take advantage of our **free home delivery service**. Please ring 01223 727530 for further information and to sign up.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Since the students have not returned to Cambridge this Spring, this production will be part of a season of online shows, which will be available for you to watch for free.

If you have booked a ticket for this production, you will be sent an email on the day of the event with instructions on how to tune in.

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The CVF's 20th Anniversary

In the closing years of the last century the late Nevill Willmer, a retired Professor of Histology and fellow of Clare College, convened a group of people who shared his concern that the Cam and its riverside near Cambridge were threatened by rapid urban development. Their mission was sensibly widened to protect and include the river's wildlife and rural landscapes, across the entire Cam catchment, which even then had already greatly lost out to changed farming practice. At the suggestion of Max Walters, a former Botanic Garden director, it was conceived that the group might usefully bring together all those concerned with every strand of river interest and so achieve consensual outcomes that everyone might find were for the better.

It was this vision that led to the launch of the Cam Valley Forum. Jean Perraton, a founder member and former chairman, has been that group's enduring central figure over the last 20 years. Willmer himself left behind two beautiful published sketch books of River Cam scenes, not to mention the brilliant floral artistry in his design of Clare College fellows' garden.

There have been many changes over 20 years. The forum continues to attract enthusiastic voluntary labour, wide-ranging proactive skills, and devotion to its founding principles. These have led to the expansion of its activities.

There has been improvement in farming practices. Some major industrial chemical polluters have gone - though we find their numerous pollutants still present today as traces in water samples from Hauxton. The threat of Floating Pennywort has grown over 20 years. The over-abstraction of water from the Chalk has become a widely-understood and regional emergency though the first Cam tributary augmentations date from the 1970s [see [Let it Flow!](#)]. Discharge of untreated sewage into the Cam system is a major issue.

Rather than merely harangue, the forum has evolved its *modus operandi*, to hold to account and work together with, where possible, the water companies and the cash-strapped Environment Agency, and to call upon help, be it from organisations such as the Wildlife Trust, the Wild Trout Trust, local river groups, volunteers, the Cam Conservators, the commercial punting companies or the Cambridge Canoe Club.

The Hundred Parishes Society

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

At this difficult time, we are fortunate to live in such a lovely area where we can take exercise close to home in attractive and interesting surroundings. One of the local delights is the number of thatched buildings.

Thatch was once the roofing choice of the poor as it was locally sourced, inexpensive and sustainable; now it seems that only the better-off can afford the necessary regular servicing and replacement. Most roofs are thatched with long wheat straw and many are topped out with a decorative straw feature on the apex. These are called straw finials.

Pheasants and foxes are still among the favourites for this tradition that goes back centuries. These finials may once have been installed to keep away birds or even witches, while some may have been the trademark of the individual thatcher. Today, they are more likely chosen by the customer from an online catalogue. They seem to be more abundant and varied than ever.

I have spotted some fine examples around The Hundred Parishes such as the two running hares on a cottage at Ashdon. In Finchingfield and Radwinter you may find families of ducks and there is a large thatched cow on the barn of the Red Cow pub at Chrishall.

You may see a hare on Dick Turpin's Cottage at Hempstead or a galloping horse at Great Bardfield. High Roding has a delightful cat stretching up the chimney stack and a fox chases a hare in Brent Pelham. An eagle has landed in Aythorpe Roding and there is a flying pig in Ugley.

The 16th-century Thatchers pub at Hatfield Heath is appropriately situated on a road that was once part of the route for horse-drawn cartage of wheat from Suffolk to London.

Do keep looking up!

Ken McDonald,
Secretary.



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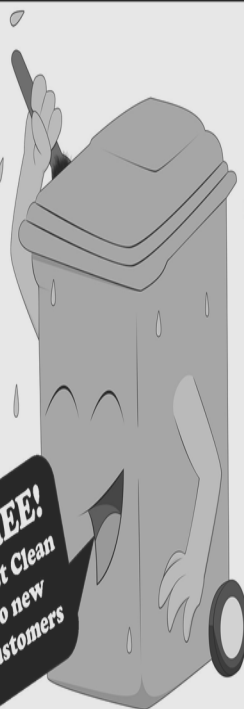
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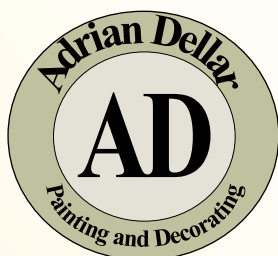
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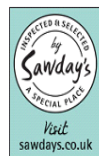


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February Greetings to Hinxton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

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The **Friday Classic & Specials nights** continue to be as popular as ever. The Specials are going to start to have a theme by rotation. Going to press the first one is a **Fish Night**.

Do put in suggestions if there is a particular cuisine you would like to see.

Sunday roast lunches are now offered monthly.

The next up is **Mothering Sunday 14th March** – do book ahead through the website – either collect or delivery, and either hot or meal kit.

Please do sign up to our **Newsletter** to keep up to date with what we are offering each week. Keep well and safe.

Alex, Nikol, Shane, Kris and the teams

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Whittlesford & Duxford Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Face to face scouting was suspended for January to comply with the national lockdown; all meetings were via zoom.

Activities for **Wild Wood** (Wed, 6-8 yrs) and **Forest Beavers** (Fri, 6-8 yrs) included drawing a story about a disability; leaders added obstacles along the way for the characters to overcome. **Sirius** and **Javelins Cubs** (Mon and Thurs 8-10½ yrs) learned how to sign the lyrics for the song "Octopus's Garden". They also made bird feeders for the RSPB birdwatch.

Dr Matt Bothwell (Institute of Astronomy) kindly gave an interesting talk on astronomy and the solar system to our **Arrows Scouts** (Tues, 10½-14 yrs).

Hitchhiker Explorers (14-18 yrs Fri) baked vegan banana bread and played the online game "Among Us" together. If you would like to get involved, do get in touch via our website www.wanddscouts.org.uk

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