

# HINXTON NEWS

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## From the Editor

### Dear Readers,

The downside of editing a monthly magazine is it makes the days and weeks pass by so quickly.....all of a sudden its print time again ! Apologies for the later than usual publication., however some very late information has come in that we should all share. (p.10/11)

Usually the summer lacks significant news owing to holidays and absences. You cannot help but wonder that the local developments that threaten to swamp us have recently stepped up their efforts thus pressurising the elected few who currently fight this battle on our behalf.

It has always been my opinion as Editor that we should use the Hinxton News pages as a light hearted positive look at village life. Alas, the sheer volume of information and the threat this presents renders that ambition redundant. The opportunists who are gathering their forces have chosen now, when many are on holiday, to launch more of their proposals giving us precious little prospect of collecting our arguments. All credit to our Parish councillors, in particular Willy Brown and Dick Jones, who seem to be attending countless meetings trying to keep up. They probably could do with some help, so please contact them if you can offer assistance.

The joint Parish council letter to Uttlesford District Council on page 11 really does explain the dangerous direction this is going and we can only be grateful for the precise wording of this well constructed argument making its point. The reply totally ignores the reasoning and merely trots out the hackneyed phrases.

Thankfully we still have some space left to print a few photos. Don't worry too much about the strange character on p.7 seen at the fabulous Caribbean Lunch.

All will be revealed in our next issue.

*Mike & Theresa*

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# The Friends of Hinxton Church

## The Annual Garden Evening at William House

Friday 14th July



After rather a cloudy grey day, the sun made its appearance at exactly the right time as guests were arriving. The skies cleared and allowed us a lovely summer evening. Due to the party being the last at William House we really wanted it to be a bumper event – and that is exactly how it turned out! We had over 90 guests of all ages including our older treasured residents and a generous sprinkling of families with young children. We were thrilled to welcome some new residents and some from ‘across the river’! The food table groaned with delicious goodies – a big thankyou to all who contributed – so much that, unusually, we even had some left over!

A staggering total of **£1750** was raised!

As the photographs demonstrate, the community spirit was very much in evidence, lots of fun and laughter and the ‘larger than life’ cuddly bear caused much attention and amusement. ‘Teddy’ was raffled separately and Tabitha Pearson did a splendid job in selling tickets. Thank you to all those who brought beautiful raffle prizes and to David Mills for masterminding the draw. It was decided that the raffle proceeds (£505) would be split between The Friends of Hinxton Church and The Firemen’s Charity which has come into focus recently due to the tragic Grenfell disaster.

A huge thankyou is due to Graham for again manning the bar so efficiently and with such style! We would also like to thank Julie for stationing herself at the gate (yet again!) and greeting all the guests with her winning smile. And we were so grateful for the team of garden furniture movers (Graham, Paul, Andrew, Andy Brown and Ian with his invaluable trailer!) who set up before and took away after the event and for the loan of tables, chairs and gazebos.

As you know, The Friends of Hinxton Church exists to help finance the fabric of our lovely medieval church and churchyard. Last year a contribution of more than £8000 was made towards the replacement of the lead roof over the side chapel (thus protecting the organ) and in October this year The Friends will donate £2750 towards the renovation of the organ itself. (The organist will be very grateful!)

*Andrew and Virginia Walker*

Photos courtesy of Theresa Sullivan. The front page clearly shows David Mills desperately trying to find his raffle ticket for the Teddy draw.

**LYNDA WINIFRED ARRAN 6th March 1950-21st June 2017**

**Cambridge Crematorium July 4th 2017**

*Memories of Lynda by her family*

Born on 6th March 1950 at Park Cottage, Hinxton Road, Hinxton to her parents, William and Evelyn Twigg, Lynda had two brothers and three sisters. She was proud to have been born, raised and lived in Hinxton throughout her life.

Her eldest sister Trisha, remembers her tomboy antics like making mud pies with worms and snails.

Lynda was a daddy's girl and she loved all her uncles especially Uncle Albert, whose lap she sat whenever he visited.

She was intrigued by her aunt Phil's artificial leg, tapping it with her hand or foot. Trisha also remembers when Lynda joining the Royal British Legion, becoming Miss Britain Legion as a teenager.

Trisha and Lynda enjoyed many fun times together. When Lynda married and left home, Trisha felt lost without her.

However, their adventures continued later in life on trips to Spain to visit their sister Sandra and her husband Pete.

Nigel, Lynda's little brother remembers heavy winter snows when the Twigg children would take it in turn down the Hinxton lanes. He remembers Trisha pulling Lynda off the sledge and all of them laughing, including Lynda, who sustained no injuries.

Lynda started married life living next door to The Red Lion (her favourite local to the very end). The family then moved to North End Road, where Justin, Anita and their cousins used to camp in the front garden, sharing lots of fun and giggles, but not getting much sleep.

Throughout her life Lynda loved the sun and enjoyed memorable trips to Spain. Sandra recalls her enjoying sea front walks and visiting the local markets where many of the traders were from Morocco. One, named Abdullah, knew Lynda would buy, so he always exchanged some friendly banter when he saw her. She always bought something because she believed that the Moroccans really need the money.

Lynda had a passion for musical theatre and made many trips to London with family members. There were especially memorable outings with Danny and her friends and work colleagues from Coles.

Lynda had a dry quirky sense of humour. Once she entertained a waiting roomful of outpatients at Addenbrookes, claiming she could see a bird out of the window. This continued for some time, with fellow patients and family looking bemused because they couldn't see it. The huge bird turned out to be a hoist system on the roof of the hospital used as a window cleaning platform and shaped like a bird in flight. After her appointment and diagnosis she sat having her favourite cup of tea and something sweet to eat. Then she turned to Ian, her son-in-law exclaiming .....

..... *"It was a bird, you know !"* with a big wry smile on her face.

**LOIS MURIEL SMITH 1928-2017**

**HINXTON CHURCH July 19th 2017**

*Some Memories from one of her foster children*

Lois Smith was someone we called Auntie Lois, but that's incorrect— she wasn't our aunt she was our second mother.

When I was around 6 years old, me and my siblings were sent from South London to live with her and we've been privileged to remain part of the family ever since. She taught us right from wrong, respect, decency, kindness and good manners and gave us the love and stable life we so desperately needed at such a young age. There were bus trips to Cambridge to do the weekly shop. Imagine, *Aunt Lois with a gaggle of black kids in tow !* This turned a few heads but she made no apologies for her unusual brood. Her typical day started at the crack of dawn, making breakfast, sorting out clothes, getting everyone ready for school, preparing endless meals and of course, the continuous cycle of laundry. That must have been the most used washing machine in England— *it never stopped !*

**Her dedication and ceaseless hard work in looking after us will forever be an inspiration to us and anyone who had the good fortune to have known her.**





Let's begin with some happy news!  
Judith Sutcliffe and the Revd. Dr. Simon Mansfield were married at Ickleton Church on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July and we wish them every happiness for the future. Judith is an LLM and she has shared or led Hinxtton's Evensong services for many years. As a token of our affection and appreciation, the Hinxtton congregation provided the wherewithal for the bells to be rung at her wedding.

This month's sad news is that funerals have been held for two remarkable ladies – Lynda Arran, who lived in Hinxtton all her life, and Lois Smith, who spent many years in the village before finally moving to Sawston. The congregations at each service wore bright, summer clothes and there was thanksgiving and celebration for lives which were full of love and service.

August is a quiet month in the church – one service each week, in one of the three churches; no meetings and no fundraising events. This month we are preparing to welcome our new priest-in-charge Petra Shakeshaft, who will be licensed to the parishes of Duxford, Hinxtton, Ickleton, Whittlesford and Pampisford at 7.00pm. on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at Ickleton Church. All church members are welcome to join us for the service. If you are unable to meet Petra after her licensing service, there will be a great opportunity to say 'Hello' at Hinxtton's Welcome Tea Afternoon, from 3.00pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at the Village Hall. All villagers are cordially invited !

Julie Baillie, LLM

### Services in August

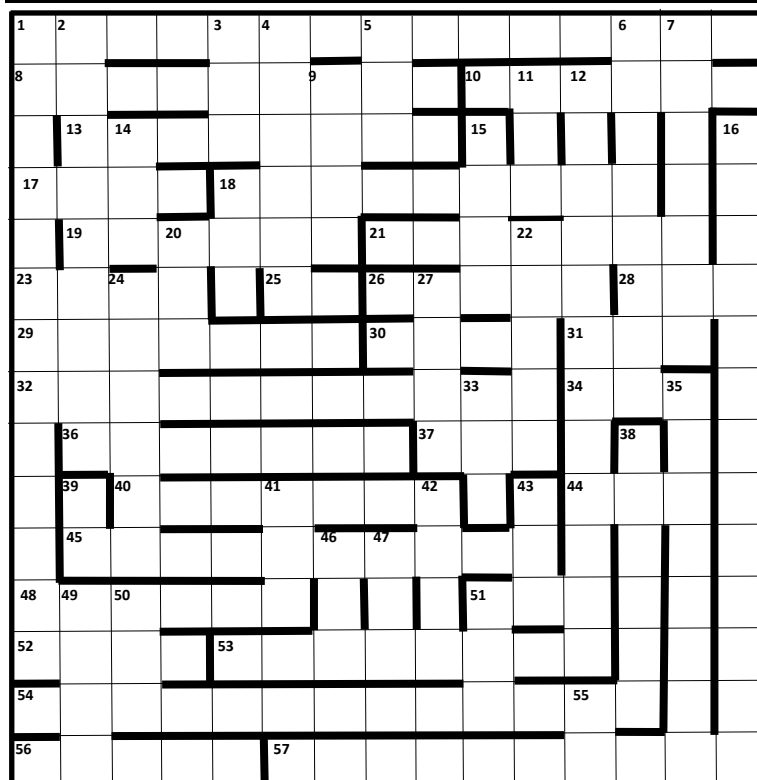
6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Joint Parishes Eucharist	Ickleton
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Joint Parishes Eucharist	Duxford
20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Joint Parishes Eucharist	Hinxtton
27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Joint Parishes Eucharist	Duxford



**An invitation to all Hinxttonians to meet  
our new Vicar Petra Shakeshaft**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September    3pm – 4:30pm  
VILLAGE HALL**

## STEVE'S SUMMER CROSSWORD



*Crossword on a theme of Local Places  
Steve Trudgill  
with Jenny Goodwin and Stephen Theobald*

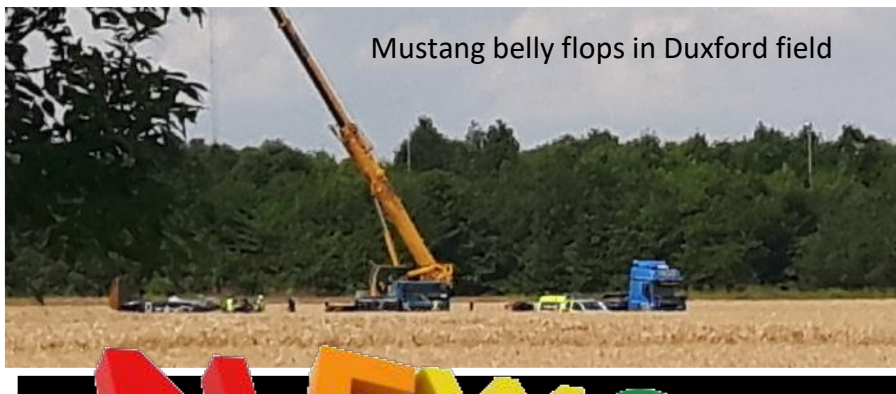
### Across

- 1 South brown, south man with most of 53ac. around and first part with 12d. (8,7)
- 8 Dud eel, any around in house near 1d.? (6, 3)
10. Tree next to river in village south west of Hinxton (6)
- 13, 18 Scamp (English), Iranian currency, cosy, employ with hesitation at 40ac. (8, 3, 6)
- 17 What 44ac. does northwards near Hinxton(4)
- 18 See 13ac.
- 19 Hydrocarbon marsh gas loses head (6)
- 21 Shipping area for rapid trawling? (7)
- 23 Killer whale (4)
- 25 Note (2)
- 26 Brown with 41d.'s in the 44ac. (5)
- 28 Male cat (3)
- 29 Falls perhaps seen by 24d. 56ac.? (7)
- 30 In ship, with out or with forth (4)
- 31 Waterland according to author Graham Swift(3)
- 32 New bones, mad about near 1d (7, 4)
- 34 Anger (3)
- 36 As towns go, this is just beyond 45ac. (7)
- 37 Barley or wheat seeds (3)
- 40 Where 13ac. 18ac is (7)
- 44 River (3)
- 45 Short girl, take in water back at river crossing on the road to 36ac. (10)
- 48 Our local M which comes off the 25 (6)

- 51 Garden implement in Plymouth? (3)
- 52 Scotia or Super? (4)
- 53 Quiet gold characteristic puts you in the picture - second half of 1 ac composed to a 'T' (8)
- 54 O! Anger! Batting - and out! It's larger than the little one (5, 8)
- 56 see 24d.
- 57 Sawn down tree leads to being angry at roundabouts where M 48ac. turns into A and A1301 turns into B184 (5, 5)

### Down

- 1 Fen was land for going about town (7, 6)
- 2 Known for tulips in Paris, gardens laid out by Le Notre in C17 on site of palace - where they once made tiles (9)
- 3 Bishopric (3)
- 4 Despot (6)
- 5 The stuff of life and work at Hinxton HallGenome project (3)
- 6 It measures as the miles roll past (8)
- 7 No story to be re-written for Greenwich meridian town (7)
- 9 Ireland (4)
- 11 Shelter (3)
- 12 Horse, ready and able, revolutionary to a 'T' with first half of 1 ac first (12)
- 14 The French have a word for word for 'test' (3)
- 15 Petrol firm (4)
- 16 Mother in two issues of rum and water (though initially rum is missing), rises to giants' place with golf club (3, 5, 5)
- 18 Pale (3)
- 20 Peat feature or old woman (3)
- 22 Rose not seen since 1603? (5)
- 24, 56 Birds wearing Maple leaves? Tin, saying, compass bearing; often seen flying around Hinxton and at 8ac. (6, 5)
- 27 While Hinxton Hall took from 1748-1756, this took more than a day as well (4)
- 33 Drayton may be dry, but is this a hill nearby where you can get a drink on the A14? (3)
- 35 When stricken by a Dutch disease, these suffer from stem reel (3, 5)
- 38 Heavier 33d. on road to village west of Cambridge? (6)
- 39 One of two vertical directions (2)
- 41 French end on 26ac.? (3)
- 42 Entry (4)
- 43 Fuss (3)
- 46 Title of Fitzwilliam Barrington who passed Hinxton Manor onto the Hollicks (3)
- 47 Obese (3)
- 49 Folk tales (4)
- 50 Dusk (3)
- 51 Witch, 20d. again (3)
- 55 Alternatively (2)



## Hinxton Parish Council 10 July 2017

### District Council Chief Executive

The District Council's new Chief Executive Beverley Agass joined the council on 3 July from Lincolnshire where she had held a similar role. She is getting to know the district and will be visiting many south Cambridgeshire villages in the next few months

**Local Plan update** Today was the final day of hearings at the examination in public of the District Council's draft Local Plan. The inspector will now complete her report. The District Council knows that there will be some further work to be carried out as the inspector has asked the council to reconsider its listings of 'open green spaces' and consider whether another designation would be more appropriate. The key issue is whether the inspector will find the draft plan 'sound' or whether she will come to a different judgement about the proposed scale of housing development and the creation of new jobs, in which case more extensive work and consultation would be required.

### **Significant local matters**

(a) **Uttlesford Local Plan (2011 – 2033)** I have attended recent meeting of Uttlesford District Council's Planning Policy Working Group which recommended that the draft Uttlesford Local Plan included three new *Garden communities* each of about 5,000 new homes. One of the proposed sites is at Great Chesterford, the **North Uttlesford Garden Community**. The Working Group's recommendations were approved for consultation by Uttlesford's Cabinet and then on 11 July by the full Uttlesford District Council. The consultation started on 12 July and will run to 4 September. The Planning Portfolio Holder at SCDC has a meeting on 25 August to consider South Cambridgeshire District Council's response. In my view, it would be a good idea for concerned local parish councils to get together with myself and submit a joint response to the consultation. [We had sent joint comments to the Working Group prior to its 22 June meeting.]

(b) **Smithson Hill Agritech Park** An exhibition of these proposals was held on 17 May at Hinxton Village Hall. There is no further news at present, but I would expect a planning application to be made sometime in the Autumn.

(c) **Sawston Trade Park** I attended the exhibition held on 20 April about re-development proposals for this site. A planning application was submitted to SCDC and registered on 30 June. The application is to redevelop the current retail – based operations with office and R&D facilities.

In my view, the key points to consider locally are:

- The increase in employees on the site for 60 to 1,480
  - The lack of any road improvements considering that the number of car parking spaces on site is proposed to be increased from 127 to 670
  - Safety issues in relation to cycling and the A1301/A505 given that the proposal included 670 cycle parking spaces and improving the cycle route between the Trade Park and Whittlesford Station
  - The height and appearance of the proposed buildings and whether they would be out of proportion to nearby buildings. As the Chair of Pampisford parish council has pointed out on a number of occasions, there are no cycle ramps on the footbridge at Whittlesford Station so there are problems getting a cycle across the line.
- (d) **MOTO service area** A planning application for a motorway service station at Duxford is expected shortly. I understand that the Imperial War Museum is very concerned as, if approved, this might lead to curtailment or ceasing of flying at Duxford.

One common feature of a number of these significant local issues is that they include little or no road improvement measures.

The A505 is congested now at peak morning and evening periods, with traffic sometimes stretching back onto the motorway itself – a very dangerous situation. Traffic coming off the M11 at Duxford to access a motorway service area could only add significantly to traffic congestion.

(e) **Wellcome Campus, Hinxton** The Wellcome Trust held some public meetings in 2016 about their 25-year plan, which included diverting the A1301 in a semi-circle to the east to allow for expansion of the research facilities at the campus and building between 900 and 1,200 new homes.

The Trust has recently been in contact with local villages stating that they are appointing new planning consultants and they will consider a new approach to future development with involvement of local villages at an early stage. **Finally**, on a personal note, I have been re-elected as Chair of the District Council's Scrutiny Committee for a further year.

**Tony Orgee, District Councillor for Hinxton**



## **Notes from the July Meeting of Hinxton Parish Council**

**New Parish Councillor.** Graham Fagg expressed his interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. He gave a short presentation on his background and after a vote, the decision was unanimous to co-opt him onto the Parish Council. The Councillors welcomed him to the Committee.

**North Uttlesford Garden Village.** Councillors have been attending various presentations and meetings on the proposed development. Its proposed size could be anywhere from that of Sawston to larger than Saffron Walden. There is widespread opposition from all local villages to this proposal on the grounds that it is completely in the wrong location. The local infrastructure cannot support a settlement of this size with regards to transport, sewerage, aquifers, water runoff, and amenities. Along with any other proposed developments this will be disastrous to the area. Both Tony Orgee and Peter Topping are giving their expertise and knowledge to opposing this development. Sawston Parish Council will be invited to join the combined parish group consisting currently of Hinxton, Ickleton, Gt Chesterford, Pampisford, Duxford and Whittlesford. **Wellcome Trust** will be taking things up with Uttlesford as soon as they have finalised their plans for the future. They will be working with the villages on these plans.

After a full meeting of Uttlesford council, consultation will be starting on the 12th July and continue until 1st Sept. The Parish Council will be writing on behalf of the village in conjunction with our neighbours, but it encourages individuals to write as well..

**Smithson Hill Agritech.** A presentation was held in Hinxton Village Hall on the 16th May. There has been interest shown by villagers in helping with opposing these plans in response to our door-to-door leaflet and they will be contacted shortly.

**Moto Service Station.** Willy Brown attended the IWM neighbourhood meeting. John Brown, the Executive Director there discussed a letter to Caius College who own this land to voice the opposition to this proposed site. Concerns were highlighted by the fact that at the recent airshow a plane had to crash land exactly where the service site would be.

**Iconix /Sawston Trade Park.** The plans show there will be up to 1480 employees and parking spaces for 573 more cars. It will be an office and R&D park with day nursery and restaurants Rather than retail but this will have an impact on already congested roads. We were not opposed in principle to the development of this 'brown-site' land. It was agreed to contact Sawston and Pampisford Parish Councils to discuss the plans with them.

**Wellcome Trust Liaison Meeting.** Lordship Farm has now been sold subject to contract and is to be renovated into a family home. Of the newly planted trees on Knights Close, the oaks and beeches have died. The nettles etc have now been cut back in the enclosures and the cherries, mountain ash etc are surviving. Bidwells will ensure that the re-plantings will be more resilient - possibly bigger saplings, better water retention arrangements, and plastic mulch. It is looking as if there may not be a problem getting access under the A505 from the S end of the E platform at Whittlesford Parkway through to the wood and onto Wellcome land. This would permit pedestrians and cyclists to pass under the A505 on the E side of the tracks (and possibly a

connection there to a future Wellcome automated bus), then down towards Hinxton next to the railway track. There are some points to be clarified but definite progress. Rather than pollard the lime trees at the top of the allotments, they suggested we might agree to having them removed. That would solve the problem of the allotments being shaded from the south-west –the question is whether people would be happy with those trees being removed. They are also going to propose an updated version of the contract with Bidwells for the allotment site. It would be an opportunity for us to revise our contract with allotment holders. The flint wall on the road by the playground where the puddling causes splashing will be protected by clear sheeting of some sort. There is a patch of flint wall on the other side of the road which is to be repaired. The village signs are in need of a freshening up and WT are receptive to requests for them to cover the cost, we need to find out who did the current signs and perhaps contact other villages to see who made their signs, Knights Close behind the Manor has been cut as well as the footpaths. Bidwells have agreed to mend the small sluice bridge.

**Iron Bridge** Two letters had been sent to Wellcome Trust asking them to accept full ownership of the bridges with the implied responsibility to maintain them. They said they were willing to cover the equivalent of the cost of removal as a contribution to their repair. We requested that such costings should fully cover the cost of making good the site. We said that since the bridge was owned by the Trust, Bidwells should manage its repair to the standard required by them. They suggested that we might pay a regular rent as part of the permissive paths licence as a contribution for upkeep of the bridges. This would be a creative way of dealing with the problem permanently.

**Allotments** The contract is to be looked at with the view of drawing up a new one, to be ready for the annual rent payments in November.

**Playground Report** The swings have now been finished and look very nice, good reports back from children and parents. £1000 grant has been awarded to the Parish Council from SCDC Community Chest fund towards the purchase of the new swings.

Current position of Bank Balances at 30th June 2017 ....**Current A/C** : £8,964.59.....**Business A/C**: £11,021.89.....**Bridge A/C**: £2000.

**Correspondence** Hawthorn tree needs cutting at corner of North End.– Highways said that it is not going to do it yet as they don't see it as a problem. Parish Council will ask again or see if we can do it. Rubbish in layby on A1301 – now cleared, Clerk to see if more bins can be put there and ask for more regular emptying of the current bin.

**AOB** **Redundant Safe**- Clerk to look at getting this removed...**Car park signs**- need proper ones putting up- new permanent signs to be purchased **Traffic in village**- speeding along the Duxford Road in particular is getting worse, Clerk to contact Highways to see if anything can be done to make this road safer. Clerk to find out when the Highways open day is and look at anything which the Local Highways Initiative Scheme may be used for.

Litter bin in playground- needs regular emptying during school holidays in particular, Clerk to contact SCDC

**Next Meeting : 11th September 2017**

**Hinxton Village Hall 7.45pm**

# NORTH UTTLESFORD GARDEN COMMUNITY

## Editorial Note:

*The following message was submitted to Uttlesford District Council as soon as it was agreed between the leaders of each of our local parish councils.*

*The reply came quite quickly which suggests that it had already been prepared ... well in advance!*

**From: the Parish Councils of Duxford, Hinxton, Ickleton, Pampisford, Sawston and Whittlesford**

**To: Cllr Howard Rolfe, Leader, Uttlesford District Council**

28th July 2017

Dear Cllr Rolfe,

We are writing to you as the immediately affected parish councils in South Cambridgeshire, in an initial response to the Uttlesford District Council's call of 12th July for consultation on your Draft Plan 2017. Our concerns relate to the proposed North Uttlesford Garden Community (NUGC). Our separate villages and parishioners will later, so far as time permits, be submitting more detailed comments.

We first wish to object to the timing and duration of your consultation. To allow only until 4th September, with a proposed consultative meeting on 16th August, at the height of the holiday season, is a quite unreasonable way of securing a considered and democratic response to a proposal with massive implications for our communities.

We also wish to comment on the apparent dearth of evidence as to the Duty to Co-operate provision of local planning procedures with regard to South Cambs DC and the NUGC. At present the only publicly disclosed information thereon since the pausing of the local plan process in November 2016 and the search for additional sites are minutes of two meetings between South Cambs DC and Uttlesford DC on 13th January and 1st February 2017. This is clearly insufficient to demonstrate that the Duty to Co-operate has been met. It contrasts markedly with the extensive discussions between Uttlesford DC, East Herts DC and other neighbouring authorities which have resulted in a signed statement of common ground and memorandum of understanding.

We consider the basis on which the site of NUGV has been chosen for your Local Plan to be a travesty of the planning process. It is a gross neglect of civic responsibility to pick on a site for a new town which is intended to grow to the size of Saffron Walden, the largest town in Uttlesford, simply on the basis that the landowners in question wish to sell the land. The fact that the proposed perimeter of the NUGV is largely defined by the Essex/Cambridgeshire county boundary underlines the arbitrariness of this decision. Nor does the Local Plan's attribution of Garden City status appear to have any validity. There has been no commitment from either the developers or from Uttlesford DC that the proposed development would be consistent with accepted Garden City principles and obligations.

We cannot see that the proposal has any merits. It is portrayed to help meet the housing needs that Uttlesford DC has to deliver, but in practice it will not do so appropriately because, as outlined by Bidwells at a recent parish council meeting, the majority of the expected new residents would be employed in South Cambridgeshire rather than in Uttlesford. It will overwhelmingly serve as a bedroom community for Cambridgeshire. As such, would not serve Uttlesford, but it would have a huge impact on South Cambridgeshire.

The implications for South Cambridgeshire of a large new town on this site on the county boundary would be profoundly damaging. Let us summarise very briefly the key points.

With regard to traffic, the B184 is wholly inadequate to provide access southwards towards Saffron Walden. There is no proposed access to the east. Access to the north and west and the northbound M11 would directly impact upon an already over-burdened A505 (and, particularly during commute hours, the A1301) and substantially increase rat-running through the villages of Hinxton, Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford and beyond.

CONTINUED.....



Cont/- The large hilltop and hillside site proposed for NUGC is totally out of character for the region. It would have a serious negative impact on an otherwise attractive rural landscape that dominates much of South Cambridgeshire (and North Uttlesford, for that matter). It would be entirely inappropriate to site a new settlement above the main aquifers for our area, which is 97 per cent dependent on artesian water. As a major part of its watershed, it would alter the water run-off of the River Cam in unpredictable ways for our villages downstream which are already vulnerable to flooding. It would also be South Cambridgeshire that would have to deal with the very substantial sewage disposal and pollution implications of the proposed new town. We consider that both the procedure and the factual basis on which your consultation is based are fatally flawed.

Yours,

**William Brown** (Chair, Hinxton PC)

**Terry Sadler** (Chair, Ickleton PC) **Peter Dee** (Chair, Duxford PC) **Aureole Wragg** (Chair, Pampisford PC)

**Arthur Greaves** (Chair, Whittlesford PC) **David Bard** (Chair, Sawston PC)

**Tony Orgee** (SCDC Councillor for Babraham, Abingdons, Pampisford and Hinxton)

## THE RESPONSE

Dear Professor Brown and fellow Chairmen,

Thank you for your letter and email of July 28.

I think it would be helpful if I restated the background to this situation. As you will be aware there is a current housing shortage in England and particularly in this area, the M11 corridor is one of the strongest areas for economic growth. The average (mean) house price in Uttlesford at £396,511 (2016) is beyond the reach of those on mean annual earnings (£38,397 in 2015) and would require a salary of £90,631. The Government has a target to build a million homes by 2020. Uttlesford District Council (UDC) like other planning authorities must produce a Local Plan, in UDC's case the majority of the required homes have been or will be dispersed across the District however the Council has decided that c4500 homes will be built in new settlements. Planning Officers and their consultants considered a range of options that emerged from the Call for Sites and recommended two sites in the south of the District at Easton Park and West of Braintree (east of Stebbing) and one in the north at North Uttlesford (north east of Great Chesterford). The Council agreed that these recommendations be put out for consultation as the preferred options. The consultation has been extended by almost a week to over six weeks and now concludes at 5.00pm on Monday September 4.

UDC's SHMA (Housing Market Area) is with East Herts, Harlow and Epping however we also have a Duty to Cooperate with South Cambridgeshire (SC) and Braintree and Officers are meeting regularly to discuss the implications of our respective Local Plans. There is a further Member/Officer meeting with SC in August, the new Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has also been involved.

All the three new settlements in Uttlesford will be developed on Garden Community principles as will Gilston in East Herts and three settlements in Braintree, Tendring and Colchester.

Currently almost 50% of Uttlesford residents work in Uttlesford, less than 5% work in Cambridge. It is possible this latter percentage might increase but the important point is that the residents have chosen to live in Uttlesford.

You will be aware that our Transport study indicated that improvements would be necessary to the M11 roundabout (junction 10) and the A1301 roundabout beside the BP filling station, the report further stated that the A505 would need to be developed into dual carriageway before the settlement is fully developed. On the basis that these areas are already busy such improvements would be advantageous and potentially not otherwise undertaken.

We understand your points about environmental impact, sewage and water and these subjects will be addressed during the master planning process. UDC intends to work closely with the developer and the local community so that concerns are mitigated wherever possible.

I hope this reply addresses your concerns but I would be pleased to meet in person if that would be helpful.

Kind regards,

Howard (Rolfe)

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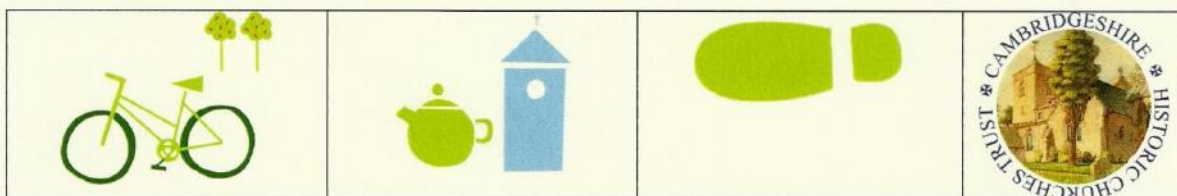
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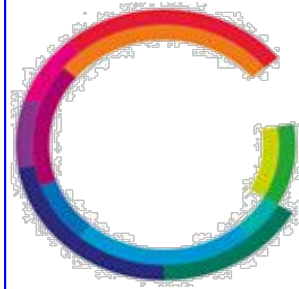
### On Saturday September 9th

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### Exhibition

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Discover stories of ancient people, and how through DNA research we can reveal their hidden lives but also more about our shared story at the new exhibition at the Wellcome Genome Campus Cultural Zone.

There have been several archaeological excavations at the Wellcome Genome Campus, with many interesting finds. By combining archaeology with cutting-edge genomics research we are discovering who lived on this site thousands of years ago. Using archaeological finds, including human skeletal remains, along with film and hand-on activities, this exhibition will explore the hidden lives of our ancestors, and what analysing a genome can reveal about us all - past and present.



A programme of talks and tours will be running on visit days to enhance your visit.

#### Arranging your visit

**Time and date:** Every third Saturday of the month

**Price:** FREE entry but booking required.

Get your ticket online at [bit.ly/hidden-lives](http://bit.ly/hidden-lives)

**Age:** 8+

**Where:** Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre  
Group visits are also very welcome, by arrangement.

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## CHALLIS HORTICULTURAL SHOW 2017

The Mary Challis Garden is again hosting the annual Horticultural Show in Sawston on Saturday 2nd September. This is a popular event, open to residents of Sawston and the neighbouring villages, held in the lovely garden at 68 High Street. We are very keen to see entries from neighbouring villages, and especially in the children's classes. If you are a keen gardener, flower-arranger, baker, jam-maker or craftsperson, then there is a class for you to enter. Check out the details and how to enter on our website [www.challistrust.org.uk](http://www.challistrust.org.uk).

Staging of entries is from 9.00 to 10.45 am, judging from 11 am, then open to the public from 2 pm. Trophies are awarded at 4 pm, followed by an auction of exhibits (lots of bargains to be had!). Other attraction this year will include a beekeeping stand, Pimm's tent, giant garden games, tombola, morsbags, plant sales and tea & homemade cakes. It's a fun afternoon. Do join in and pit your skills against Sawston's best!

For further details, contact Mike Redshaw on 01223 834511 or [mjredshaw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mjredshaw@hotmail.co.uk).

## ROSEMARY'S RAMBLINGS

This is the month for holidays when serious gardening pauses and the most important task is to sit back and enjoy the results of your earlier efforts. August is a time of transition, a link between the secure days of summer and the onset of autumn. Temperatures often remain high and inevitably some plants will show signs of being under stress but only water if really essential and then be sure to give enough water to reach and saturate the roots,

Containers in particular need to be kept an eye on if we have a hot dry spell. Remember those in sheltered positions, window boxes and hanging baskets and water and feed regularly.

In the flower borders cut back and feed straggly hardy geraniums now and you will be rewarded with fresh new growth to see you well into autumn. Trim lavender and take cuttings towards the end of the month. Official RHS guidance is to prune wisteria back now to 5 or 6 leaves then prune again to 2 or 3 buds in winter. However, if you are pressed for time you might try a good prune in early October and see if you can get away with it!

Rambling roses that have finished flowering may be pruned now and do keep dead heading all other roses and perennials that would benefit.

Towards the end of the month you may want to trim or cut back hedges including conifers always making sure that the lower part of the hedge is wider than the top as this makes it more weather resistant.

Time to think about buying bulbs for next spring, they usually appear in garden centres by the middle of August. The nicest or most unusual ones tend to sell out fast so do make a list of new plants you would enjoy next year. Treat yourself to something really special and plant a few Madonna lilies for next spring or plant some autumn crocus which need to go in now and they will flower sooner.

In the allotment or greenhouse, the growing tips from greenhouse tomatoes may be removed to make bushier plants. Plant strawberries as soon as possible so they have a chance to establish before next year. Harvest ripe fruit and vegetables and don't forget to pick herbs to freeze or dry for winter use.

Do take advantage of the long days to paint or treat any sheds or fences with preservative if in need.



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**Dates and Events coming up for  
your diary**

**Joint Pub Annual Garden Party  
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Alex, Nikol, Janice, Chris and the  
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## HINXTON VILLAGE HALL HIRE RATES

Current rates are as follows for residents

*(non residents in brackets)*

Per session (9am - 1pm) (1pm - 5pm) (5pm -  
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Saturday evening **£60 (£85)**

Short meetings **£12** (use of hall only)

Discounts may be available for block bookings and  
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For these and details of business-use rates

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[www.hinxtonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.hinxtonvillagehall.co.uk)





**Saturday 23rd September 2017**

**10:30– 12:00 noon**

**99 High Street**

Come and join us for this “must go to” event which has become a feature of Hinxton Village life over the past 8 years and has so far raised

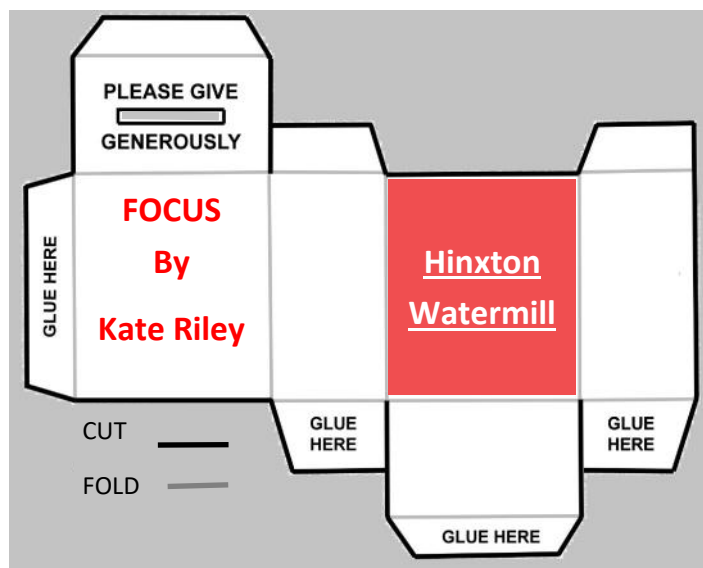
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**\* Raffle \***

**\* Cakes and Bakes \***

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There are pulleys and chutes – and always someone there to explain to you the details of what used to happen and where. Look at the historic photos and information boards. See and feel the great millstones to learn about the grinding of wheat and barley into flour.

The restoration of the mill was funded by the Cambridge Past, Present & Future, supported by grants from South Cambridgeshire District Council. The local community continues to support from then to this day, together with enthusiasts from around the country. They still need our support and it is only a simple walk for us, along the street to the river.

**Last chance this year will be on October 1<sup>st</sup>.**





# TIM PHILLIPS & Co. Accountants

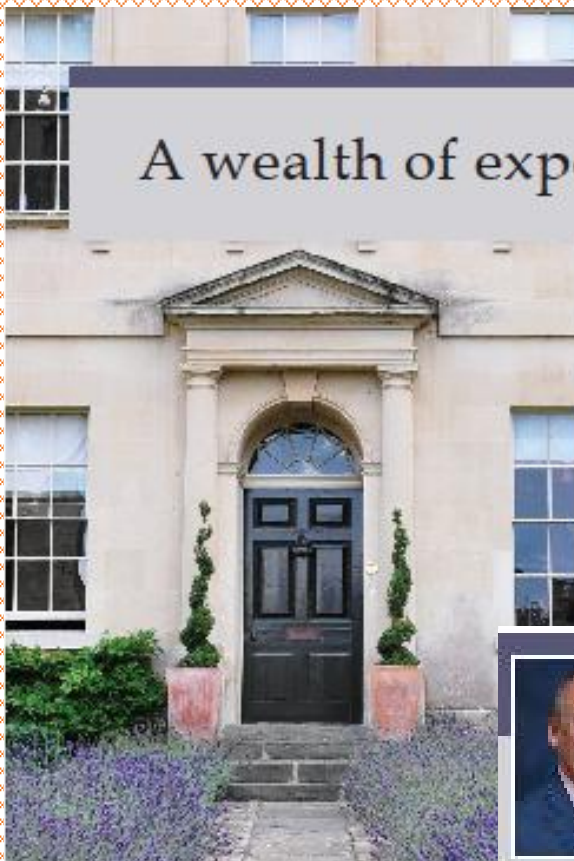
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## Notable 2017 CALENDAR DATES



August 18th	The Red Lion Annual Garden Party
September 6th	ICKLESTOCK FESTIVAL - Save the Date! (see p.15)
9th	Ride Drive & Stride
13th	Coffee Morning at Village Hall 10am
16th	"MEET PETRA" see p.5 for details
16th	Duxford Level Crossing Closed until the 18th
23rd	McMillan Coffee Morning p.17
October 1st	Hinxton Watermill Open for the last time this year
6th	Bingo for Vegetables
11th	Coffee Morning at Village Hall 10am
November 4/5th	Hinxton Art Show
12th	Festival of Remembrance
December 8th	Bingo for Vegetables

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# DIARY OF HINXTON EVENTS ~ August 2017

BINS OUT BY 06:00 ON DAY OF COLLECTION

1st	Tuesday		
2nd	Wednesday		
3rd	Thursday		
4th	Friday	HINXTON WALKERS	
5th	Saturday		
6th	<b>Sunday</b>	10.00am	Joint Parishes Eucharist Ickleton
7th	Monday		
8th	Tuesday		
9th	Wednesday		
10th	Thursday		
11th	Friday		
12th	Saturday		
13th	<b>Sunday</b>	10.00am	Joint Parishes Eucharist Duxford
14th	Monday		
15th	Tuesday		
16th	Wednesday		
17th	Thursday		
18th	Friday	<b>The Red Lion</b> <b>Annual Garden Party</b> 	
19th	Saturday		
20th	<b>Sunday</b>	10.00am	Joint Parishes Eucharist Hinxtton
21st	Monday		
22nd	Tuesday		
23rd	Wednesday		
24th	Thursday		
25th	Friday		
26th	Saturday		
27th	<b>Sunday</b>	10.00am	Joint Parishes Eucharist Duxford
28th	Monday		
29th	Tuesday		
30th	Wednesday	BLACK BIN WEDNESDAY	
31st	Thursday		

HINXTON WALKERS



Meet Village Hall  
at 09:30 on the  
first  
Friday of the month

WEATHER FORECAST  
FOR AUGUST

Change in month, surely a  
change in weather?

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Road Closure to  
carry out track  
renewals  
**16th-18th**  
**September 2017**  
Duxford Level  
Crossing in  
Hinxtton Road  
01.00hrs  
Saturday 16th  
until  
05.00hrs  
Monday 18th