

HINXTON news

Dear Readers

January was notable for the extraordinary parish council meeting that summarised the conclusion of the S106 mitigation process tendered by the Wellcome Trust. It became apparent that most of the negotiation and settlement agreement was the work of South Cambs District Council.

You can be certain that the WT are pleased with this outcome as, for the cost of a modest house and the loan of a field, we have been legally side-lined.

This heartless and tight-fisted outcome is a huge disappointment however, we must thank our PC for all their time and effort in trying to secure the best possible deal. (read the report on the next page).

Look out for the next HINXTON LIFE magazine coming out soon.

Stay safe

Mike

Please note we now have a page on Facebook, called HINXTON LIFE. Hopefully it will become our discussion forum where we can exchange views and stories without interference from people outside our village (unless invited).

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THE ANN HOWSDEN CHARITY

Home schooling without proper computer access?

At a recent meeting of the Ann Howsden Trust, the charity's trustees discussed the impact that a lack of access to computers was having on home schooling and children and young people's ability to study and stay in touch with their teachers and classmates.

The Trust is keen to know if there are Hinxtton residents finding themselves in this situation, and to assess whether it might be able to help.

There have been a couple of sewer blockages in the village recently and it appears that the cause of the blockages has largely been wet wipes. These are not suitable for disposal via the toilet as they do not break down like toilet paper does. Some packaging on this type of product does say 'flushable' but this really only means that they will go around the U bend!

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Latest on Wellcome Campus expansion plans From Hinxton Parish Council

A document that sets out in detail the obligations of the Wellcome Trust (WT) to mitigate the impact of the £1.3bn Genome Campus extension was published by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) on December 18. The document, called a Section 106 Agreement, is a legal contract between the council and the developer, which outlines those obligations.

The S106 between SCDC and the WT includes plans for road improvements, a cash sum for the extension and refurbishment of the village hall, employee travel plans, landscape mitigations etc as well as the timescale during which this is to happen. Hinxton is bound to be significantly affected during and after the period of development, which runs for 20 years and aims to build 1500 homes – in the first instance to be sold or rented to campus workers – on the east side of the A1307 opposite the current campus based on the west side. It would lead to more than doubling the current staff from 2,500 to 6,800.

HPC has consistently objected to the size and scale of the development since the application was made in December 2018, opposing the more commercial elements of the proposed scheme while supporting the work of the Trust. However, planning permission was granted 15 months ago because the national interest was deemed to outweigh the 'significant' harm caused by the development.

The Parish Council (HPC) then focused on the S106 on which it was consulted but was not a signatory. It was understood by some councillors that HPC would be given sight of the final draft of the S106 but this did not happen.

The S106 is a long, complex document. Some elements of the agreement are seen as positive and some as negative, both within and without HPC. The Trust is not obliged to build any community infrastructure on their site until the 500th house is built. To offset the pressure on Hinxton's current facilities it has offered **£567,000** towards the cost of enlarging the village hall and associated costs, more than twice the original offer, but which still leaves a potential small shortfall of **£25,000**. In addition, it has offered a 2.2-acre strip of land from the allotments down to the river for 20 years, or whenever their own communal facilities come on stream, at a peppercorn rent and the use of the WT site's community facilities.

However, there are concerns over the covenants, agreed by SCDC and Wellcome within the S106, which aim to restrict housing to on-site workers and their families. The mechanism by which this 'housing lock' is managed appears weak which could have an impact on the village into the future,

particularly in terms of local infrastructure and transport links.

The only way to have forced SCDC to reconsider its decisions regarding the WT application would have been to apply to the courts for a judicial review (JR) of the way SCDC has managed the process. There was only a window of six weeks to make that application after the publication of the S106 on December 18. This gave HPC until 29 January to lodge an application.

At a Parish Council meeting on 11 January, some villagers indicated that they strongly supported making a JR. Some of the councillors were wary because the outcome of all legal actions is uncertain and the PC might have had to bear up to £15-£20k in costs if the council were to lose. However, costs would largely have been recoverable if such an action was successful.

HPC decided to commit £1500 for a legal opinion on the likelihood of success of a JR application. The confidential advice was that an application was **unlikely to succeed**.

This was discussed at an extraordinary meeting of HPC on Friday, 22 January at which there were 19 residents on the zoom call. Following an hour long discussion by councillors, and residents in the public session, HPC voted unanimously not to apply for a judicial review.

For any further details please ask one of your parish councillors – see the list on

<http://www.hinxton-pc.org.uk/community/hinxton-parish-council-7847/contact-details/>





Anthony Browne MP
Keeping in touch with South Cambridgeshire

As we come into 2021, we face a new challenge and a new variant of Coronavirus.

This has led to a situation no-one wanted - another round of tough restrictions. We all would have preferred a new start this year, but this mutated strain has been shown to be far easier to transmit - the data on infections makes for difficult reading, with local cases rising to the highest levels recorded and hospital admissions increasing. I remain in regular contact with our hospitals, the CCG, and the Director of Public Health, and will continue to post available information across my social media platforms where possible.

Everyone is now being asked to stay at home, and should only leave for limited reasons such as shopping for essentials, seeking medical assistance or fleeing domestic abuse. People who are extremely clinically vulnerable are once again being asked to shield. A letter will be sent out to those in this category outlining the necessary steps they should take. I want to urge everyone to work within these restrictions.

When it comes to education, primary schools, secondary schools and colleges will be moving to remote learning, with only children of key workers or those who are vulnerable going into school physically, while early years settings remain open. Not all exams will go ahead this summer and the Secretary of State for Education and Ofqual will announce the plan in due course. Children who are eligible for free school meals will continue to receive them, with further details to follow.

There is hope for the future, as for the first time we are able to pair tougher restrictions with a vaccination programme. With the news that the Oxford-Astrazeneca vaccine has been approved, thanks in large part to the hard work of many right here in South Cambridgeshire, the vaccination numbers will only increase. It is the hope of the NHS that by the end of February, the top four priority groups (people in care homes, all health and social care staff, anyone clinically vulnerable and all those over 70 years old) will have received a vaccine.

As the Prime Minister said last night, if we succeed in vaccinating all those groups we will have removed huge numbers of people from the path of the virus and can begin to look at a timetable to reduce these measures. Now we need to remain vigilant, work within the guidelines, and give our NHS the support it needs.

We also find ourselves facing the new year truly outside of the European Union. I promised during the election campaign to fight to ensure the UK left the EU with a deal, and a deal we have. It provides tariff and quota-free access to the EU single market and preserves UK sovereignty. It was supported not just by the Conservative government, but by Labour, Eurosceptics, the European Commission, and Governments across Europe. And it gives us the chance to explore exciting policy options in every field from environmental regulation to taxation. Say goodbye to can't do and say hello to the new "can do" Britain.

You may well say that we would be better off staying in the EU. That is a respectable argument. But that bus has passed. We left the EU almost a year ago. Let's look to the future together and make a success of it.

As we continue to find our way, to freedom from Coronavirus and away from the European Union, I will continue to work for South Cambridgeshire. Below, you can read about my most recent campaigns, speeches, and work in the constituency. As ever, if you have any other questions, comments or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

WORKING TOGETHER THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES

Advice to minimise the spread of Covid-19

and you add that if you are having to isolate; please contact us if you need your dog walking as there are plenty of people who can help?

When interacting with those outside your household remember to stay 2m apart. This is a surprisingly large distance. 2m is the equivalent of a 6ft 7 man, so imagine the tallest person in the village lying between you and then some!

Remember to wash hands thoroughly whenever you return to your house. If you touch anything between the door and the sink they need washing too

Wash hands after touching anything that comes into your house, eg parcels, post, milk

Children are more likely to be asymptomatic but the infection prevention rules above apply to them too

Village support

Please check on your immediate neighbours

There are a team of volunteers who can assist you with prescriptions or essential shopping if you are vulnerable or if you suddenly find yourself having to isolate.

Please contact Emma on emmasenior@googlemail.com or Sue on suejbrown@me.com and we will sort out some help



These items are available for free to be collected central Hinxton



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COVID-19 vaccination

First phase priority groups



Priority	Risk group
1	Residents in a care home for older adults and Staff working in care homes for older adults
2	All those 80 years of age and over and Health and social care workers
3	All those 75 years of age and over
4	All those 70 years of age and over and Clinically extremely vulnerable individuals (not including pregnant women and those under 18 years of age)
5	All those 65 years of age and over
6	Adults aged 18 to 65 years in an at-risk group*
7	All those 60 years of age and over
8	All those 55 years of age and over
9	All those 50 years of age and over
10	Rest of the population (to be determined)

80 yrs

75 yrs

70 yrs

65 yrs

60 yrs

55 yrs

50 yrs

* Blood cancer (such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma); diabetes; dementia; a heart problem; a chest complaint or breathing difficulties, including bronchitis, emphysema or severe asthma; a kidney disease; a liver disease, lowered immunity due to disease or treatment (such as HIV infection, steroid medication, chemotherapy or radiotherapy); rheumatoid arthritis, lupus or psoriasis; have had an organ transplant; had a stroke or a transient ischaemic attack (TIA); a neurological or muscle wasting condition; a severe or profound learning disability; a problem with your spleen, eg sickle cell disease, or you have had your spleen removed; are seriously overweight (BMI of 40 and above); are severely mentally ill.



COVID-19 immunisation
Enjoy life. Protect yourself.

Granta Medical Practices Update February 2021

COVID-19 Vaccinations

At the time of writing, we are about to embark on the mammoth task of vaccinating our 44,000 patients with the COVID-19 vaccinations. Please be assured that everyone will be vaccinated. However, please remember that we have to vaccinate in accordance with Public Health England's priority list. Details of the priority list can be found on our website or at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/>

Due to the extreme demand for the vaccine around the country we may get deliveries at short notice, which means we may have to contact you at short notice.

Please note that you will NEVER be asked for payment for a COVID-19 vaccination and any texts, phone calls, or letters requesting payment or bank details should be ignored.

Please continue to keep yourself and our community safe by adhering to national restrictions, social distancing, wearing of face masks and hand hygiene.

We would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding whilst you wait for your vaccine during this unprecedented time.

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The Hundred Parishes Society

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Our area has a good number of so-called "Hertfordshire puddingstones".

I am not convinced that Hertfordshire has any real justification for claiming the puddingstone because examples can be found on both sides of the Essex / Hertfordshire county boundary. I recently acquired a copy of "Puddingstone Walks in Essex", a neat little book that describes walking routes which in total pass more than twenty puddingstones or groups of puddingstones in the Essex part of the Hundred Parishes.

A puddingstone is a conglomerate of many small, rounded and colourful pebbles that appear to have been cemented together. Geologists explain that they were formed around 50 million years ago and were deposited in this area by a retreating glacier, possibly only 10,000 years ago at the end of the last Ice Age.

Some puddingstones lay where they were deposited, whilst others have been moved to more convenient locations and sometimes put to good use. Brent Pelham and Arkesden have incorporated them into their war memorials. Others are visible in Arkesden in the stream of Wicken Water beside the bridge.

Stones have been used as building material within walls in Much Hadham and Wendens Ambo, in Great Hallingbury's church tower and in St Helen's Chapel at Wicken Bonhunt.

One in Standon is proudly displayed, whilst a large puddingstone in Newport seems to have been unceremoniously abandoned beside the approach road to the station. Others stand in Tilty churchyard, by the pump at Ugley Green, in Saffron Walden Museum's grounds, by the Shell House in Hatfield Forest and beside the Yew Tree pub in Manuden.

No doubt there are many more – I would be pleased to hear of any that I have missed – please email me at hundredparishes@btinternet.com, if possible with a photo. Will we find more in Hertfordshire or Essex?

Ken McDonald, Secretary.



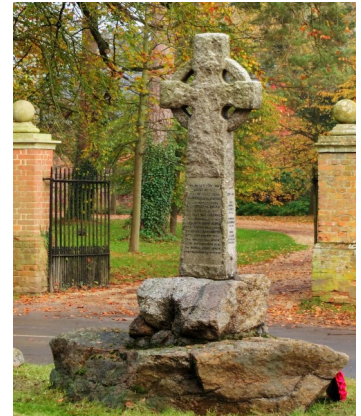
Arkesdon pudding stone
war memorial



Ugley puddingstone



Wendons Ambo ancient
wall with puddingstone



Brent Pelham



Newport



Standon

Hi, my name is Anita Gilchrist and I would like to introduce myself as the new Community Warden for Sawston, Whittlesford, Hinxton, Ickleton, Duxford and Pampisford.

Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have been delivering these schemes for 27 years and with the funding support from South Cambridgeshire District Council we are pleased to be in a position to expand the schemes to those living within these villages.

I was working as a warden in Linton and have years of experience working for the NHS and private Health sector. The community warden service assists adults over 60 to continue to live independently and safely at home by providing daily contact (Monday to Friday) and support by a personal visit (COVID19 compliant) or a telephone call to ensure a sense of a security and wellbeing. We can help you on a long or short term basis depending on your needs and wishes. An example of some of the things I can do to help you are;

Doing small amounts of shopping

Collecting prescriptions

Reading post and making phone calls on your behalf

Spend time with you to have a chat

Listen to any concerns and help you find a solution

You will receive a 2 week **FREE** trial and after that we ask for a small charge of £9 per week for a single person and £11 per week for a couple. Below are some quotes from people that use our service.

“That phone call every day to check on me gives me such a great deal of security. You can’t believe what a phone call can mean at my age”

“I look forward to the telephone call as Anita is always so bright and cheerful to speak to”

If you are interested and would like to know more, I would love to hear from you.

Please call me on 01223 570 837/ or 07812 496 001



Community Warden Service for Sawston, Whittlesford, Hinxton, Ickleton, Duxford & Pampisford

- **Are you aged 60 or over?**
- **Would you like help to live independently in your own home?**

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- **Making drinks and a light meal**
- **A home visit**
- **Collecting prescriptions**
- **Small items of shopping**
- **A listening ear**
- **Help with paperwork and making appointments**
- **Signposting to other services where appropriate**

There is a FREE 2 week trial and then a small weekly fee applies if you wish to continue the service.

If you would like more information please call:

**07812 496004 or email
wardens@ageukcap.org.uk**

www.ageukcap.org.uk





A very Happy New Year to all readers of The Hinxton News, and a very big thank you to all of you who have donated to Hinxton Foodbank since it was set up in October. The Christmas offerings in particular were generosity itself.

This is just to let you know that although closed for services, Hinxton church is open for individual visits every day between 9am and 4pm, and located just inside the door is the foodbank, which is now emptied every day. The foodbank is there for anyone and everyone who would like to donate, and the donations are gratefully received by the volunteers at the John Huntingdon Society who distribute to those in need locally.

Thank you all so much for every donation - from the Harrods tea to the tin of soup for one, all very much appreciated.

Linda









PS. When you donate, please remember to leave your name and phone number on the sign in sheet on the table, in the highly unlikely event that we may have to contact you re: COVID.

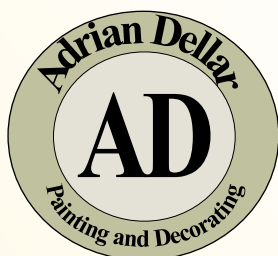
GIGABIT BROADBAND in HINXTON

We have now reached 100% so the project has completed the initial funding phase (phase 1), thank you to all those who have already pledged. Pledges can still be made, if you wanted to be part of the initial installation. The most important next step is to ensure that you complete the pledge voucher process when requested by Openreach, so that the funding is actually obtained (phase 2). My guess that nothing will happen in the short term (given the new lockdown), and even then all the relevant planning, health and safety, ground and utility surveys for digging trenches, etc etc etc. The installation work I saw in Wendons Ambo, Littlebury Green etc took weeks/months to complete (phase 3). We also don't know if fibre will be run to every house (but not connected), or whether it will only be run to those who have pledged. Obviously once the fibre infrastructure is in place future connections will be much easier/cheaper (a bit like connecting a new house to the existing water / gas / electricity supply, which is phase 4). So I wouldn't hold your breath for a fast installation, which will be of benefit to those of are mid broadband contract. My original contract I took out with Vodafone when Hinxton received the fibre to the cabinet service, has now switched to monthly, and I'm leaving it on that until this new service arrives.

Jeremy Coleman

Your Collection dates in February

Date	Black Bin	Blue Bin	Green Bin
Tuesday 2nd			
Tuesday 9th			
Tuesday 16th			
Tuesday 23rd			
Tuesday 2nd March			



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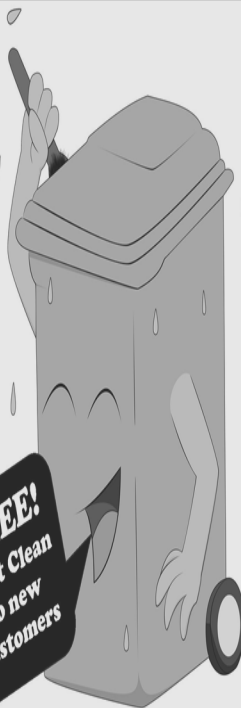
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January 2021

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You may also be eligible for a [free Safe and Well visit](#), where our team may be able to fit them for you.

Follow the latest Covid-19 restrictions

Coronavirus cases are rising rapidly across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives. You must also continue to:

- **Wash your hands** - keep washing your hands regularly
- **Cover your face** - wear a face covering in enclosed spaces
- **Make space** - stay at least two metres apart - or one metre with a face covering or other precautions.



Protect our loved ones, the most vulnerable in our communities and the NHS, to help us get back to the things we love sooner. If you are symptomatic, you need to book a test. To get a test, call 119 or visit <http://bit.ly/3ni1ftl>.

[Latest Government Guidance](#)



Christmas 2020

MEMORIES

Short & Long



John Sulston toasting the completion



Taken around
100 years ago.



CAM VALLEY FORUM ISSUES UPDATE No. 1 JANUARY 2021

A new occasional update for members and partners focusing on our influencing work. Please share with anyone who may be interested.

www.camvalleyforum.uk

Working for streams and wetlands

Following the publication of our [Manifesto](#) in August 2019 and [Let it Flow!](#) in May 2020 we have been actively promoting our proposals to improve water flows, water quality, and habitats for fish, mammals, plants and birds.

Chalk streams are one key part of our water environment; we want to see reductions in direct water abstraction from the Chalk aquifer by 60-70%, so that our streams run all year, every year, whatever the weather.

Achieving this goal will require major policy shifts. The launch in 2020 of a new national water resources planning process offers a fantastic opportunity to 'break the mould'.

We are working with the [Chalk Aquifer Alliance](#) and other environmental groups, and promoting our ideas to MPs, DEFRA, the Environment Agency, OFWAT, Natural England, Water Resources East, the water companies, and local authorities.

The Government has set up a *Chalk Streams Working Group* to develop a strategy to manage and restore Chalk streams. It will work with regional water resources planning bodies, drive forward government policy making, and encourage collaboration.

We need a new deal for Chalk streams. One challenge is to get public bodies to accept that Chalk streams need to be treated *differently* from other rivers. There are only 225 Chalk streams *in the world*, of which 85% are in England. For decades, Chalk aquifers and rivers have been viewed as 'just another' source of water. That has to change.

The latest national consultations

This month we are raising our concerns with OFWAT in response to [Future challenges and opportunities for the water sector](#) and with the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee inquiry into [Water quality](#).

Catchment Profiles

Starting with the Granta, we are developing 'Catchment Profiles' for each of the 29 sub-catchments in the Cam Valley. The profiles will set out 'what we know' (on water abstraction; water discharges; and impacts on flora, fauna, habitats, and human use) and 'what we want' for the future. We will very much welcome contributions from river groups, the local community, and individuals.

A Cam Catchment Improvement Plan?

A further aspiration is to work with our partners to create a 'Catchment Improvement Plan' (like this example for the [River Welland](#)). This would build a consensus around actions and help secure funding.

Greater Cambridge Chalk Streams Project

A report from Cambridge City Council and Cambridge Water has identified some 110 potential projects, costing £800,000, to improve Chalk streams in the upper Cam. We will be offering comments to the City Council by 4 March and will build the starter list of actions into our 'Catchment Profiles'.

Systematic Conservation Planning

Our inputs to this Water Resources East initiative have focused on the water environment. This [project](#) is developing a parish-level plan for conservation objectives, targets and actions across East Anglia.

Greater Cambridge Water Cycle Study

We contributed to Stantec's interim [*Integrated Water Management Study - Strategic Spatial Options Review*](#), published in November. It concludes that *'There is no capacity to increase groundwater abstraction from the Chalk aquifer. Future water demand and supply will need to be balanced in other ways'*, including *'major new regional water supply reservoirs, transfer schemes and land use change.'* Further reports are in hand.

Affinity Water Demand Management Forum

This recent meeting showed that Affinity are forward-looking and proactive in seeking to drive down demand. Their 'water stressed area' formal status probably helps: we are seeking this for the rest of the Cam Valley.

Environmental Land Management Project

We are looking at options to use new UK incentives for land managers. This could include creating *local* public water supply reservoirs to abstract and store surface water (as an alternative to borehole abstraction); creating uncultivated margins by ditches and streams; adding reedbeds to local sewage works; restoring canalised sections of river; and 'slowing the flow' of water to reduce flooding, with leaky dams, etc.

Bathing Water Directive designation

Encouraged by the recent successful designation of part of the River Wharfe under the EU Bathing Water Directive we are examining the case to do the same for part of the Cam. This could spur on efforts to treat wastewater to higher standards, reduce diffuse pollution from farmland, improve flows (to dilute pollutants), and thereby make the river safer for recreational users.

Controlling invasive non-native plants

We are working on notices to advise boaters heading upstream from Baits Bite Lock that, thanks to huge efforts by volunteers and the Cam Conservators, this area is now free of Floating Pennywort. We have hopes of a project to clear further river stretches too.

Eradicating mink

The Countryside Restoration Trust and its partners have won a grant to [*Eradicate mink from East Anglia*](#). We have donated £1,000.

Use of glyphosate on our streams

We are meeting the Environment Agency nationally to discuss our concerns over the use of herbicides by flood risk managers. They need to distinguish between Chalk streams and other rivers, use herbicides only on invasive non-native species, provide better botanical training for field staff, and follow the national shift signalled in July 2020 to 'slow the flow', instead of continuing to seek to evacuate water as fast as possible.

Cam Valley Forum Membership 2021

We want the Forum to become an even stronger force for securing collaborative action with our partners. As part of this effort, we have reviewed our membership arrangements and are now moving to an 'individual member only' model.

Rather than asking partner organisations to become formal 'affiliates', we are instead seeking commitments (to be acknowledged publicly) through donations in cash or kind. We continue to welcome individual members (£10 annually); please see our [website](#).

An invitation to get involved!

We welcome contributions to our work from anyone who can offer knowledge, expertise, or simply a pair of hands for a working party! Covid restrictions curtailed our field meetings and working parties but we hope to restart these later this year. Our work on 'Catchment Profiles' will definitely benefit from local knowledge and insights. Please get in touch!

Contact us

For further information or to be added to or removed from the mailing list, please contact Dr Alan Woods
Hon Secretary
Cam Valley Forum
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Tony Mavis Dan Rachel and Connor
would like to thank everyone who supported them
while they were unwell.
"We are truly grateful to each and every one of you."
This shows what a wonderful community we live in.

**A VERY
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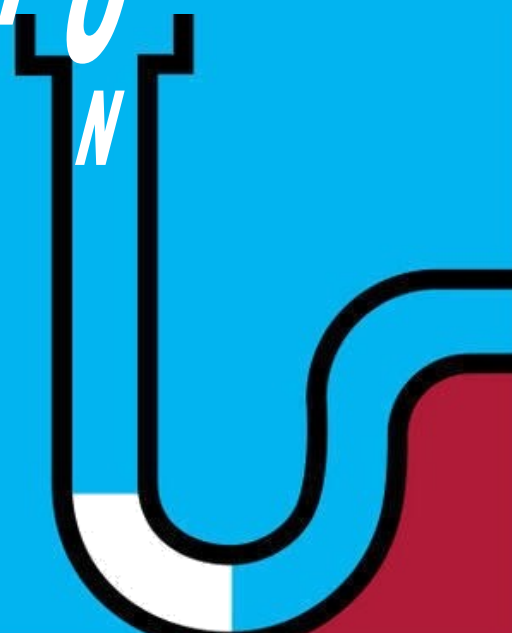


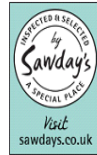
ALERT.....peanut thieves in your area
Photo by Sonya Ansell

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.....and our drains!





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

Thank you for all your continued support as we all limp through these tough times trying to stay positive. Our **Click & Collect** days are the highlight of our week, as we hope they are yours.

Please keep coming and also letting us know what else we can do to help.

The **Friday** nights continue to be as popular as ever. The feedback was that Fridays and Saturdays were equally popular so we will extend to **Saturdays** as well should we become unable to cope with Friday demand, as we found at our peak last April.

Standby for a special **St Valentine's Menu - Saturday 14th February**— lots of treats in the planning.

We are keeping the classics on as ever and changing the **Specials** each week, so if you have any special requests to challenge Shane for new menu dishes, please let me know.

Going to press we are just starting a trial of both **Sunday lunches** for popularity and nearby **Delivery** for those vulnerable or having to isolate.

I am keeping the website as up to date as I can, but please do sign up to our **Newsletter** to keep up to date with what we are offering each week.

Keep well and safe.

Alex, Nikol, Shane, Kris and the teams

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Whittlesford & Duxford Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

We were very sorry to hear that some of our longest standing leaders are leaving this year: Jenny and Fran are leaving Wildwood Beavers after over ten years! Karen and Liz have keenly stepped forward to help fill their spots.

We were also sad to hear that Steve Marshall is leaving; he has been our Group Scout Leader since 2014. Steve was the driving force behind our fabulous new scout hut. We are so grateful for all his help over the years. We are very pleased that Marc is taking over as acting Group Scout Leader. Marc has been expertly and enthusiastically leading Forest Beavers for the last four years. He grew up in the movement in the Netherlands and is looking forward to putting his experiences into practice.

Scouting continued to be zoom or worksheet based in December. Activities included: Christmas crafts and quizzes, making pizzas, a live bake off and simultaneous baking and pitching of gingerbread tents. They all looked amazing! If you would like to get involved, do get in touch via our website www.wanddscouts.org.uk or call Carmel on 07939 07939 507805.



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