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## from the Editor

Another month of mixed blessings.

It has been two years since the lorries that plagued the village were rerouted away from our narrow lanes. Rachel Owen at Hexel effected this change with our Parish Councillors, notably Mark Alexander.

There has been much news of travellers coming in numbers to the locality and the jungle drums now sound very early on the **Nextdoor** website. This gives us a fighting chance to alert, not just our immediate neighbours but others locally. A heavy vehicle was positioned in the car park of the Village Hall by **Martin Fordham p.7** and probably stopped the itinerant group having any thoughts of parking there. They were scouring the area for anywhere to park ,causing a great deal of consternation.

The Council elections saw a clear victory for Peter McDonald, the Lib-Dem, for Duxford and thankfully, Peter Topping was re-elected in Whittlesford.

Kate Riley and Margaret Malcom pulled off an interesting and frequently moving presentation about a project in Africa that is dear to their hearts. We already knew a little about the undertaking in Kimbilio but their words and slides gave us a clearer and more personal impression. The village hall was completely packed which says a great deal about the constant willingness of Hinxton folk to support not only a good cause but also their friends who they see are working their little socks off to help other people.

November 24th

Just occasionally we get the odd date wrong and one of you (*not the usual person this time*) spotted the deliberate error for the date of the Silent Auction.

Of course, it is November **24th** not 28th as stated in our April edition.

Yet another expert has joined the Gardening Team. **Rosemary** has enrolled **Philip Lowndes** who will mastermind the vegetable content. *Splendid*. See p.23

**The Fete now takes centre stage.** Every household will have a poster with this issue. On the back is the programme outlining the stalls and goodies on offer.

Any help on the day would be gratefully accepted by the organiser.

#### **ROBIN GRANT 1939-2018**

Robin was diagnosed with a brain tumour in February last year and the expectation was that he may only have a few weeks left to live. As things turned out he survived for just over a year then sadly died on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Robin was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and, with Jenny as his constant support, made the most of his increasingly restricted life. He never ceased to be thankful for the loving attention of his family and support of his many friends, as well as his constant gratitude for the medical attention that he received in the NHS.

Our sympathy goes out to Jenny in her great loss.



# The door to door collection for Children in April raised

A sincere 'thank you' to those who gave so generously and to Linda, Mary, Mike and Virginia, the indefatigable collectors, who assisted me. Next month is box opening time for those who kindly collect their small change in the Children's Society boxes throughout the year. Please may I have your boxes by July 28th. If anyone would like to join the home box collectors, I have some

spare boxes and would be delighted to hear from you.

Julie Baillie, Local Representative for the Children's Society. Tel. 530684

Deborah, Ros & Graham would like to thank everyone who sent such lovely cards and messages following Beryl's death.

Also, many thanks to all who attended her funeral: what a lot of people! Beryl would have been amazed. Thank you.

#### ANN HOWSDEN CHARITY

The Trustees of the Ann Howsden Charity are looking for Hinxton residents to come forward as future trustees to help to run this important village charity. There is a trustee vacancy due in November 2018 and it is hoped that we can compile a list of people who are keen to join us in the future. We are looking for a range of skills but principally what is important is a love for Hinxton and its community and a wish to contribute. Also, I would like to find a willing volunteer or paid person to take on the role of administrator/clerk which I have been doing for over 10 years now.

I am happy to talk to anyone interested, so please call me if you would like to know more

tel: 530360 or email: virginiamwalker@btinternet.com

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

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7.30	"Mostly Baroque" – concert at Ickleton
Fre	e entry, retiring collection for Alzheimer's Society
á	and Church Funds Wine and substantial nibbles
	ALL WELCOME

#### 3rd

Holy Communion BCP Duxford

8.00

6.00

10.00	Parish Communion Ickleton
6.30	Evensong BCP Hinxton
	10 <sup>th</sup>
8.00	Holy Communion BCP Hinxton
10.00	Parish communion with MOSSY CHURCH at the
	Biggen (weather permitting – if raining, at the
	Rectory) see posters Duxford
5.00	Taize service <i>Ickleton</i>

Youthinc (Youth group) *Hinxton Village Hall* 

## **17**<sup>th</sup>

8.00	Holy Communion BCP <i>Ickleton</i>
10.00	Parish Communion Hinxton
6.30	Evening service with prayer for healing and
	wholeness

#### 24th

8.00	Holy Communion BCP Hinxton
10.00	All-age Communion Duxford
6.30	Choral Evensong – Hinkledux choir with the choir
	of St John the Evangelist Cambridge Ickleton

#### 28th

10.00 - 12.00 TIDDLERS - group for 0-5 year olds with parents/carers (Thursday)play-time, story, craft, songs and coffee/tea, cake & conversation for adults!

#### ALL ARE WELCOME

#### Petra Shakeshaft Priest-in-charge

For more information on any of the above or just for a chat, please email petra@hinkledux.com or phone 01223 832 137.

Another sunny morning following a wonderful celebratory weekend. On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> an estimated two billion people watched Harry and Meghan make their vows during an extraordinary and wonderful service at St George's Chapel, Windsor. Inside the chapel the world's longest serving monarch, Head of the Church of England, Defender of the Faith watched her grandson marry an American divorced actress of mixed race and descended from African slaves in a ceremony that celebrated diversity; quintessentially English music and a modern rock song sung by a Gospel choir, the Archbishop of Canterbury married the couple using the words that are used when every couple married in an English church will use this summer and next and the preacher, a black American Bishop, Michael Curry, preached a sermon in a style most un-English. He spoke about the power of love to transform.

"When love is the way- unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive, then no child will ever go to bed hungry in this world ever again.

When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream and righteousness like an ever flowing brook.

When love is the way poverty will become history.

When love is the way, the earth will be a sanctuary.

When love is the way, we will lay down our swords and shields, down by the riverside, to study war no more. When love is the way, there's plenty good room ... for all God's children ... When love is the way, we know that God is the source of us all, and we are brothers and sisters, children of God." A message that cuts across all

## A message from Petra

boundaries of race, colour, creed, gender, sexual orientation, wealth and status.

In church we celebrated Pentecost, the remembering of the coming of the Holy Spirit; that is the mysterious energy that gives those first disciples the means and You're welcome here if you're "just the languages to convey the story of Jesus and bring people to the knowledge that they are beloved by God. Although the Bible story tells us that crowds of people were gathered in Jerusalem from many distant places, each was able to hear the story in their own language. If you read on (the story begins in the Book of Acts) you'll see numerous examples of those disciples retelling the narrative in different ways to people of different backgrounds making appropriate cultural references to help them make sense of the story. So this is not just about the spoken language. This is about cultural and social language. It's about taking the trouble to listen to one another and meeting people where they are and not where we think they should be. And the story is not just a strange story that people told two thousand years ago to explain the spread of Christianity throughout the world. This is the story of how love transforms the world. Love is when people reach out across their own personal boundaries to touch one another. It makes us vulnerable. It is unselfish and kind, sacrificial and redemptive. It is transformative. The Holy Spirit is God's love breathed into his people. It is the source of all love. The message of Pentecost is that Love is from the amazing love that God and his the way. And it too, is a message that cuts across all boundaries. No matter who you are God loves you.

And no matter who you are, the church welcomes you.

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, straight, very rich or dirt poor, to those who are crying babies, or noisy toddlers. We welcome you if you can sing like Pavarotti or can't carry a note in a bucket.

browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail.

We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, haven't been in church since little Johnny's Baptism, or are just here because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.

We welcome starving artists, the fat and the thin, latte-sippers, vegetarians and junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted, if you're having problems, if you're down in the dumps, or if you don't like "organised religion" many of us have been there too. If you blew all your offering money at the bookies, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who work too hard, don't work, can't spell, those who have tattoos, piercings or both, those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as a child or who got lost in traffic and wound up in church by mistake.

We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts ... and you! You are welcomed in by grace, flowing Church already have in their hearts for you.

#### **GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY**

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

The Society, which covers several local villages surrounding Great Chesterford, organises meetings, talks and events for people interested in gardens and gardening. New members (including novice gardeners) and visitors always welcome. Discounts arranged for members through national and local suppliers.

Meetings are normally held at 8.00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

Venue: Main Hall, Ickleton Village Hall, Frogge Street, Ickleton.

Annual Membership: £10 pp. Visitors: £2 pp.

For further information please contact Chair, Mrs Pauline Gale 01799-525543

#### FORTHCOMING MEETING

Wednesday 6th June 2018

GROW YOUR OWN SUPER INGREDIENTS, PLANTS & SPICES

Claudio Bincoletto - professional forager, chef, horticulturist and very entertaining speaker who will give us a fungal and wild plant display, and tasting of leaves and flowers.

#### **RECENT MEETING. MAY 2018**

Originally a family farm, Swines Meadow Farm Nursery in Market Deeping, has grown from small beginnings sixteen years ago, to a respected specialist of rare and unusual plants from all over the world. A self confessed Plantaholic, owner Colin Ward brought a large selection of interesting specimens, describing each one carefully and with obvious passion, together with all those details rarely available on a label! Gold medal winners from County Shows, Colin and Karan have built up a large customer base via their website, exhibitions and plant fairs. Following the talk, members enjoyed the opportunity to further discuss and purchase the plants on view. Colin judged the Monthly Competition - a Spring Flower - which was won by Gerry Birch.



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A big thank-you to all our lovely friends & neighbours who kindly sponsored us for the

#### LondonMoonwalk

We have raised so far over £1200 for breast cancer causes and still counting!

Thankou! Sarah, Sarah & Helena

# A simply quacking picture

FORMER general manager of Cambridge's famous Garden House Hotel, Paul Breen, has been in touch to supply some information about one of the pictures in our Animal Magic feature. The photo, which has been reprinted here, showed hotel staff feeding an eager group of ducklings, and Paul says: "It was taken outside the then main entrance of the hotel, and the ducklings were the brood of a duck we called Ermintrude. "She lived on the Cam several years.



nearby and brought her offspring to us three or four times each day for a good feed. This went on for "Feeding her brood, from the left are Brian Anderton and Tony Corless, with myself and Helen Taylor looking on."



On the 24th May an itinerant group aggressively roamed the area looking for anywhere to park about 30 vans and vehicles. The brave Security guards from the Genome Campus had to stand their ground, despite serious verbal abuse, to stop them from breaking into a field in Duxford. Road The convoy ended up on the new football pitch in Sawston.

Thank you so much to all who came to hear more about

> **Living Room** International on May 11th.

Thank you also to those who so kindly donated pudding, or wine or paying for the hall.

We will bring you more news regularly and seek your support again in the future.

Kate & Margaret

### THE FRIENDS OF HINXTON CHURCH ANNUAL GARDEN EVENING

As advertised on page 9, we look forward to welcoming you to the Garden Evening at Church Green Cottage, Hinxton, on Friday 13 July at 6.30 p.m.

(If wet, it will be held in the Village Hall.)

We are so grateful to Ian and Sarah Pearson for inviting us to their lovely garden this year for the first time. Let's make it a bumper success! This is a family occasion and all are welcome, especially newcomers to the village.

Contributions of finger food would be hugely appreciated thank you!

Virginia Walker (tel: 01799 530360 or email: virginiamwalker@btinternet.com)

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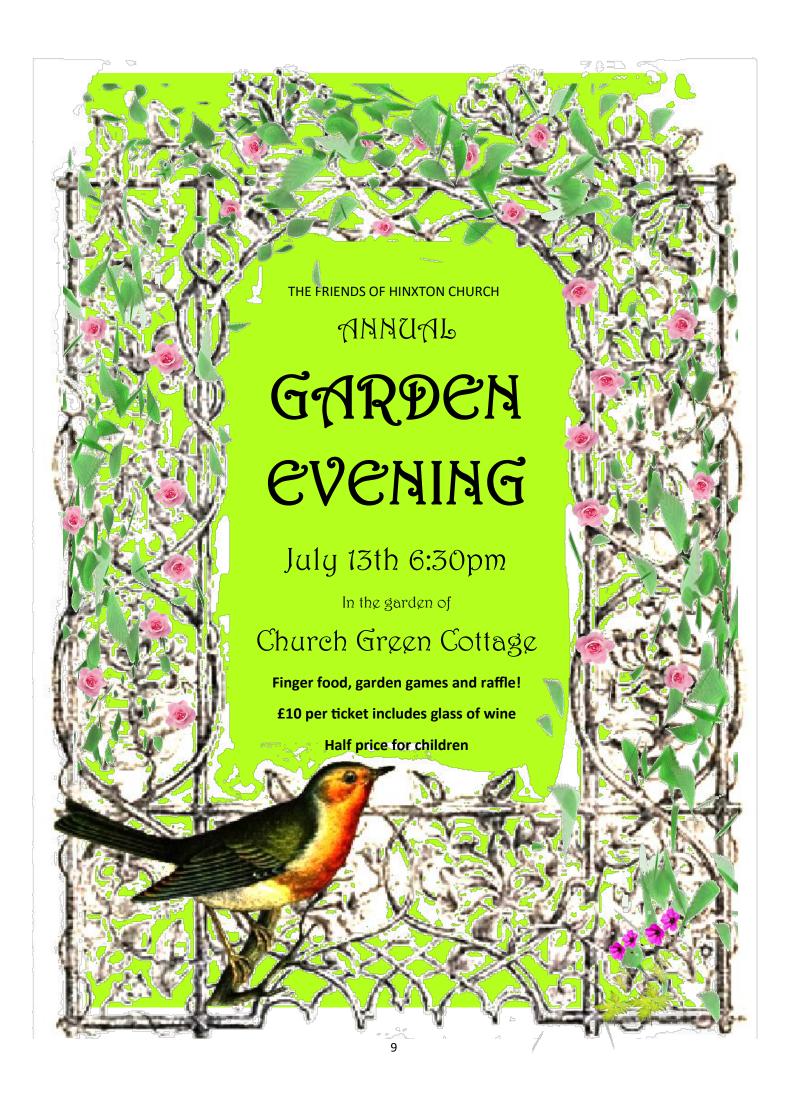
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Half term break – Friday 1st June



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Decorated cycles, etc., are eligible for prizes in this class. (Parade in Cricket Field)

3.00 p.m. SPORTS FOR CHILDREN up to 15 years of age in the Cricket Field. Entries on the ground.

4.30 p.m. TEA FOR CHILDREN up to 15 years of age.

5.15— 6.00 p.m. BUFFET TEAS FOR ADULTS (over 15 years).

6.00 p.m. SPORTS FOR ADULTS (over 15 years) in the Cricket Field, Entries on the Ground.

7.00 p.m. PRIZE DISTRIBUTION from the Secretary's 8.30 p.m. SOCIAL IN THE SCHOOL, Refreshments provided.

8.30 p.m. WHIST DRIVE IN THE READING ROOM.

Men of 65 years and upwards will receive a voucher value 6/-.

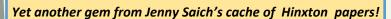
Children below school age will be presented with a

All inhabitants above 15 years and below 65 years of age will receive a voucher value 2/-.

All vouchers should be exchanged for goods with any tradesman in the village not later than 12th June and should be returned to the Hon, Secretary/Treasurer (Mrs D. Howe) for payment by 15th June.

Commune:

Mr E. M. Harris, Chairman
Mrs D. Howe, Hon. Secretary/Treasurer
Lt. Col, and Mrs Raphael, Mrs Whitehead, Mr Andrews, Mr
C. Bowtell, Mr A. Mendham and Mr E. Tofts



Notice that Jenny's dad, Ted Tofts was on the committee and her mum Nelly along with Amy Price helped to provide and serve the refreshments

Really! Can you imagine adults dressing up in this day and age?







#### Hinxton Annual Parish Meeting

14 May 2018

#### Report by Tony Orgee, District Councillor for Hinxton until 6 May 2018

#### South Cambridgeshire Local Plan

The examination in public into the Draft South Cambridgeshire Local Plan and the Draft Cambridge City Local Plan has taken far longer than expected, but it must be remembered that this is a simultaneous examination into two separate plans.

The process is now near its end – in the Autumn of 2017 the inspectors asked that consultation be carried out on the Main Modifications that they consider necessary for the two Local Plans to be found 'sound' (and can therefore be approved). The Main Modifications 'do not change the broad strategy for development included in the Local Plans or the main locations for where this development will be delivered.' So major development will take place in new settlements and extensions to larger villages – Northstowe, Waterbeach, Bourn airfield and expansion of Cambourne.

The terminology 'Main Modifications' may imply something greater than is actually required: in many cases the modifications involve relatively small and simple changes in wording.'
With regard to the Hinxton area, the inspectors have not asked for changes in the designation of land locally and so there will be no designation of land within the A505, A11, A1301 triangle for employment or housing.

# Uttlesford Local Plan and North Uttlesford Garden Community

The draft Uttlesford Local Plan includes a proposal for a 5,000 home development just north of Great Chesterford. This proposed development would be on elevated ground on the far side of the A11 from Hinxton.

There are a number of very serious local reservations about this proposal and I have worked with a number of local parish councils in South Cambridgeshire to oppose this proposal. It is important that local residents and parish councils make their voices heard by responding to the next round of Uttlesford Local Plan consultations, likely in the Summer.

#### Proposed Agritech Park

A planning application for this major development just south of the A505 was put forward in late 2017, and considered by South Cambridgeshire District Council's Planning Committee earlier this year. I worked with local parish councils to oppose this proposal, and the South Cambridgeshire view,

as set out in the relevant agenda papers, was very powerful. I spoke at the Planning Committee meeting against the application, as did the Chairs of Hinxton, Pampisford and Whittlesford Parish Councils, a resident of Hinxton and the local county councillor. It was disappointing that another resident who was called to speak did not appear to be in attendance at the meeting. The Planning Committee's decision to oppose the application was unanimous.

#### Genome Campus proposals

The Genome Campus have held two separate events so far this year as they work towards submitting a planning application that is likely to include significant expansion of the Campus to the east of the A1301 to provide more research and development space and also about 1,500 dwellings.

The number of dwellings currently being talked about is considerably higher than the Genome Campus was talking about a year or two ago. To put the figure of 1,500 dwellings into context: this is a greater number of dwellings than the total number of dwellings in Hinxton, Ickleton, Duxford, Pampisford and Babraham combined.

There are clearly some who want to support the Genome Campus with local housing, but linking additional employment at the Genome Campus with additional local housing simply reinforces the arguments put forward in promoting the North Uttlesford Garden Community.

Future proposals for the Genome Campus would, in my view, be best considered in the context of the new joint South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Local Plan, rather than as a standalone planning application.

#### District Council Budget

South Cambridgeshire District Council set its budget at its February meeting. The Council has faced considerable financial pressures in recent years, and this pressure was reflected in the budget decision.

There are three sources of funding to the Council, namely, Council Tax; Business Rates and income from interest and commercial activity.

The Council has sought to provide more cost effective services – for example through joint working with other authorities.

The shared waste and recycling collection service between the District Council and Cambridge City Council consistently achieves an over 99.5% collection rate and achieved a 100% collection service in the recent very bad and cold weather Creating better collection routes for waste and recycling collections across the two local authorities has led to a reduction of about 20,000

miles travelled per year by the collection vehicles and will give savings of about £700,000 over three years.

Net Portfolio Holder expenditure from the current year of £17.5m will increase to £19.2m in 2018/19. This increase is due to a number of factors including inflation; salary increments and additional requirements placed on the Council—examples include:

- National government's Reducing
   Homelessness Bill will be implemented in
   2018 and additional staff are being taken on
   to provide the greater level of support
   needed.
- £55k is allocated for the green energy fund and £200k for the green energy loan scheme.
- The Capital Programme includes provision of £160k in 2018/19 for street sweepers.

At the District Council's budget-setting meeting it was proposed to increase the Council Tax for a band D property by £5 and proportionately for other council tax bands, which is a rise of 3.7%. This was approved by 31 votes to 2 with 11 abstentions.

To set matters in context, a 1% increase in the District Council's portion of council tax raises an additional £70,000 per year whereas a 1% increase in the County Council's portion of council tax raises over £2.4 million a year.

#### Shared services

As a way of working more efficiently, South Cambridgeshire District Council has joined with Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridge City Council to share certain services in order to reduce costs. For example, small district councils simply cannot afford to employ a wide range of legal officers and when specific expertise is required, have to buy in those services from specialist companies. By sharing legal services across three councils, the shared service can afford to employ specialists in all areas of the councils' work and so avoid the high costs of buying in specialist advice.

**Planning Enforcement**District Council officers continue to monitor and, where appropriate, carry out enforcement action at sites in our villages. In some cases, resolving matters takes a considerable length of time with court hearings, adjournments, appeals and further court hearings. Recently the District Council was awarded £7,000 court costs in relation to a local case.

Tony Orgee 14 May 2018

#### County Annual report for 2017-18 Hinxton Parish Council Cllr Peter Topping

The highlight of this past year has been the rejection of the proposals for a large agri-tech site near the village. I attended the planning committee meeting where this application was heard, and I spoke against this proposal. In my view while I supported the proposals for agri-tech in principle, there was much to argue against it being located at this site, and in particular the lack of clarity on how the 4,000 staff would travel to work and the consequent impact on local infrastructure especially the roads and the junction with the Sawston roundabout.

I see my task as working with the parish council on local issues that affect residents of the village, to represent your concerns to the County Council, and to get things done.

I have met with the highways department manager and driven around the village with him spotting problems. I was pleased that the access roads were eventually gritted in the winter and will confirm what will be happening next winter. To be honest, the return of winter in late March meant that the pothole filling was behind schedule, but the county must do better at getting roads to a reasonable standard. I am monitoring the filling in of holes that have been reported and chasing the oldest and worst ones.

I was pleased that the county council took in hand the drainage and flooding problems at the junction of the High St and North End Road and that a much-needed proper investigation and subsequent action was carried out in the winter. Peter Taylor, the very able county highways supervisor who oversaw that operation, has gone on to greater things, and his replacement is now being sought.

Over the course of the year I have been to meetings regarding Uttlesford Garden Village. It is my view and that of the county council that the proposals for housing at Chesterford need to do more to address the transport issues to do with this new settlement, where much of the commuter traffic will be flowing northwards.

I want to mention the Combined Authority in the context of housing developments. I supported a bid for some £197m to move the water treatment site at Milton, freeing up the brownfield sites around Cambridge North Station for the building of homes. 1,500 of those homes will be in South Cambs and so therefore will COUNT against the targets set by government. This means that there will be less pressure on villages. This bid is going forward to government and I spoke to the Housing Minister about it last month.

I met with the new police chief supt. before Christmas to discuss rural crime including illegal hare coursing. The police have increased their new task force set up specifically to tackle this, with aerial surveillance and specialist off-road vehicles.

You may have seen the travellers who have set up along the A505 near the Pet Crematorium. The travellers are currently back at Thriplow having been evicted from Duxford by the council at quite a cost. Last year I worked with the police, the county and the district councils so that the agencies worked together and helped parish clerks when travellers did arrive and trespassed on land. I had the district council serve enforcement notices because of the fly tipping that has now started on that site.

I am pleased that since the discussions with Hexcel/Huntsman two years ago there has been far less of lorries getting stuck in Hinxton because the drivers sat-nav told him this was the quickest route.

The county council will be putting up "ford closed" signs further away from the ford itself to give drivers sufficient warning rather than have them drive up and then have to reverse into the banks to turn around.

One of the concerns for local residents in Hinxton is access onto the A505 and road safety. I have been pressing the county council to consider how to make road junctions safer, especially where small turn-off roads run from very busy **A** road. There are safety interventions that can reduce the risks, and some of these below may be suitable for a discussion between the parish council and the county highways department, although funding for these proposals is not a given.

- Removal of foliage at all highway junctions
- Removal of foliage in advance of all directional signs
- Replacement of all directional and advanced direction signs, including increasing sign text sizes
- Replacement of large diameter posts with a passively safe type, to reduce the risk of injury
- Surface dressing of sections to improve skid resistance.
- Renewal and rationalisation of white lines and road studs.
- Introduction of textured edge lines at specific high risk locations
- Widening of the hard edge (section of road beyond the edge line) at one location where regular edge overrun has been identified.
- Re-cutting of grips (channels in the verge to drain water).
- **♦**

I serve on two county committees: the constitution committee and the health committee, and I chair the Health and Wellbeing Board for Cambridgeshire. Regarding health matters, the county council and the hospitals have recently improved their performance in managing delays in transfer of care and while there is still much to do, in this part of Cambridgeshire there is exploration of trying to have more preventative work done in surgeries rather the later interventions in hospitals.

I have taken early retirement to be able to devote more time to serving the communities I am proud to represent.

If you need to contact me, please use my email <a href="mailto:peterwwtopping@gmail.com">peterwwtopping@gmail.com</a> or call 07825 876582.

#### Hinxton Parish Council Meeting items 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman -

Following recent Local Elections, all previous Parish Councillors had stood and been re-elected without contest. William Brown was re-elected as Chair, Dick Jones as Vice Chair

Neighbourhood Planning – Planning officials from SCDC were invited to explain the process of creating a Neighbourhood Plan. Although grants are available, to create a Plan would cost on average £13,000 and could take several years. It may not be appropriate for Hinxton as our major planning concerns for the future either lie beyond Parish boundaries or concern the Wellcome Trust. This will be discussed further when the SCDC Local Plan is settled. If anyone is interested in helping to develop a Hinxton Neighbourhood Plan, please contact the Clerk or any member of the PC.

#### North Uttlesford Garden Community -

Uttlesford District Council planning policy working group are discussing their Local Plan in May, and consultation is expected to start in late June with a plan probably including NUGC being submitted in October. Chairs of Gt Chesterford, Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford, Pampisford, Sawston and Hinxton PCs will work together in responding to the working group and the consultation.

Smithson Hill AgriTech centre – There has as yet been no appeal against the refusal of planning permission. There is a quite separate consultation going on about where a new AgriTech centre for the Eastern region area may be sited. Forest Heath in West Suffolk are keen on having this in the Norwich corridor, which would deter the threat of the Smithson Hill development at Hinxton.

#### Wellcome Trust Campus Development

Following Wellcome's two stages of local consultation, plans are expected in June. These are likely to include 1,500 housing units plus further research buildings.

**Iron Bridge** – Repair work that was expected for late Spring has been delayed by an inspection of the main girders.

Local Highway Improvement Initiative – The application to replace damaged posts and rails alongside the river on Ickleton Rd was not ranked sufficiently high by the Highways Dept.

Allotments – A revised agreement with the Trust has been signed. There is one spare allotment.

Mill Sluice – It has been proposed to the Wellcome Trust that they install a concrete compound

sideweir just above the iron bridge in order to remove the need to operate the Mill sluices and to improve the river and flood meadow environment. Meanwhile, for the routine operation of the sluices, a rota has been drawn up with local volunteers.

Playground report – Minor repair work is required on some equipment.

Flooding at North End Rd -There has not been substantial flooding after recent rain and it is hoped that the problem is now solved. It will need regular maintenance.

Local Bus Service – The new 7a route be starting in July; it will go to Trumpington Park and Ride rather than Babraham.

**Village Signs -** Both signs have been restored and will receive regular oiling as protection.

Flint wall/Village Hall repairs - Quotes are being obtained and potential grants investigated.

Wetlands Conservation Report - Dredging and reed clearance of the Wetland lakes will be carried out in the autumn. There will be Wetland walks on Tuesday lunchtimes in May, June and July on which Hinxton people are welcome.

Genome Campus Liaison committee – A meeting in June should cover a revised Permissive Path contract.

Imperial War Museum – Nothing further about the proposed Moto services station at the M11 Junction 10 since the Mustang crash. A new 150-bed hotel is to be built by 2020 by the IWM close to the Airspace Hall. The IWM's Neighbours of Duxford scheme is now £10 per annum for annual access to all IWM sites; it may be made free for those residents whose homes are most affected by aircraft noise, but details have not yet been decided.

Parish Council Archives. A collection of old village documents has been discovered, including deeds, minutes etc. The Parish Council is consulting on how these might best be preserved and recorded.

Potholes – The potholes in the village have been systematically reported, but were not deemed bad enough to be repaired. The Highways Dept have been approached about damaging and illegal parking on the soft shoulder of the A1301 by the McDonalds roundabout and have promised action.

Travellers – There was concern about a large group of travellers that was camping illegally locally. Farmers and landowners were advised to block access to open land

Finance and Annual Audit - The Governance and Accounting statements were read out and signed Planning Applications – five planning applications were received and decisions approved.

It's been another busy month, so I'll try and give you a flavour of thetreestapleford.co.uk/

when she visited Addenbrooke's Hospital. Theresa May spoke to know that many of you contributed to the train timetable constaff, learnt about our pioneering cancer research and treat- sultation last year. The result is a new timetable from 20th May ment work and also launched a £75 million nationwide fund to onwards which affects all Great Northern routes. Every train, improve research into innovative ways of combatting prostate from every station has been changed with the intention of cancer. I am so proud of the hard-working, dedicated commit- providing a more reliable service for passengers and increasing ment of our NHS staff and the Prime Minister's visit showed capacity. Details of the changes are available here - https:// how important Addenbrooke's is, not only to us locally, but also <a href="www.railplan2020.com/">www.railplan2020.com/</a> at a national level. The Prime Minister was briefed on the hospital's wish to build a cancer hospital on the campus. This would Although I am pleased the operator listened to the majority of both develop our world leading reputation for cancer diagnosis concerns raised by residents (and the original proposed timetaand treatment and also free up valuable space for more general ble generated a lot!), there are still some services from Royston hospital work. The Prime Minister grasped the potential of the and Ashwell and Morden which require further attention. I will proposals and I am pleased to report suggested I discuss the continue pushing for these amendments and will keep my webproposals in more detail with her special advisor. I'll keep you site updated with progress. posted!

traditionally make the grade. Lord O'Shaughnessy left impressed keep you updated. and promised to follow up to see what might be possible. And now for something completely different and less welcome! In the last few weeks, we have seen a large number of travellers take up residence on land on the A505 at Thriplow. Although increased powers are now available to local authorities to deal with unauthorised caravan sites, the Government is reviewing the powers available and looking at what more needs to be done. Unauthorised encampments continue to be an issue locally and I hope that you can spare a few minutes to take part in the consultation - https://www.gov.uk/government/ consultations/powers-for-dealing-with-unauthoriseddevelopment-and-encampments

Supporting local communities is an important part of my role in South Cambridgeshire and in the last month, I have been pleased to support a number of local events and campaigns, including prize giving at the Cambourne 10k run (thank goodness they didn't make me do it, I'd be hopeless!) and meeting with residents in Stapleford who are campaigning to see The Tree public house turned into a community asset (I have more skill here!)

If you would like more information about the Stapleford community's efforts to create a community hub and their crowdfunding efforts, please visit their website - http://

On the 10<sup>th</sup> April, I was honoured to join the Prime Minister This month sees a new timetable for Great Northern trains and I

Keeping with the theme of transport, I have been coordinating April also saw the Health Minister Lord O'Shaughnessy visit Roy- efforts with stakeholders to ensure a viable future for the Whipal Papworth Hospital. I invited him so he could hear from the pet X3 service which serves Cambourne, Papworth and the surworld-leading experts there and see the innovative work that rounding area. Working with Whippet, Royal Papworth, Astra they undertake. Papworth are seeking sustainable funding for Zeneca, Addenbrooke's, the County Council and Greater Camtheir DCD (donation after circulatory death) transplant pro- bridge Partnership, I am very hopeful that some kind of sustaingramme - that's essentially the use of hearts which would not able service to benefit everyone can be preserved. Again, I will

> If there is anything you would like to talk to me about, I will be holding a "by appointment" surgery at my Sawston constituency office on the 18th May between 1pm and 3pm. If you would like an appointment, please give my office a call on 01223 830087. I will be holding my next "drop in" surgery on the 9<sup>th</sup> June between 11.30am and 1.30pm at The Plough Public House, St Peters Street, Duxford, CB22 4RP where no appointment will be necessary.

Details of all upcoming surgeries can be found on my website -



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# Exhibition – Genomic Expressions Saturday 16 June, 1-2.30pm

The Genome Gallery,

Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre
Your last chance to visit Genomic Expressions on one of our
monthly Open Saturday events (which include a tour of
Campus).

What does genomics mean to you? How would you answer this question? Does it mean your family? Maybe it's your ancestry? What about your health? Or perhaps the answer is, "I've no idea!" We posed this question to those who work here. The creative responses featured in Genomic Expressions are by people from across our campus. Some may make you smile, some are heart-warming but all encourage us, the viewer, to reflect on our own answer to the question.

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

Tickets: <a href="http://bit.ly/WGC-Open-Saturdays">http://bit.ly/WGC-Open-Saturdays</a>

#### Cardboard cut the Human Cell Atlas Wednesday 20 June, 10am-3pm

Wellcome Genome Campus

Discover more about a bold new project to create a Human Cell Atlas, and learn the technique of cardboard cut printmaking in this one-day workshop! £60, including all materials, lunch and refreshments. Maximum 10 places available.

More information: http://bit.ly/cellprintmaking

#### <u>Bioscience LITE: Antimicrobial Resistance</u> *Wednesday 27 June, 5.30pm*

Wellcome Genome Campus

Free twilight teacher training hosted by the Wellcome Genome Campus and the Babraham Institute to explore some of the big topics in bioscience.

Free but booking is essential.

Tickets:

https://publicengagement.wellcomegenomecampus.org/events/bioscience-lite-antimicrobial-resistance

# Café Sci Cambridge: Monsters in the Dark: Hunting for the Universe's Most Extreme Galaxies

Wednesday 13 June, 7-8.30pm

The Locker Café, King Street, Cambridge, CB1 1LN

Galaxies come in all shapes and sizes, and hidden in the very distant Universe lurk the biggest and most extreme of them all. Come along to discover the scale and beauty of these elusive monster galaxies.

This is a free and non-ticketed event. Doors open at 6.45pm so arrive early to avoid disappointment.

More information: www.cafescicambridge.org

# Amanda Hoskins The Adult Education Department Sawston Village College

We are delighted to tell you that Sawston Village College will be bringing you some exciting new adult education courses from September 2018. We think you will agree that this year, we have the most varied course selection yet! Here are some of the courses we are going to be bringing to the local community:

- Astronomy
- Car/Bike Maintenance
- Flamenco and Spanish Dancing
- Drumming
- Basket Weaving
- Sugarcraft
- Mandarin



Also, this academic year you will be able to book

our courses online through our website via Wisepay. This will be easier, quicker and even more secure. We are excited to be able to offer this new facility to our adult learners.

As usual, our existing course range will be in our new brochure and will be updated on our website in due course. There is a very broad range of courses, so we are confident that you will find something to suit you.

Our new brochure will be available early July and if you live in the local area it will be delivered through your door towards the end of July. Booking will now be available online through our website. However, booking forms will be at the back of our brochure or can be requested via email.

Visit our website <a href="www.sawstonadulted.org">www.sawstonadulted.org</a>, or telephone 01223 712424 or email <a href="community@sawstonvc.org">community@sawstonvc.org</a>





**Dr Steve Trudgill** Emeritus fellow of Robinson College Cambridge, Hinxton resident and Parish Councillor has been elected an Honorary Vice President of the Field Studies Council in recognition of the way in which he has worked on behalf of this charity for much of his life. He was a Member of the FSC Executive Committee from 1976 to 2003, helping to run all the UK Field Centres, and a Member of its Science and Education sub-Committee, which he chaired for 2 years. He was a member of Slapton Ley, Devon, National Nature Reserve Management Committee 1990 - 2005. He has run University Field Classes, Family Natural History courses and art courses jointly with St Ives School of Painting artist Hilary Gibson at several Centres. Steve very much espouses the aims of helping young people to learn about ecology and environment and

experience nature at first hand through residential field work. In a recent art exhibition in his College he raised money for the FSC Kids Fund which aims to bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by providing financial support for them to attend a course at an FSC learning location - and help disadvantaged young people to attend an FSC course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage such as health, mobility, deprivation or lack of finance. This year 452 young people benefit from the grants awarded to youth and school groups. Help is given to a wide range of different organisations with varying types of disadvantage including young people in foster care, those who are not in mainstream education, young people who are living in a women's refuge and children from primary schools who have little or no access to green space let alone the countryside.

#### More info at:

http://www.field-studies-council.org/about/fsc-kids-fund.aspx

#### THE MARY CHALLIS GARDEN & MUSEUM

Mary Challis was born and lived in Sawston for nearly her entire life. She never married and had no close relatives, and when she passed away in 2006, very generously left her house and garden in trust "for the benefit of the inhabitants of the village of Sawston and the neighbourhood". The A M Challis Trust was set up in 2007 to manage the house and two-acre garden in keeping with Mary's wishes. The garden has been faithfully restored by volunteers and was formally opened in May 2009 by Christopher South.

The garden opens to the public every Tues, Thurs and Sat. from 10 am to 12 noon, and on Sunday afternoons 2-4 pm (1-3 pm in winter).

Admission is free.



Mary Challis was clearly passionate about her garden and its wildlife. She was well educated and studied horticulture at college. She clearly had a fondness for animals, kept chickens, ducks and geese, as well as numerous cats and other pets. She was also a keen beekeeper. In its heyday, Mary ran a small horticultural business from the garden, selling fresh fruit, vegetables and glasshouse produce, eggs and honey. After her father died in 1942, when Mary was only 17, she dedicated her life to looking after her mother and the garden. She was not able to manage the garden in later years and it became very overgrown. It was a huge task to restore the garden and the outbuildings to their present standard.

The garden extends to two acres, and comprises formal herbaceous beds, lawns, summer wildflower meadow, orchard, pond, raised vegetable beds, glasshouses, winter/spring walk, apiary, bee border and mature trees and shrubs. A succession of spring bulbs – snowdrops, crocuses, aconites, daffodils, tulips and bluebells – make a great display at the start of the flowering season. There are a

number of specimen trees including golden rain tree, false acacia, Kentucky yellowwood and gingko. So plenty to see in all seasons. We sell plants, fresh produce, honey, preserves, jam and logs to raise funds for the garden.

The Challis Trust runs several events over the year for the people of Sawston and surrounding villages, including an Easter event, Anniversary Fete, Open Gardens (for the National Gardens Scheme), Jo Cox memorial picnic, Horticultural Show, Apple Day and a Hallowe'en event. These are very popular, usually attracting 200-300 people. The garden can be booked by clubs and groups for private visits (please see our website <a href="www.challistrust.org.uk">www.challistrust.org.uk</a>); it is especially popular with gardening clubs, youth groups, W.I. and artists.

In keeping with her wishes, Mary's house at 68 High Street, Sawston has been completely renovated to become a museum for the village and to house the village history archive and artefacts. The Mary Challis Museum and Archive was formally opened on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The current collection includes the archive assembled by Sawston Village History Society. Most of the material has been donated by Sawston residents. The collection includes a set of Sawston Scenes, the Sawston Crier and a number of local and national newspapers as well as photographs taken of the village in 2000 and other photographs from the less recent past. Cataloguing is still in progress but a list of the various files is available. There is also a small range of books on the history of Sawston and the surrounding area. Books of which the Trust has multiple copies may be borrowed.

The Mary Challis Museum and Archive is open regularly on Tuesdays from 10am to 12 noon. It is hoped, in due course, to open on additional days, provided there are stewards and archivists available to welcome visitors.















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

Dining in the Dark: over £1,500

A big thank you to guests, **Adnams**Wine sponsors and the Red Lion
and **CamSight** teams for another hugely
successful and fun evening raising money
for CamSight.

Some dates for your diary:

Annual Garden Party save the date Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August

Father's Day Beer Festival
The Black Bull
Friday 15 – Sunday 17 June
Many of our favourite local ales
+ a few guests
Carla's Rendition Band returns
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June
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Kind regards Alex, Nikol, Janice,
Jordan, Shane and the teams

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# Littlebury Midsummer Fete & Teddy Zipwire

## **Sunday 24 June**

12.30 - 3 pm

Littlebury Church

free admission

BBQ\*\*Games\*\*PIMMS

Stalls\*\*Teas

All in aid of the Church

#### **ICKLETON VILLAGE FETE**

Saturday 30th June

1 - 5 pm

at St Mary Magdalene Church and the Green opposite

"Despite the location swap to the church we're aiming to pack in the usual fun and games at the fete again this year!

We're hoping also to use the green outside the church and are investigating closing part of the road to keep things safe."

Kids corner ...games and activities where you can win tokens that add up to prizes

BBQ Ice cream Beer tent and brilliant Pimms Teas and cakes Cakes and home produce Books Tombola Bric-a-brac.

We hope you can come along and join us on the day!.

# RECIPE RELAY



"Haydn Mursell is June's guest cook. Merv and I greatly enjoyed this soup at Kate and Haydn's house at the last Hinxton "Supper on the Run". It was light and so fresh tasting! I was keen to learn the exact quantity of ingredients. When Haydn sent me the recipe I made it the next day! It's also a good 'store cupboard ' standby, as most people have a packet of peas in their freezer."

**Pea & Mint Soup** 





#### Serves 4

This recipe is very simple and worked well as a starter for this year's 'supper on the run.' It can be served hot or cold. Enjoy!



#### Ingredients

- 1 bunch spring onions, trimmed and roughly chopped
- 1 medium potato, peeled and diced
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 850ml vegetable or chicken stock
- 900g young peas in the pod (to give about 250g/9oz
- shelled peas) we use 300g of frozen peas
- 4 tbsp chopped fresh mint
- large pinch caster sugar
- 1 tbsp fresh lemon
- 150g soured cream or natural yoghurt

#### Method

Put the spring onions into a large pan with the potato, garlic and stock.

Bring to the boil, turn down the heat and simmer for 15 minutes or until the potato is very soft. For the garnish, blanch 3 tbsp of the shelled peas in boiling water for 2-3 minutes, drain, put in a bowl of cold water and set aside.

Add the remaining peas to the soup base and simmer for 5 minutes – no longer, or you will lose the lovely fresh flavour of the peas. Stir in the mint, sugar and lemon or lime juice, cool slightly then pour into a food processor or liquidiser and whizz until as smooth as you like.

Stir in half the yoghurt or soured cream, taste and season with salt and pepper.

To serve the soup cold, cool quickly, then chill – you may need to add more stock to the soup before serving as it will thicken as it cools.

To serve hot, return the soup to the rinsed-out pan and reheat without boiling (to prevent the yoghurt or soured cream from curdling). Serve the soup in bowls, garnished with the remaining yoghurt or soured cream and the drained peas.



# Musical Instrument 'Taster Morning'

at Duxford School on Saturday June 30th

Would you or your child like to learn to play a musical instrument, but you're unsure about which one to choose? Would you like the chance to 'have a go' on a few instruments to help you to make up your mind? The morning of Saturday June 30th is your chance to experiment and to gain some 'hands-on' experience, when Duxford Workshop's tutors will be on hand to provide you with practical help and the chance to try a selection of woodwind, strings and brass instruments. They will be happy to help you to decide whether one of these could be the right instrument for you.

If you're interested, please just come along to Duxford School between 11am and 12.15 to look round and make your choice. There is no charge, you don't need to book in advance and you don't need to be a member of Workshop to attend.

Duxford Saturday Workshop is a registered charity which encourages learning and music-making in a supportive, informal and enjoyable setting. If during your visit you think you may like to play an instrument with us, you will be welcome to have a chat about your interests, explore possibilities and discuss what you'd like to do. The new Workshop year begins again in mid-September and details will be available at the Taster Morning.

People from a wide range of ages, abilities and levels of experience are welcome at Workshop; our tuition ranges from a playful introduction to music & drama for 'Key Stage 1' pupils, to group instrumental lessons from school year 4 through to 'mature adult' beginners.

We also offer ensembles for more experienced players which cater for a spectrum of musical interests, from choir and orchestra, to jazz and folk music.

Instruments include: *Cello, Guitar, Viola, Violin and Ukulele Bassoon, Clarinet, Flute, Oboe and Saxophone Cornet, Trombone and Trumpet* 

When? Saturday 1st July, 2017 from 11am - 12.15pm.

#### THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

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Within its towns, villages and countryside, the Hundred Parishes has an exceptional depth of ancient buildings. More than 6,000 are "listed", meaning that they have been formally identified as an important part of our national heritage so that they can be protected by law. They appear on the National Heritage List for England.

6,000 listings represents more than 10% of all buildings within the Hundred Parishes, whilst nationally only about 2% are listed. Furthermore, half of our listed buildings date from the year 1700 AD or earlier. This exceptional depth of heritage is a key feature of the Hundred Parishes.

Over 100 buildings within the Hundred Parishes have the highest category of listing - Grade I - and of these more than half are parish churches, constructed and reconstructed over the last thousand years.

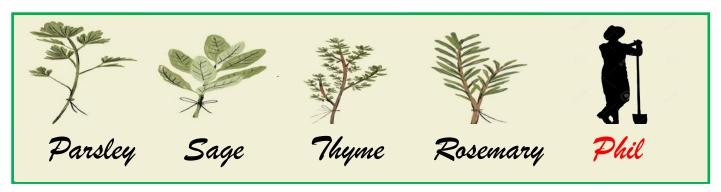
By way of explanation, of all listed buildings in England less than 3% have been classified as Grade I, while 92% fall into the Grade II category and about 5% into the intermediate Grade II\* ("two star") category. Listings can relate to all manner of buildings, whilst there are separate listings of "registered parks and gardens" and "scheduled monuments". Local listed buildings include garden walls, gravestones, war memorials, telephone boxes, milestones and other features of historic interest.

Details of all listed buildings can easily be found on www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk.

All listings, including parks and gardens and scheduled
monuments, can be found on the official
website
https://historicengland.org.uk/
but it isn't as easy to navigate.

The fact that a building is listed gives it some degree of protection so that it should survive to delight future generations. Owners of listed buildings are generally conscious that they are just today's custodian within a long line of custodians.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



Everything is on the move right now and to keep on top of the garden we have to be too! Weeds are growing fast and the lawn is racing to create a jungle. Important jobs in June include the supporting of climbers, tie the stems of roses as horizontally as possible so you can enjoy lots more flowers.



It should be safe now to plant out tender annuals, providing they are hardened off first, this is also the best time to plant up containers and baskets. Feed plants in your borders and deadhead regularly to encourage more flowers.

All shrubs that flowered in May will need to be pruned when they have finished flowering. If your shrub is over three years old the best way is to remove a third of the oldest stems at ground level every year, this will ensure the shrub continues to be compact and vigorous. Pruning this way will also mean you can be sure of flowers every year.

As summer progresses and we need to think about watering, a few tips, always water the soil at the base of the plant and try not to water in strong sunlight in the middle of the day as water drops on leaves may cause scorching.

Answers to the composting quiz of April about things we shouldn't add to the heap,

Bindweed, coal ash, newspapers or cooked food scrapes are the no no's.

I hope you have a wonderful time in your garden enjoying the lovely long warm summer evenings.



Supermarket tomatoes are often bred to look good on the shelf. Unfortunately once they land in your trolley their work is done. *Home grown tomatoes are well worth the effort.* 

You will do best with a greenhouse, sadly many of which stay empty over the summer. This is understandable as the daily watering is a chore and going on holiday is at best a hassle and at worst a horticultural disaster.

It can be different. For many years I have used **Autopots**. These come as a kit with a reservoir and 2 pots per unit. Once set up and planted they can be left alone for up to a month and the only work needed is occasional topping up of the feed solution in the reservoir, training the plants and of course picking the tomatoes through to November. (autopot.co.uk easy2GO kit. £47.50 and lasts for many years.)

A grilled beef tomato with olive oil and oregano perhaps with a poached egg makes a quick and delicious breakfast. Mmmm.



Setting now? Consider mangetout peas. The shop ones can be like parchment whereas an established row along a trellis in the flower garden or netted on the vegetable plot will yield a daily crop of succulent pea pods for weeks. Mangetout pea Oregon or for purple pods Shiraz. (99p incl p&p ebay.co.uk).

#### **HINXTON EVENTS ~ June 2018**

#### **Notable Future Dates**

June Hinxton Annual Village Fete 9th July Hinxton Garden Evening 13th Nov "Memories of the First 10th World War." Details will follow in later editions (To be held in the Village Hall) Nov SILENT AUCTION 24th

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# HINXTON COFFEE MORNINGS!

Here are the forthcoming dates for the Hinxton coffee mornings, to be held in the Village Hall, from 10 – 12 noon:

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Please join us for a cuppa, a biscuit or two and a chat! There is NO charge. If you need a lift, please let me know. I am still looking for volunteers to come forward to host; if there are enough, perhaps we might only have to do it once a year!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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