



HINXTON NEWS

The truth behind
England's rural idyll

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from the Editor

Unfortunately, I was not the only one who left the recent **Wellcome Campus** presentation in the village hall with a heavy heart. It was quite unnerving to hear our villagers really pleading to be understood.

The questions coming from the floor made it obvious that we felt disengaged from the whole process and that the “consultations” had patently not given any ground to our misgivings.

All of this created a combative mood at the scheduled **Parish Council** meeting the following week. The gathering was informative and some of the debate referred to a similar expansion 25 years ago where promises were made by the Wellcome Trust not to build houses on the fields surrounding the village. This has to be verified but it was understood to be part of the deal that allowed the expansion at that time from 1000 employees up to 2500.

We are fortunate that many talented and informed local individuals have since stepped up to offer their considerable influence to contest this development.

Your comments and objections should be submitted no later than 4th February.

Go to page 22 for full details.

The Council agreed we could hold a Dog Show on the car park on the day of the Village Fete. At the end of the meeting I was propositioned by a man offering 20 quid to judge his dog as **Best of Show**.

Naturally, I accepted. Thanks G..n !

Early discussions about our annual village Fete in June agreed the theme as “**The Flintstones**”so you can expect lots of dinosaurs and rock cakes.

The **Hinxton Dog Show** will start the Fete off and allow all our pooches to strut their stuff. Entry forms will be published soon with a variety of classes and we all love the “**Dog & Owner Look-a-Like**” competition.

Ros Smith has written yet another first-rate article about Glebe Farm, one of our iconic houses in the village, (p.12). Ros compiled this history with the invaluable help of **Jack Page**, who in his nineties is amongst our oldest members and still retains an amazing sense of humour and the sharpest of memories. *Bless You Jack.*

Many of us responded to Will Senior 's survey about our energy usage. He has shared his findings on p.11 and becomes our youngest correspondent during my shift as Editor. Thanks Will.....looking forward to the next one.

The Hinton News team is now reinforced with **Paul Breen** installed as Managing Director, Treasurer, Advertising Executive and tea boy. **Melanie Bright** has gleefully accepted the job of copy reader and **Janice Ellis Brown** has taken over Jenny Saich's delivery round.

As for our Recipe Relay Page !

Come back Linda, wherever you are.

Mike

THE FOUR MOST LIKELY REASONS FOR TRAFFIC DELAYS

1. Too many cars for the roadway due to inadequate mass transit options or other reasons.
2. Traffic signals out of sync many times on purpose or occasionally when the computers are malfunctioning.
3. Too many pedestrians crossing not permitting cars to turn.
4. Overdevelopment in areas where the mass transit system is already overcrowded and the road system is inadequate.

Granta Deanery Supporting the Churches' work with
young people in village communities of South Cambridgeshire

Spring Fair

Saturday 30th March 10.00–12.00

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'De-cluttering?? Do you have any oddments of china or glass that you've had sitting in a cupboard for years and never use? This could be your chance to part with it! At the Deanery Fair in Shelford on 30th March Hinxton church runs the china and glass stall and contributions are always welcome.

Margaret would be happy to collect - just give a ring on 531045.'

Read all about it.....

New additional collecting point for
your newspapers.

Tony Vincent has kindly offered to have a bin in his garden where those of you who live at the North End of the village can put your unwanted newspapers. It can't be missed; it's yellow! For the rest of the village, there is still a box just inside the churchyard gate, by the wall on the left as you go in. So, please don't throw out old newspapers; I know a lot of people now read the news on-line, but we all get a free Local paper each week, so please save them - every little helps.

Thank you everyone (especially Tony & Mavis).

If you are unable to take them to a collecting point yourself, please phone Ros on 532064 and she will happily collect from you!

Luncoy Kennels collect them on a Thursday and give a generous donation for the Church.

World Day Of Prayer Service

This year's service, formerly known as the Women's World Day Of Prayer, will be held at Ickleton Church at 2.00pm on Friday 1st March.

The service has been compiled by the women of Slovenia and its title is 'Come - Everything is Ready!' There will be tea and cakes afterwards and we hope that the earlier start will enable those who have to collect children from school or from the school bus to join us. Everyone is welcome!

Julie Baillie. Tel. 01799 530684

A message from Petra

THE IMPORTANCE OF 'PLACE'

By the time you are reading this, a group of more than fifty of us from Ely Diocese, including Julie Baillie and Joan Roberts, will be in the Holy Land. For twelve days we will be travelling to places with familiar names and recalling the, also familiar, stories associated with them. It is impossible to think of Bethlehem and not think of the stable; of Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus, shepherds, wise men and the ox and ass. Places are named by people, sometimes after people. Sometimes the names are associated with the geography of the place, the landscape or trees, rivers, rocks that make the place what it is. Jerusalem, ironically means 'City of Peace'; salem is a version of Shalom, meaning peace. Hebron comes from the Hebrew word 'haver' meaning 'friend'. It is associated with Abraham who was a friend of God.

Hinxton (you probably know this) is Anglo-Saxon for Hengest's farm. This means that places that are named must surely have stories attached to them; why would you need to name a place unless there was something significant about it – even if it's simply a landmark? Everywhere we go, we are walking where others have walked, talking where others have talked, laughing and weeping where others have laughed and wept. We live and work and rest where others have lived and worked and rested and our story becomes part of the story, the history of the place. This is something I'm never more aware of than in our ancient parish churches, which seem to hold the stories of the villagers almost within the very fabric of the walls. They are the places where families and neighbours and friends gather together to celebrate new life, the joining together of lives and with dignity and grief to bid farewell to loved ones at the end of life. They're where the secrets of broken hearts are poured out to God and where healing can happen. In the past they were market places and gathering places, the social hub of the community.

Outside in the churchyard lie the physical remains of villagers; familiar family names that conjure up images of days gone by and their stories that have been handed down generation by generation.

We live in a society which no longer seems to value the stories, the wisdom of the past. I'm convinced that the human race has forgotten more than we know. There is a race to post our own stories on social media – it's only really happened if there's a photograph of it. We must be busy; we no longer think it a valuable use of time to 'sit and stare', to wonder at the beauty of nature, to sit in an ancient building and contemplate quietly.

There is something very grounding about consciously walking in the footsteps of others; consciously wondering about who might have formed this pathway or that. It roots us in a past that has somehow made us, for good or ill, into the people and communities we are today. In the same way as the Bible stories have shaped the thought and lifestyles of Christians, even the laws and ethics of the nation, the people and stories attached to our villages, places and buildings have shaped our communities.

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday 3rd

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

Sunday 10th

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

Sunday 17th

8.00 am BCP Communion Ickleton
10.00 am Parish Communion and Al2gether Hinxton
5.00 Taize Service Ickleton

Wednesday 20th

2.30 – Julian meeting Ickleton

Saturday 23rd

9.30 – 12.30 Craft Café Duxford
24th
8.00 am BCP Communion Hinxton
10.00 am Parish Communion and Al2gether Duxford
5.00 pm Evensong Ickleton

Thursday 28th

10.00 TIDDLERS 0-5 group, Duxford Church

1st & 3rd TUES 10.30 Coffee Morning Ickleton
2nd & 4th TUES 10.00 Unlocking the Word
@ the Rectory, Duxford

THURS 7.45 Bible Study 71 High Street Hinxton

WEDS (except 20th) Window of Prayer, Ickleton



As you read this Theresa will sitting in a lovely warm climate with an ice cold glass of Cab Sav to keep her cool, her feet dangling in the billabong watching kookaburras showing off in the trees.

Ah. Bliss.

It's a far cry from the stress of copy dates and Spotlight revues.

To introduce Kate, who will be organising the Spotlight for the time being, Theresa has made her the subject of the column this month.

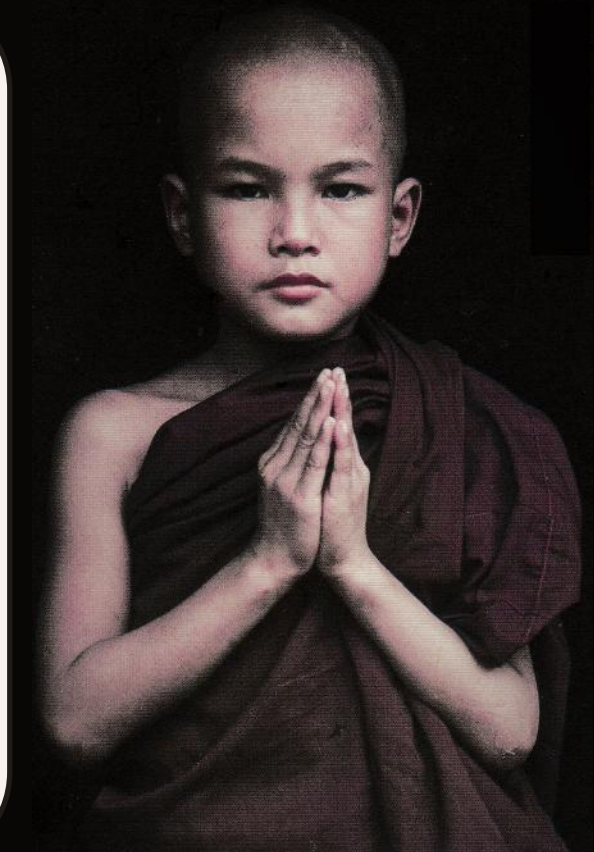
Welcome to the team, Kate.

Who dat enjoying demselves ?



A Poem by Rolfe Evans

I saw a boy today - sitting
 I was that boy - that young man
 Searching - waiting to be spoken to
 The boy became a man
 The man - an older man
 Still I sit - waiting
 Waiting for the kingfisher
 Wanting to know
 I read, but there is no need to read
 I search, but there is no need to search
 Where else would I be
 But here
 Sitting





Kate Riley

with Theresa Sullivan

Tell us about your early life?

My father left Cambridge to join the war and on return he chose to apply for the Colonial Service. He started his career in Nigeria as an Assistant District Officer near Wum, a remote northern region of the country. After marrying my Mother during his first leave home, she bravely set-off back to Nigeria with him and so I was born in a mission hospital in Bafut (like a Bafut Beagle!) I am told that after a Christian baptism, the local chief insisted on another celebration, and I was given the Fulani name, "Ishatu". Perhaps that was a blessing for the years to come elsewhere in Africa! I remember a mixture of events from those early days; picnics along the river, orange groves, home-schooling and happy outdoor parties with other families. Trips home were initially by boat and letters took weeks. I was eight when we came back to a new life in England. It must have been a relief, particularly for my mother, to have her own parents and her three sisters nearby. From 1960s we lived in Newport, and I went to Junior House School in Saffron Walden. There were so many happy days at home during those years; shared lifts to school, snow drifts on the hills and sliding down slopes on tin trays, holidays playing in the fields and building houses from the hay bales. My mother was always with us, she played a huge part in our lives giving us all her energy, love and support. I went on to school at New Hall, near Chelmsford, and later to Reading to read English Literature. My Father had great faith in education and encouraged us all; he certainly gave me a love of language and words. He was a quiet gentle man, with a love of England and the countryside in a deep old fashioned sense. After university I travelled to Mexico, and then volunteered in shanty-towns around Paris. While at Homerton, I met Alan, my husband, and chose to go with him to Kenya instead! From the start, I felt at home in Kenya and it was all a wonderful adventure. Alan took pride in showing me his home country and teaching me about the wild-life and environment he loved so much. His passion was fish farming and we finally built and ran our own trout farm near Eldoret. Our life in Kenya took many turns, some good, some difficult, and we were not always very successful. But it was a time I hold dear. Sadly Alan was found to have Cancer in 2000 and he died in 2002. A year later, I took the decision to leave; a decision of mind over heart. As I began the search for work and house once again, I found Hinxton! While I waited to view Number 81, I met Ros and she showed me around the church and wished me luck; how lucky I have been. As you

know, I used to go back to Eldoret to visit my mother in law, Nancie Riley, and we grew closer in those last few years. So when the Living Room International charity wanted to buy the last eight acres of the Riley farm, it was the most heart-warming end to that half of my life. When I go again for the opening of the new hospice on 1st February 2019, the circle will be complete.

If you could have one gift or power what would it be?

I would like to have been able to sing and play the piano well.

What is your favourite plant in your garden and why?

No favourites, although I love the Daphne I inherited. I have a huge e-garden in my mind, which I find easy to fill with climbing roses, peonies, iris and lupins of course, and banks of spring bulbs.

Do you have a favourite piece of music?

Possibly 'The New World Symphony' by Dvorjak.

Who would be your ideal dinner guests

I'd rather like to meet Marianne North, a single Victorian woman who travelled the world to make a pictorial record of tropical plants. Her collection is at the Botanic Gardens.

And I'd like to meet TE Lawrence, to hear him talk about the desert.

However, they might not make a merry dinner party!

So I'd choose the company of Mark Rylance, with Judi Dench and Victoria Wood for an evening of laughter and quick quips!

If you could choose to go anywhere in the world tomorrow where would it be?

I've always wanted to go to the Seychelles – so when I win the pools that will be first choice, for at least three months. I'm not so good at quick stays! I like to get to know a place slowly.

What do you feel have been your greatest achievements? Although I played only a small part, I am happiest about the outcomes in Eldoret. In a more mundane way, I feel I did good working for Social Services.

Anything else you would like to share with us?

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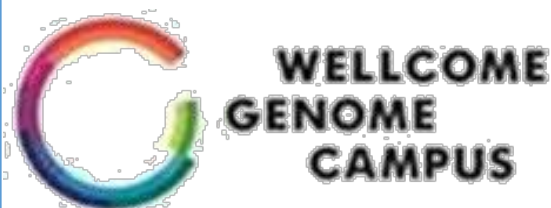
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Genome Gallery, Campus Conference Centre

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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: ATTRACTION EXPLAINED
THE SCIENCE OF HOW WE FORM RELATIONSHIPS

Wed 13 February, 7-8.30pm

Espresso Library, 210 East Road, Cam, CB1 1BG

Can science explain how we form relationships? Viren Swami, Professor of Social Psychology at Anglia Ruskin University, will help us uncover how factors such as geography, appearance, personality, and similarity affect who we fall for, and why.

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

THE STORY COLLIDER
TRUE STORIES ABOUT SCIENCE

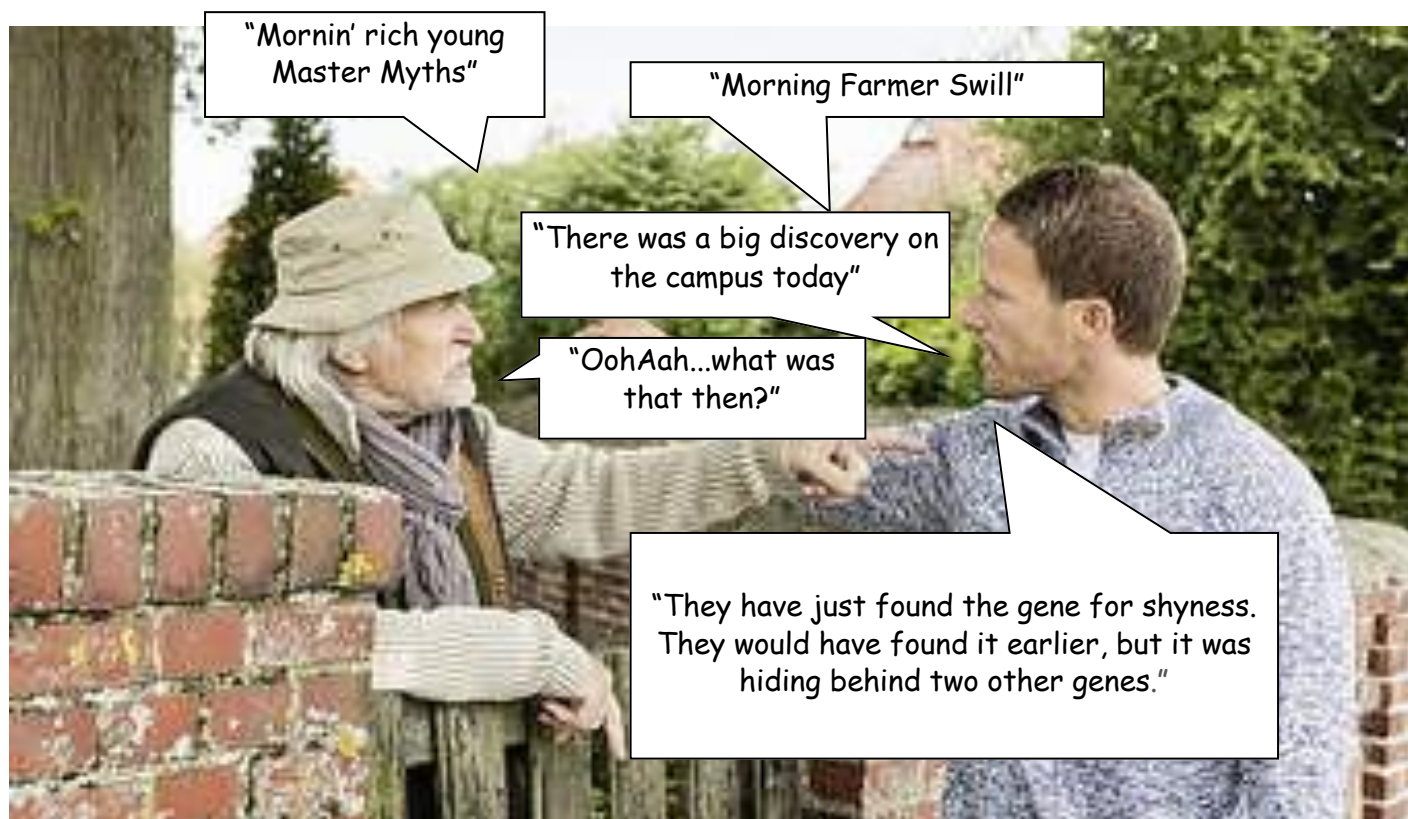
Tue 19 February, 7.30pm

Cambridge Junction, Clifton Way Camb, CB1 7GX

Whether we wear a lab coat or haven't seen a test tube since school, science is shaping all of our lives. And that means we all have science stories to tell. The Story Collider is an international story-telling show, started in New York, with a mission to tell these hidden stories. Featuring researchers, doctors, engineers, patients, poets, and parents; some stories are heart-breaking, others are hilarious, but they're all true and all very personal. We'll have some first-time tellers as well as some established talent tread the boards to share their stories.

Price: £8 (£6 con).

Tickets: www.junction.co.uk/the-story-collider





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Saving Energy in Hinxtton

A survey by Will Senior

For the last few weeks I have given out leaflets and conducted a survey about saving energy in your home. This was part of my Duke of Edinburgh award volunteering project. Using too much energy is now a major problem in the world as it is contributing to global warming (and also costs lots of money!), so knowing how to save electricity is extremely important. Campaigns like this can be very helpful as it can make people think carefully about whether their house is energy efficient and urge them to install the right things to make them efficient. The impact of this campaign has been quite significant as many people have thought hard about their answers when replying to the survey. For the survey I asked five short questions regarding the leaflet, these were: Have you read the leaflet? ; Were you aware of the messages in the leaflet before reading them?; Have you already taken any of the actions recommended in the leaflet?, Do you intend to take any of the actions recommended in the leaflet in the future?; Do you have any suggestions for other ways to save energy? Luckily most people had read the leaflet and many people already knew about the messages in the leaflet. Lots of people had also already taken some of the actions suggested by it, most people had installed LEDs or other energy saving bulbs, used good insulation and had double glazed windows and some people had wood burners and ground source heat pumps. Many people had considered installing other energy saving devices such as solar panel

but lots of houses are listed and so they are not able to.

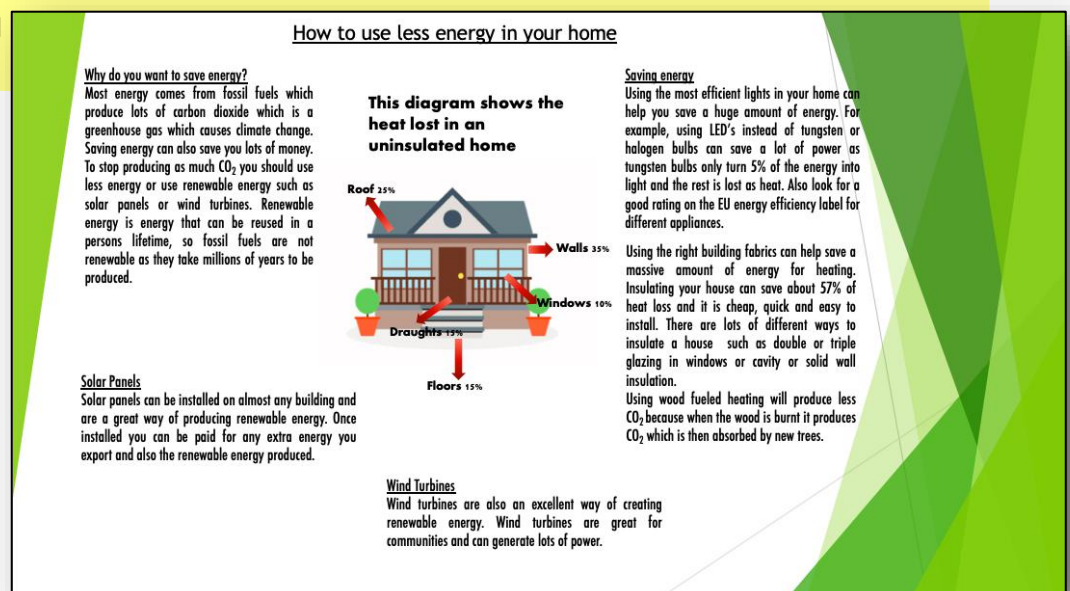
Lots of people had some very good suggestions on other ways to save energy such as, turning the water mill into a power generator and building a wind turbine to power the village hall and church, or even some of the village.

Here are some top tips that have been suggested by villagers:

- ◆ Turning your phone onto airplane mode when it's charging as it is quicker
- ◆ Using alternative methods of travel such as: using an electric car, public transport or walking
- ◆ Wearing a jumper rather than turning up the heating
- ◆ Installing a smart heating/lighting system so you can put lights on a schedule or turn them off if you forget
- ◆ Turning off appliances when you are not using them (don't use standby mode)
- ◆ Only using the amount of water you need in a kettle rather than filling it up
- ◆ Sharing baths!

Here is a picture of the leaflet.

Finally, thank you very much to the people who contributed towards my project, it was incredibly helpful.



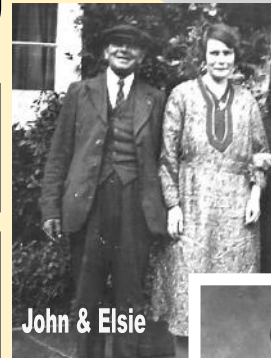
No 64 High Street (Glebe Farm)



This has been the home of Mr Jack Page since he was 22 years old when he moved to Glebe Farm with his mother and father, John and Elsie Louisa Page in 1948.



Jack was the third eldest in a family of eight. Albert, Leslie and Jack were all born at Ickleton Grange before moving to 81 High Street, Hinxton.



John & Elsie



Albert



Leslie

His father had been a horse keeper for the Bowens at the Grange (as had his father before him) for twelve years when he took the job of horse keeper for Hinxton Estate.



This clearly shows his bandaged hand



Red Cross Hospital, Ickleton—March 1916

John Page was seriously injured during the 1st World War, including losing two fingers, and was a patient for a while at the Red Cross Hospital (Norman Hall) in Ickleton

As the family grew, more space was needed and they moved to the front two cottages of what is now No.50 High Street. Dulcie arrived, followed by the twins, Mildred and Sylvia (known as Sybie), then Kenneth and David.



Kenneth



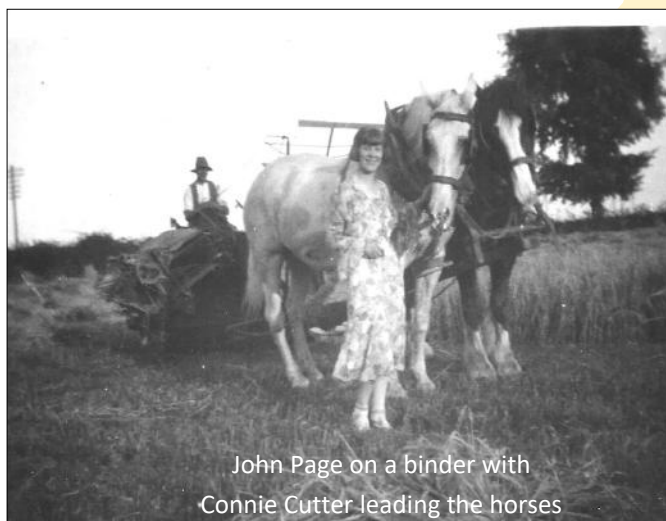
David

All the children went to the village school. The records show that in October 1935 Dulcie was absent, having "*gone to Addenbrookes re: Throat*", and in September 1936 Jack went to Sawston College to see the dentist!

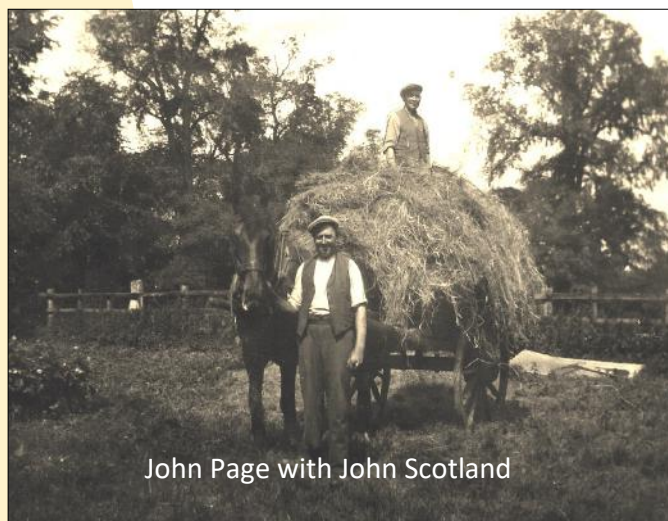


Mildred Dulcie & Sylvia

At the age of 14, Jack started work at Hinxton Hall for the Ms Robinsons as one of the 'gardener boys', being trained by the Head Gardener at the time, Mr. Spruce. Jack went on to be the lady's chauffeur. (When Mildred married Stanley Keeble, Jack chauffeured her to church in his Vauxhall car: Sybie and Joan Pettit were her



John Page on a binder with
Connie Cutter leading the horses

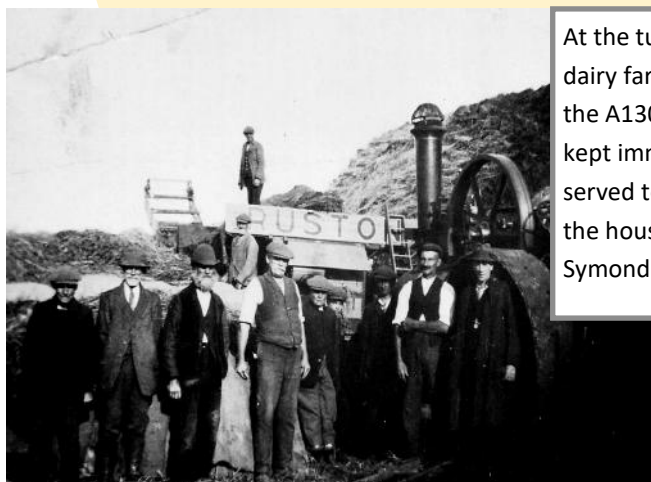


John Page with John Scotland

During the war years the house was occupied for a short time by the Webb family who ran a haulage company, and also for a while by the Liddamores who came here from London; they were related to Mrs. Liddamore, a teacher at Hinxton School, who lived at 83 High Street.



Prior to WW2, William, a leading Aircraftsman and his wife Violet Body lived at Glebe Farm with their three boys William (Bill) Frederick James Samuel b.1926 and Robert Terrance Mervyn (known as Terry). Jack Page and Fred Body were great mates in their school days. Records imply that young Bill was a bit of a handful. On 25th July 1933 he "was smacked for being impudent, ran home and



Frederick Symonds, 2nd from the right, with a
threshing machine in 1930

At the turn of the century, Glebe Farm was a working dairy farm and stretched from the High Street over the A1301 to a few fields beyond. The cows were kept immediately behind the house and milk was served to customers from a window on the side of the house. It was the home of Thomas and Elizabeth Symonds. Thomas Symonds was also a beer retailer/



Fred Body in
1936

They had at least four children:
Dorothy, Gladys, Frederick and Walter.

Frederick was the last to run it as a
farm.



Frederick
Symonds

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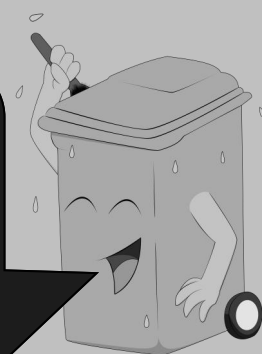
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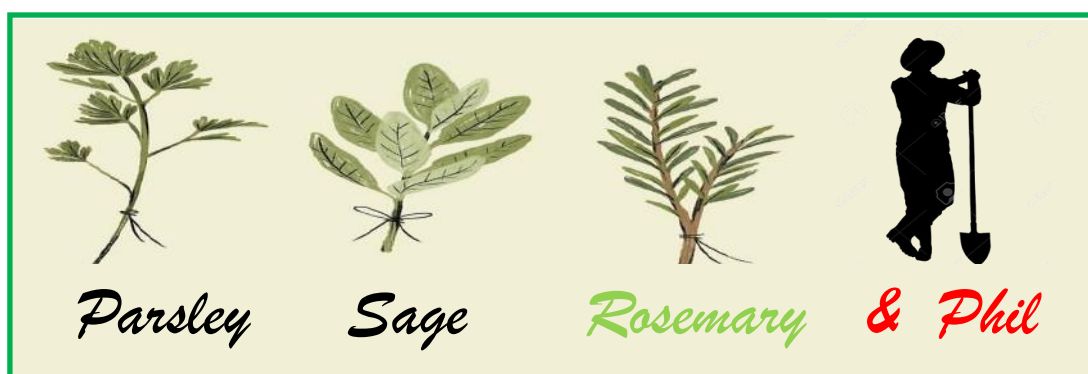
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February

What a wonderfully optimistic month February is! Snowdrops, daffodils and all the colourful spring bulbs are racing ahead. Enjoy the heady scents of February, winter fragrance is so nostalgic. Bring snowdrops into the home and suddenly you are breathing in honey. Sarcococca, Winter Honeysuckle and Winter Sweet are also great seasonal favourites and Daphne Jacqueline postill is unbeatable.

It is likely to be a few very cold weeks so keep feeding the birds, remembering to frequently wash the feeders as infection can be deadly for the birds when they are already struggling.

Wisteria. I know August is the time for the main prune but a winter tidy up will benefit this lovely climber. Shorten side shoots and check ties, also remove suckers from the base, Trees and shrubs will benefit greatly if a general fertiliser and good bulky mulch is applied round the base, always apply this when the ground is moist.

This is not a really busy time in the garden, however there is no doubt that fresh air and seeing the early activity is immensely good for body and soul.



In the days before we had freezers and food shipped from around the world we were reliant on the crops grown locally to see us through the winter. The vegetables grown in gardens today still reflect this.

Most of my vegetables are home grown even in January. Beetroot - resistant to mild frosts and still nice and sweet. Unfortunately the voles will find them eventually and they will be gone.

Carrots stay in the ground well but are very susceptible to carrot fly which will often at least make for a lot of peeling. Parsnips are difficult to get going, with a long germination time, but are good until April and are nice and sweet roasted. Own grown ones can be enormous.

Celeriac brings nice variety until March and is resistant to pests. It is super mixed with mashed potato.

Brussel Sprouts, not everyone's favourite but good until March depending on the variety.

Sprouting broccoli of various colours will produce succulent shoots until April, again depending on variety. Both sprouts and sprouting broccoli need plenty of space. 30+ inches apart.

Leeks are usually very reliable but this year we're badly affected with fly causing brown streaks so there are a lot of trimmings.

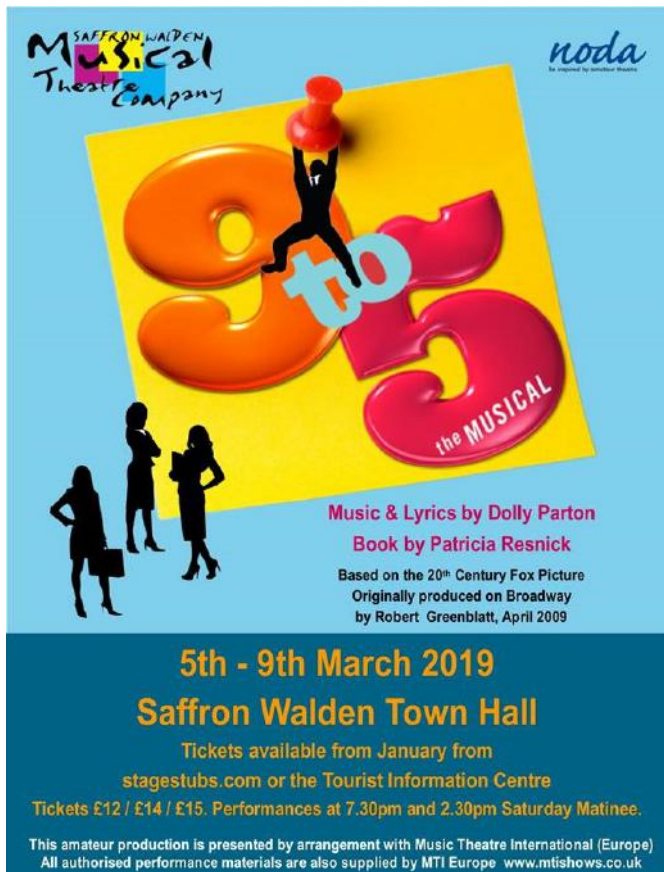
Swedes can be difficult to grow in our sandy soil but are tasty when successful. Great mashed and in stews.

Maybe surprisingly, flat leaved parsley stands well over winter and a row produces a constant supply. Rocket, mustard and other leaves also grow in a sheltered spot while the weather is mild.

Potatoes, squashes, onions, shallots, garlic all store well in the garage over winter if well dried before bagging up.

And finally, it may be a symptom of global warming but we ate our last tomatoes in the middle of January, ripened in a closed cardboard box.

If only we could grow avocados!



Parish Councillor interviews started this month in good time for the up coming planning meetings.



Report for Parish Councils

January 2019

Community Involvement Planning Document—

The Cabinet has published a draft Statement about Community Involvement which is an important document talking about close involvement with Parishes.

Once published I would encourage you to take a look. Whilst Stephen Kelly's team are pretty proactive it doesn't harm to feedback into this process.

Local Plan & Housing Delivery—The Cabinet is reviewing the status on local plan and housing delivery. This is important because it makes it more difficult for developers to apply for new developments as the Council can demonstrate its process with housing delivery vs the 5 year housing supply.

Housing Strategy- The Housing strategy was reviewed at scrutiny and published in December. It covers affordable housing, housing strategy overall and homelessness. Affordable housing is important for all your Parishes.

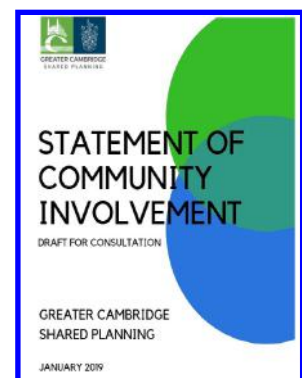
Local Developments: Latest Status:

Uttlesford —I met with UDC officers and representatives from Hinxton & Ickleton Parish Councils in Saffron Walden in December. I think Willy from Hinxton PC has circulated notes and observations from this where we stated it was inappropriate to be involved in a consultative process for something which we so fundamentally oppose.

Genome Campus: - Wellcome Genome Campus application is now in with a large foot print and important implications for all. The Jan 17th meeting will make a start on addressing these concerns. As discussed the consultation extends to Feb 4th

Agri Tech: - I met with Willy from Hinxton PC & Toby (the Planner in Charge from SCDC) at the Guildhall Dec 19th to discuss together with the SCDC consultants who will prepare the appeal case.

Peter McDonald



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting - 14th Jan 2019

The meeting was largely devoted to a public discussion of the recent Wellcome Genome Campus planning application for a substantial expansion. It was attended by approximately 40 people and focused on formal comments that the Parish Council might submit to SCDC and suggestions for measures to mitigate potential adverse consequences.

Before that there were updates on:

North Uttlesford Garden Community. UDC officers had a meeting with representatives of Ickleton and Hinxton and Great Chesterford PCs requesting consultation on Development Plan.

Documents relating to NUGC. The Parish Councils refused to take part unless and until the Inspector had approved NUGC as part of UDC's Local Plan.

Wellcome Trust Development. The planning application had been submitted. Comments need to be sent to SCDC by 4 February. Individuals were urged to send in their own comments.

Iron Bridge. The replacement bridge was ready for installation and only awaiting clearance from the Environment Agency. It will take about 10 days to erect and during this time the local paths will be closed to the public.

Allotments. All allotments are now taken. It was proposed and agreed to raise the annual rent for the following year from £7.50 to £10 per plot.

Smithson Hill Business Park. Local PCs have asked for a meeting with the Secretary of State to express concern over his taking exceptional powers to over-rule the Inspector's recommendation on the appeal.

Defibrillator. This has been delivered and is to be put in the porch of the Village Hall.

Wetlands Conservation Committee. The first stage of a three year programme of cutting back reeds has been completed.

Precept. Following a discussion of the Budget and expenditure for the following year and guidance from SCDC, it was proposed that the precept be raised by 10%.

Dog show at the Village Fete. This was given permission provided dogs did not go onto the playground but stayed in the car park area.

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18 January 2019

Dear Minister,

Recovery of planning appeal by the Secretary of State ref APP/W0530/W/18/3210008

I am writing on behalf of the parish councils of Hinxton, Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford, Pampisford, Great Abington, and Little Abington in South Cambridgeshire to seek a meeting to express our concern at your decision to 'recover' South Cambridgeshire District Council's decision to refuse the outline planning application for a business park on arable land in Hinxton close to these other parishes (S/4099/17/OL).

Our concern at your taking powers to overrule the Planning Inspector is partly because the only stated reason is that 'the appeal involves proposals for significant development within Green Belt'. This is entirely inconsistent with the evidence and the legislation. Only a small and subordinate detail of transport arrangements for the application would encroach on Green Belt. The proposed business park itself would be completely outside it. By no stretch of imagination could such an encroachment be considered 'nationally significant', as the statutory grounds for intervention require.

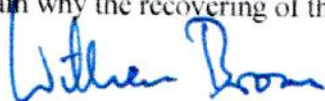
The application was refused on nine different grounds by South Cambridgeshire District Council last March. The Planning Committee was unanimous. The application is also contrary to the Council's approved Local Plan. Our parishes are not opposed to development in general and there is much development going on around us which we are facilitating. But this proposed general purpose business park, misdescribed as being for 'Agritech', is without justification for this farmland site and has serious and unmitigated traffic and other implications for us.

As parish councillors we have noted the recent Raynsford Report's sharp criticism of the failure of England's planning procedures to reflect the concerns of local communities. But we are aware that your Ministry has recently encouraged greater 'localism' and also that you spoke to the LGA earlier this month of your own vision of self-sufficiency in local government. We do not know who called for or who made this decision to 'recover' the planning process, which is unusual in the circumstances, but we have been shocked at actions of the company behind the development in question which could be taken as seeking to influence decisions.

Last October this company funded a reception at Westminster focused on promoting the Hinxton application which did not include our own constituency MP. In addition, according to Electoral Commission records the company also made a substantial political financial contribution shortly before the application was submitted. That is extraordinary. You will appreciate how this undermines the credibility of your Ministry's stated commitment to local accountability.

We should appreciate the opportunity to meet you so we can demonstrate the strength of local feeling and explain why the recovering of this appeal decision is inappropriate.

Yours,



William Brown (Chair, Hinxton PC) also Sian Wombwell (Chair, Ickleton PC); Aureole Wragg (Chair, Pampisford PC); Arthur Greaves (Chair, Whittlesford PC); Peter Brunning (Chair, Little Abington PC); Ed Harris (Acting Chair, Duxford PC); Bernie Talbot (Chair, Great Abington PC)

Happy New Year! As we embark on 2019, I am certain it promises to be another very full year, both in Parliament and here in South Cambridgeshire.

My first meeting of 2019 was with Highways England (HE) to discuss the A14 and the A428 and was joined by Councillors Lynda Harford and Ruth Betson. I asked for the meeting not only to be updated on the progress of the A14 but also to make HE aware of the concerns which residents and businesses have raised with me about the inconvenience created by the work.

When delivered, the A14 improvement scheme will provide significantly better infrastructure, but throughout the construction period, I am maintaining regular contact with HE to ensure inconvenience is kept to an absolute minimum and that all possible mitigation is put in place. A detailed summary of the meeting is on my website - <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/news/heidi-allen-mp-puts-residents-concerns-a14-project-team>

In relation to the A428, this Spring will (finally!) see a preferred route announcement for the new route between the Black Cat roundabout and Caxton Gibbet. HE confirmed to me that the project will cost significantly more than originally envisaged, so Treasury sign off has been the cause of the delayed announcement. I will of course provide you with details as soon as I have them.

As my newsletter can only ever be a snapshot (limited by a word count!) of my work, I keep my website updated with details of what I am doing on your behalf. If you have not looked recently, why not take a look at <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/>. At the beginning of January for example, I posted a video on the dedicated Brexit page in which I set out my views on the looming vote in the House of Commons on the Withdrawal Agreement. (By the time you read this, I'm hoping it will have been and gone!)

At the end of 2018, South Cambridgeshire received some fantastic news - Addenbrooke's is to get a new children's hospital. The need for a dedicated children's hospital in our region has been talked about for longer than I have been on the scene, so it is wonderful that it will now be delivered. The Health Secretary, Matt Hancock, confirmed that up to £100 million will be contributed by Government. We all know Addenbrooke's is a centre of excellence and this new children's hospital will enable them not only to continue to provide first class care in a new purpose built hospital but will also free up valuable space in the existing building.

Looking ahead, 2019 promises to be a big year for Addenbrooke's as the Royal Papworth Hospital moves to the site and plans for a train station pick up pace!

Bringing improved infrastructure and increased funding to South Cambridgeshire are key priorities for me so I am pleased to share with you a number of recent announcements about the next financial year. Cambridgeshire County Council received a funding boost, with an increase in core spending power of 5.7%, taking the Council's funding allocation to £386.5 million. This increase in core spending power is more than double the average increase in England. This is a very welcome boost to spending on services in South Cambridgeshire. The Autumn Budget also announced £6,294,319 for Cambridgeshire for adult and children's social care to help alleviate winter pressures on the NHS. I continue to press for improved funding for our schools, and am working on a new campaign to drive the message home hard to

Ministers, ahead of this year's major Government spending review. Cambridgeshire Police have seen an increase in their funding from central Government and in addition, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has launched a consultation on the Police's share of Council Tax for 2019/20. Last year, the PCC introduced a new structure for local policing which brought an additional 50 officers to the front line. As a result of last year's increase in the policing part of the council tax, a further 55 officers were also recruited and are now in training. The PCC is proposing an increase to the Police's share of the Council Tax of £2 per month per household (based on a Band D property). Please have your say - <http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/say-police-funding-cambridgeshire-2/>
On the 24th January, I will be joining the Commissioner and the Chief



Constable for a public meeting on policing at Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey CB24 4RS between 7 and 9pm. If you would like to hear more about the plans for policing in South Cambridgeshire, why not come along? Registration is required and details are here - <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/news/heidi-allen-mp-attend-policing-public-meeting-24th-january-2019>

Finally, after a long and hard fought campaign, I was thrilled to learn that The Three Tuns in Guilden Morden had been saved for the community! Guilden Morden Community Pub Ltd completed the purchase of The Three Tuns on the 21st November 2018. With investment from 267 shareholders, the pub has now been saved. I want to pay tribute to everybody who has been involved in this impressive campaign – well done! They are now advertising for a pub tenant – are you interested or know somebody who might be? If so, please email thethreetunsguildenmorden@gmail.com. Although I'm a former landlady, I can't apply but I will definitely be paying a visit and am happy to pull the odd pint!

If there is anything you would like to talk to me about, my next "drop in" surgery where no appointment is necessary is on Saturday 9th February between 10.30 and 12.30pm at Caxton Village Hall, Gransden Road, Caxton, CB23 3PL. My next "by appointment" surgery will be between 3 and 5pm on Friday 1st March at Melbourn Community Hub, 30 High Street, Melbourn, SG8 6DZ. If you would like an appointment, please do call my office.

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

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by coming dressed for the occasion:
Anything with an Edwardian flavour:
The more outrageous the better!

Ickleton Village Hall

Friday, 8th February - 7.45pm

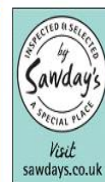
Saturday, 9th February - Matinee: 2.30pm
+ Gala Performance: 7.45pm

Tickets: £8 incl. a glass of wine
(under 18s £4 incl. a drink)

from Ickleton Village Shop or

01799 218599 or molloyzz@tiscali.co.uk

in aid of **Charities for the Homeless**



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

Some dates for your 2019 diary:

Thursday 14th February

St Valentine's Menu – special three
course menu available for prior bookings,
otherwise
A la carte also available.

Sunday 31st March

Mothering Sunday – book early 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.

“Pint of Theatre” is back!

Friday 1st March 2 course dinner and 50
minutes of theatre

Proteus Theatre's Mad, Bad and Dangerous @ £25
at the Black Bull

(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
– see website for dates)

We look forward to welcoming you & your
friends

Kind regards

Alex, Nikol, Jiri, Shane, Kris and the teams

01799 530 601 info@redlionhinxton.co.uk
www.redlionhinxton.co.uk

Supper on the Run

Due to popular demand the Village Hall Committee are arranging a Supper on the Run on

Saturday 2nd March.

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

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

**Complete the form and return by 18th February to
Sue Elliott Miller's Cottage or Jill Garnier 27 High Street**

sellio@live.co.

jill@garniers.co.uk

Name/s _____

Address _____

Contact number _____

Special dietary requirements _____

Circle which would you be willing to host?

Starter

Main course

Prepare a

Dessert

Number of people (including yourselves) you can host

WANTED

Treasurer – The Friends of Hinxton Church

The Friends are seeking a Treasurer to keep account of the funds raised to maintain the fabric of our village church and churchyard.

The Funds are raised by membership, donations, and regular village events, expenditure is agreed by the Committee.

The Treasurer attends short infrequent meetings and provides a report of income and expenditure each year.

If you are interested in helping and joining a fun group of people in this very worthwhile cause please phone the Chairman, David Mills on 07766500419.

We'd love to hear from you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

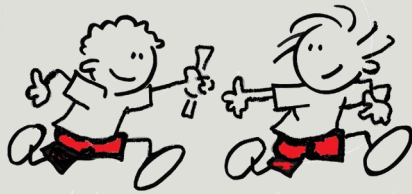
If you wish to comment on the **Wellcome Genome Campus** planning application, you can do so through the South Cambridgeshire District Council web site. Go to the Planning Applications website and in the relevant search slot put in the application identification number: S/4329/18/OL*. This will lead on to the summary details of the application and the gateway to the supporting documents. But just above there you will see in blue 'Comment: comment on this application'. If you click that it gets you to a page which gives you a unique reference number and allows you to enter your comments. You can click on the 'plans and docs' marker to see if your comments have been added, although this will not be done straight away.

You may also or instead find it reassuring to email your comments to the Planning Officer who is dealing with this case,

Toby Williams at Toby.Williams@cambridge.gov.uk

For those of us who place more trust in paper and stamps, you can post your comments by Royal Mail, hand-written or typed, in an envelope addressed to:

Toby Williams (comments ref S/4329/18/OL),
South Cambridgeshire District Council,
South Cambridgeshire Hall,
Cambourne Business Park,
Cambourne,
Cambridge CB23 6EA



RECIPE RELAY

Lovely Linda is still away sampling the delights of the Southern hemisphere and no doubt collecting recipes for us to try when she comes back. So, it falls to me to come up with something different..

Mike

TOM'S FROILED EGG

This is Tom's idea of a really quick healthy breakfast with no washing up, made on a hot plate in the back of his old camper van.

Method:-

Put bread in toaster

Put pan on hot plate to warm up

Crack egg into pan when hot

Start toast

Once egg white has gone opaque tip a splash of cold water in the pan and put the lid on.

The toast should be now ready to butter and apply Marmite to taste

The egg yolk will finish cooking in the steam.

Once all the water has evaporated and egg is cooked to suit your palate, slide it onto the toast and immediately wipe the pan with the kitchen roll.

Save the wet towel to wipe the plate afterwards.

You will need:-

A non stick frying pan with a lid

A piece of kitchen roll

A toaster

A plate

A camper van...not obligatory

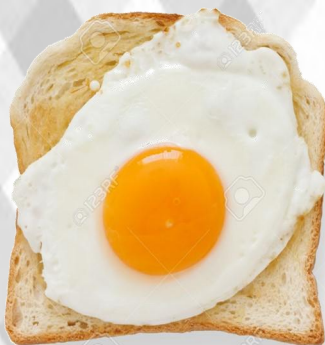
Ingredients

Egg

Slice of bread

Scrape of butter

Smear of Marmite



EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

1st	Friday	Hinxton Walkers meet at bus shelter 09:30
2nd	Saturday	
3rd	Sunday	5.00 pm Evensong Hinxton Church
4th	Monday	
5th	Tuesday	BLUE BIN
6th	Wednesday	
7th	Thursday	
8th	Friday	Ickleton MUSIC HALL P.20
9th	Saturday	
10th	Sunday	10.00 am Parish Communion and All together Hinxton 6.00 pm YOUTHINC Thriplow Village Hall
1	Monday	
12th	Tuesday	BLACK BIN
13th	Wednesday	Coffee Morning Village Hall Parish Council Meeting 7.45
14th	Thursday	VALENTINES DAY
15th	Friday	
16th	Saturday	CAMPUS OPEN SATURDAY P.9
17th	Sunday	
18th	Monday	
19th	Tuesday	BLUE BIN
20th	Wednesday	Mobile library at the war memorial 12:20-12:35
21st	Thursday	
22nd	Friday	
23rd	Saturday	9.30 – 12.30 Craft Café Duxford Church
24th	Sunday	8.00 am BCP Communion Hinxton
25th	Monday	
26th	Tuesday	BLACK BIN
27th	Wednesday	
LAST CHANCE TO WRITE OR EMAIL SOUTH CAMBS DISTRICT COUNCIL P.22		
28th	Thursday	10.00 TIDDLERS 0-5 group, Duxford Church
1st	Friday	World Day Of Prayer

Notable Future Dates

March 2nd **SUPPER on the RUN**

March 8th **Bingo for Vegetables**

March 16th **QUIZ NIGHT**

March 29th **Wellcome Planning
Decision Day**

March 30th **Deanery Fair**

June 15th **VILLAGE FETE**

July 13th **GARDEN EVENING**

Sept 8th **TUDOR FEAST**

Sept 28th **MacMillan
Coffee Morning**

Fruit & Veggie Bingo



**This year we promise BIGGER
turnips and extra carrots.
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Eyes Down 7:30
£3 entry includes refreshments**