

# THE ILLUSTRATED HINXTON NEWS



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## From the Editor

### Dear Readers,

We are coming up to Hinton's busiest time of the year . Traditionally, we start with a **Spring Village Clean Up** and this time it will happen on 1st April. Its great when the roads and verges are clear of litter and mud from the winter months.

A new addition to the events calendar will be the **CARIBBEAN FUN FAMILY LUNCH** complete with a Steel Band and Pirates. (p.16) . *This may involve dressing up... Whee!*

Whilst we are on the subject of fun days, our annual village **fete** looms (p22) **Help needed !** This is a great opportunity for any of our Noobs to enter the fray and make some new friends.

Our new feature, "Home Sweet Home" on pages 10/11 will examine the history of homes and buildings in our beautiful village. This time we will feature The Old Manor House by Sara Varey. If you would like to see your house featured, please contact the editor.

Heinz Beanz have given everyone a chance to acquire a valuable antique of the future. ....Please order now. (p..16)

**SmithsonHill**, the property developers who are planning to cover our neighbourhood with a variety of factories and unwanted car parks for the personal profit of a local farmer and a house builder, have requested space in these pages to sell their ideas to us. As Editor, I have unilaterally rejected this wish after informing the Parish Council of my decision. Some of you may not agree with this, however, everything they have to say about their proposed One Million sq.ft. of factories and office blocks is freely available on their web site ([www.smithsonhill.co.uk](http://www.smithsonhill.co.uk)).

Any of your letters or emails on this subject *will* be published.

*Mike & Theresa*

The front page is a blatant copy of 'The Illustrated London News' first published in 1842. The Editor's favourite periodical.

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## HINXTON PLAN: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Hinxton Parish and its surroundings is under severe pressure for development from external influences\*. As a result, Hinxton needs a positive and forward looking plan to say what WE want for our village, be that now next year or in 10 or 20 years time.

In essence, a written document of what the village needs / wants, along with evidence (perhaps in the form of a village consultation), can be used as a tool to start to achieve our ideas, and to have greater impact to influence other relevant parties.

Our Hinxton plan could be

- i. a Parish Plan - a working document that lists the objectives and actions, or
- ii. a Neighbourhood Plan that has quasi-legal status and feeds into the Government's Local Plan. It is primarily used for housing and development needs, but can also be used to develop a shared vision for our neighbourhood. However, a Neighbourhood Plan gives us access to an additional 10% of funding for any successful community projects (through the CIF, aka Section 106 money). See:  
<https://planninghelp.cpre.org.uk/improve-where-you-live/shape-your-local-area/neighbourhood-plans> for more detail.

- Regardless of what the village does (or doesn't do!), the pressure on Hinxton from external developments will continue.
- So we are currently setting up a working group to take our Hinxton plan forward - volunteers welcome! And we will also be asking to draw on the skills and talents of all of Hinxton's residents. With your help, some ideas can be achieved quickly, while others may take longer.
- Take heart, we are a strong community and we must look forward a bright future that protects and conserves all that is good about Hinxton.

Ideas and offers of help to Hinxton Parish Council or [fmih100@gmail.com](mailto:fmih100@gmail.com)

\* i.e. the four proposals that are expected to be submitted during 2017 to the planning authorities are: (i) Wellcome Campus expansion from 2000 workers (currently) to 8000, and some housing; (ii) SmithsonHill business park for 4000 workers at Hinxton Grange; (iii) Uttlesford new Garden Village at land east of Great Chesterford (up to 10,000 houses); and (iv) Moto Motorway Service Station at Junction 10 of the M11, with 24 hours, 7 days per week opening hours, for all vehicles including HGVs, hotel, filling station, shops etc.



# SERVICES IN APRIL

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 6.30pm Evensong Hinxton  
 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 10.00am **Palm Sunday** Joint Parishes Eucharist

Congregation to assemble at Hinxton Hall Gate (bottom of High St) to walk to Church

## Holy Week

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm Compline Hinxton  
 Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm Compline Ickleton  
 Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm Compline Duxford  
 Maundy Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm Solemn Eucharist with foot-washing, stripping the altar and  
 Watch of the Passion (until midnight) Duxford  
 Good Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Making an Easter Garden Hinxton  
 12.00 noon **Good Friday Service** Ickleton  
 1.00 pm Devotions Ickleton  
 2.45 pm Proclamation of the Passion Ickleton  
 7.00 pm Tenebrae Duxford  
 Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00am **Easter Day – Festival Communion** Hinxton  
 Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 8.00am Holy Communion Hinxton  
 Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> 10.30am 5 Parish Joint Service Pampisford

The  
Children's  
Society

Door to door collection for Children April 8th - 22nd

*CONNECT is a new service which is designed for the 'young and the young at heart'! It will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at St Andrew Stapleford at 5:30pm and the first one will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. It is designed for young people and families from all the surrounding churches. There will be a band and apparently there'll be food as well! Everybody welcome.*

## CLEANING & FLOWER ROTA

April 2017

02 April	Theresa Sullivan & Sue Elliott	Lent – No flowers
09 April (Palm Sunday)	Margaret Malcolm & Jane Chater	Lent – No flowers
16 April (Easter Day)	Your help would be greatly appreciated from 10.00am on Saturday with clearing and decorating for Easter. Thank you.	
23 April	Lesley Mills & Julie Baillie	Julie Baillie
30 April	Virginia Walker & Joan Roberts	Virginia Walker

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thought it would be interesting to start this little piece for the April edition of Hinxtan News with an explanation of why Easter falls on a different date each year. However, my internet search revealed that several pages would be needed to give an adequate explanation and even then uncertainties abound.



The following is a fairly succinct summary (written for children which suits me better than explanations by astronomers).

*A council of Christian bishops convened by the Emperor Constantine I in AD 325, made the decision that Easter Day should fall on the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, and that it should always fall on a Sunday to represent the day of Christ's Resurrection. The paschal full moon was chosen as a basis, as this coincides with the date of Passover on the Jewish calendar. As such, Easter is set as the Sunday following Passover. As the paschal full moon can occur on different dates in different time zones, it has been decided by the Church that, for the purposes of scheduling Easter, the Spring Equinox should be fixed to the 14th day of the lunar month.*

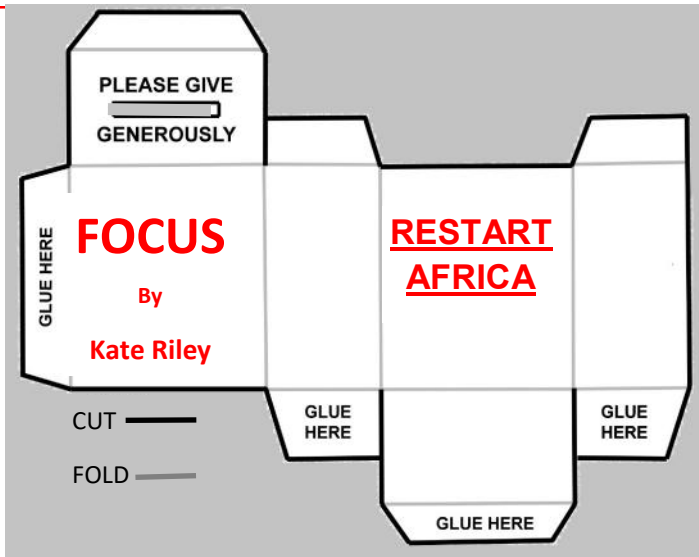
*So now you know!*

We in our northern climate are especially blessed that Easter falls in our spring when signs of new life are all around us: green shoots abound, birds are singing, days are lengthening, flowers and blossom in our gardens – all of which gladdens the heart after the chill and greyness of much of our winter. It's the most wonderful illustration of the wonder of new life in Christ which is what Easter is really all about.

The children in Ickleton Sunday School this year are having a craft day on the 2nd April when they will be preparing all kinds of things to illustrate the Easter story which will then, in part, be the focus of our Good Friday service. You may enjoy taking a walk across the fields to Ickleton church and having a look yourself. The church there is open every day.

Things to look forward to here in Hinxtan are: the making of the Easter Garden with Julie – all children welcome - at 9.30am on Good Friday in church; and then the 10 am Easter Day service will be conducted by our Archdeacon and followed by the usual Easter Egg hunt.

*Margaret*



You may remember last year **Sarah & Paul Crocker** joined with others in Ickleton to organise a concert and raised £4800 for **Restart Africa**

In 2011 **Mary Coulson**, founder of Restart Africa in Kenya, was searching for a means of providing viable employment for the youth of the streets.

**Restart Africa** gives street children a chance to get their lives back and provides communities with a future.

Their motto is,

***“Think not what you are, but what you can become”.***

They have several projects on the go thanks to volunteers, donations and encouragement.

For example, they made a basic wooden press to form briquettes to use in cooking fires instead of burning more wood. They are now underway with the first delivery being made to Sunbird Lodge at Lake Elementaita – a viable success.

At Christmas, Nicole, a volunteer purchased loads of beads and rolls of string. The children used these to make bracelets and necklaces which became the most popular activity.

There is also a Restart choir and they sang for the local school at Christmas and the nearby army base who invited them back for a second concert!

Sarah & Paul will be going to visit again next year and you too can get involved.

**Contact them on Tel; 01799 531788 evenings & Mobile 07796303360**

## ROSEMARY'S RAMBLINGS

This month the garden gets a loud wake up call, everywhere shoots coming up, buds opening and lots of cheery flowers. Even if you are time short and you regard yourself as a less-than-keen gardener, you will be well rewarded by each hour you spend in the garden this month.

Now to think about jobs that need doing. April is an excellent time to feed the lawn with a nitrogen fertiliser, try to apply when the ground is moist or if no rain, apply a liquid formulation. Dig out weeds as you go.

Trees, perennials, shrubs and containers will also benefit from a feed of blood, fish and bone. If you have any spring shrubs which have given of their best, such as forsythia, now is the time to give them a prune.

Hardy annuals need to be hardened off in preparation for planting out. Put them in a sheltered spot and keep fleece to hand in case of cold nights. I can't resist a visit to a nursery to buy summer bedding plugs for growing on, there always seem to be new ideas for our gardens.

If you can find time, perhaps over the Easter break, check garden furniture, fences and trellises for any damage caused by the recent strong winds.

Let's hope that all in Hinxton can manage to find some time to get outside and enjoy the warmth of the spring sunshine.

*Rosemary Breen*

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## Plant and 2nd hand Book Sale

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DIRECTED BY TRICIA PERONI

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## WETLANDS EVENTS 2017

Wetlands Nature Reserve  
Events for 2017 will be held  
on the dates below.



Come and join the Wildlife Trust staff to learn new skills,  
discover exciting creatures on our Guided Walks and have  
fun helping to manage this nature reserve!

No experience is needed, all tools and gloves are provided.

Lunchtime walks start at 12pm on the Wetlands Bridge.

- Monday 24th April 2017, 12-1pm
- Thursday 4th May 2017, 12-1pm
- Monday 8th May 2017, 12-1pm
- Thursday 18th May 2017, 12-1pm
- Monday 22nd May 2017, 12-1pm
- Thursday 1st June 2017, 12-1pm
- Monday 5th June 2017, 12-1pm
- Thursday 15th June 2017, 12-1pm
- Monday 19th June 2017, 12-1pm
- Thursday 29th June 2017, 12-1pm
- Monday 3rd July 2017, 12-1pm
- Thursday 13th July 2017, 12-1pm
- Monday 17th July 2017, 12-1pm
- Thursday 14th September 2017, 7.30-9pm

General Wildlife Walk  
Reptiles Guided Walk  
Birds Guided Walk  
General Wildlife Walk  
Spring Butterflies Walk  
Wildflowers Guided Walk  
General Wildlife Walk  
Wildflowers Guided Walk  
Insects Guided Walk  
General Wildlife Walk  
Summer Butterflies Walk  
Insects Guided Walk  
General Wildlife Walk  
Guided Bat Walk

To book your place email [wetlands@wellcomegenomecampus.org](mailto:wetlands@wellcomegenomecampus.org)

## **RENEWAL OF THE PERMISSIVE** **FOOTPATH LICENCE**

A distinctive and much appreciated benefit of living in Hinxton is access to the 'permissive paths' across surrounding land owned by the Wellcome Trust. The legal licence that lies behind this has just been renewed by the Trust with the Hinxton Parish Council for another ten years. For this the Trustees will be paid one pound sterling by the parish. What is special about these permissive paths?

In the hierarchy of public rights of way – including roads, bridleways, and footpaths – permissive paths are the most restricted. They permit landowners to allow access across their land without dedicating a right of way. There are three features that distinguish them from normal public footpaths. It must be clearly signed that the path is not

intended to be a normal right of way. The landowner can, after giving due notice, close it off or divert it without any legal process. Most significantly, the landowner can make particular restrictions of their own choice. The notable one in our case is that use is restricted to permanent residents of Hinxton parish and their accompanied invitees. In addition, as it says on the label, motors, bicycles, horses and litter are not permitted. Dogs must be kept on leads, and their mess removed.

The full extent of the permissive paths by the river is set out in red on our map. An additional one is Titchbault Road, running from where North End Road meets the A1301 up to, but not joining, the A11. There is a stretch of the path on the west side of the river, passing through a field of set-aside land which is rented by an Ickleton farmer but owned by



Footpath Licence - Hinxton



Clare College. Reflecting this, we have a separate agreement, with both the farmer and the College, also for ten years. An oddity, reflecting a past age when the landowner was more interested in destroying wildlife than in protecting it, is the right to close Titchbault Road (with seven days' notice) for the purpose of shooting game birds.

In return for the use of these paths, the Parish Council has accepted a number of responsibilities. These include avoiding damage, not felling or lopping any trees or shrubs, and not disturbing vegetation, wildlife or nesting birds. We must not trespass on adjacent land nor do anything which might permit livestock to escape. A duty to keep the paths free of litter is one stimulus behind the annual village clean-up. A responsibility which is exercising the Parish Council at present is the duty to maintain both the iron footbridge near the watermill and the wooden footbridge on the Ickleton Road. There will be further information in a future Hinxton News about the current closure of the iron bridge (following expert advice) and the remedial measures that will be taken.

Willy Brown and Steve Trudgill



## INTERESTING PEOPLE WHO WORK ON THE WELLOME CAMPUS

*Introducing the multi-talented impersonator, Steve Aaron who works in the Security Department on the Campus. Frequently, he undergoes an amazing transformation when he becomes the late, great Elvis.*

*He is so passionate about Presley that, when he was 18, Steve changed his name, by deed poll, to Aaron which is Elvis's second name.*

*Steve does local events and the photos come from a recent gig in Fulbourn.  
He also impersonates a variety of other Stars.*

To Contact Steve Email : [steveaaron@hotmail.com](mailto:steveaaron@hotmail.com)



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**T**he Manor House has stood at the centre of Hinxton since c1452, and is rumoured to be the oldest building in the village.

It was originally build as a guildhall, where public meetings and court sessions were held, but was 'repurposed' in the 16<sup>th</sup> century as one of two manor houses in the village. It was then that the imposing twin chimney stacks were inserted, along with a winding staircase to the first floor. A small brick built cellar lies under the west end of the house, and was allegedly used as the village jail.

A solar, or ladies' sitting room, was created at the east gable end, and the walls decorated with ornate monochrome patterns, including acanthus and masks. These were later plastered over, and remained unseen until the 1950s, when a young boy by the name of Louis Victory, and his parents, came to live here. The solar became his bedroom, and he told me on a recent visit that he was picking plaster off the crumbling walls one night when, to his amazement, he spotted that there was something unusual underneath.

The remaining plaster was removed by experts, and revealed what the Historic England listing describes as: 'C18<sup>th</sup> monochrome grey Italian Renaissance designs'. More were revealed in the central room (now the sitting room) and polychrome paintings in the east ground floor (our dining room). After almost 400 years, much of the artwork was gone, but there remain a beautiful unicorn's head and some stylized tulips downstairs, and a large part of the east bedroom decoration is intact.

Louis Victory's father undertook a major restoration of the house, which I understand was almost derelict, and the back garden was in use as a dumping ground, including a car chassis. At that time the garden was open to the fields beyond, and down to the river. There was no running water in the village in the 50s, and the Manor had no bathroom, with only a chemical toilet in an outside lean-to. The house had been split into two dwellings, at some point, and one of our study windows was a doorway until the 20<sup>th</sup> century renovation. The building was initially awarded Grade 2\* listed status in 1969.

Five years later, planning permission was granted for the current kitchen extension. It was, as described by the Historic Buildings Officer 'quite radical for its time'. The flat roof and octagonal design have made it a well known, but far from unanimously loved, feature of the village street. It has been variously described as looking like a bus shelter, or a tourist information centre. The entire building was relisted in 1974.







*"Howard and I began our relationship with the Manor in 2011, and it was definitely love at first sight.*

*Despite the quirky layout, the draughty windows and ugly, fan assisted radiators that struggled to heat the space, we knew we had to buy it. It is slowly emerging into a warm, C21<sup>st</sup> home.*

*We are now about to enter the final phase of the remodelling work, by demolishing and replacing the kitchen extension. It will be the end of an era, but we are just one in a long line of owners to leave our mark, and I'm certain there will be many more to follow."*

*Sara & Howard Varey*

*March 2017*



I am aware from the many emails South Cambs officers receive and from Neighbourhood Panel meetings that parking is a constant concern for many residents in villages across South Cambridgeshire. Many of you may know that I cannot prioritise parking patrols over investigating and preventing crime and responding to calls for service. In the light of this, it means that my officers might not do as much parking enforcement as many of you would like.

I have been giving some thought to how we can meet your expectations on parking enforcement and I have decided that we are going to try something new. I have therefore set up an online web-page where you can report concerns about parking. The information that you give us will go directly to me and will help us build a picture of the exact hot-spots for parking issues. I will then use this information on targeted 'crack-down' days. There is some good evidence that crack-downs work in other areas of policing so we are going to try it for parking. For obvious reasons I will not be publicising the dates of the crackdowns in advance, but updates will be sent to you by e-cops, Twitter and Facebook once we have completed a crackdown day. The web page is now live and you can find it here:

<http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking>

I am not pretending that this will solve all parking problems, however, I do think that it strikes the right balance between dealing with parking concerns and the other important work that we do.

Some of you may have seen recent media reporting regarding our policing of villages. I would like to emphasise that we do prioritise policing of the villages, but what I do ask is that my officers prioritise the 'hottest' areas *within our villages*. This does mean that certain areas in some villages get more attention than those villages with very low crime. I believe this is a sensible approach to policing which most of you would agree with. The main benefit of our local policing structure is that you have your own, dedicated local resources that are responsible for policing South Cambs rather than the City.

I have sought to put as much time and effort as possible over the last three years into crime prevention events in the villages (first Op Oaklands and more recently Op Hunter).

Your local officers and I work hard to give you the best, most intelligent policing service we can but if you have any concerns please do get in touch - or come to our next round of neighbourhood panel meetings where you can join in the discussion.

**Chief Inspector James Sutherland**  
**Area Commander - South Cambs**

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## Hinxton Village Hall AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Hinxton Village Hall Committee will be held in the Village Hall on  
**Thursday, April 27th at 7:30pm.**

All Hinxton residents are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact Julia Lowndes on 01799530785 or [jlowndes@me.com](mailto:jlowndes@me.com)

**THERE IS A VACANCY ON THE COMMITTEE**  
**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US TO HELP RUN YOUR VILLAGE HALL, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH OR JUST COME TO THE AGM**



# The Friends of Hinxtton Church

## Annual Garden Evening

To be held at William House this year

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30 p.m.**

For the last two years the garden evening has taken place at The Oak House by kind invitation of Jane and David Chater, but we have decided that we shall host it one more time at William House!

This event has proved very popular for many years and we look forward to seeing you there. Everyone will be welcome and especially newcomers to the village; this is very much a family affair!

Tickets will include a glass of wine and nibbles.

As usual, there will be a generous raffle and garden games too! Further details to follow in subsequent Hinxtton News.

Andrew and Virginia Walker

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – a date for your diary!



### Peterhouse The Choir Concert

*"Amazing"*

*"Thrilling"*

*"Wonderful"*

A knowledgeable audience was unanimous in their appreciation of this very talented choir led by our meticulous Organ Scholar Gabriel Chiu.

This is the third visit by the choir and thanks to some persistent persuasion by our churchwardens we had many new visitors from neighbouring churches.

A staggering **£432** was raised then shared equally between the choir and The Friends of Hinxtton Church

## **Notes from the Parish Council Meeting Held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Imperial War Museum-** Plans and update. Alicia Gurney from the IWM gave a very interesting talk explaining that this was the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the airfield. Details and pictures of the talk will be featured separately.

**Liaison with Neighbouring Parish Councils-** This is going well with all local Parish Councils communicating well and sharing any news. Possible thoughts are that it may be better to support one development plan and hope that this will prevent other plans getting approved. Wellcome Trust may have something more specific in the next 3-4 months.

**Genome Campus/Hinxton liaison meeting-**Trees on Knights Close- these need looking after better, some need replacing as they have died.

Lime trees on the allotments- going to be re-pollarded, also trees along sides of the allotment to be trimmed. Ancient Lane to be cut.

The small footbridge between the sluice and the Iron bridge is the responsibility of CPPF. There is a plank loose and both Wellcome Trust and CPPF have been notified,

**Flint wall-** the puddle is still causing a problem, to be added to our road resurfacing proposal.

**New Parish Councillor**—No one has shown interest as yet - to be re-advertised.

**Lordship Farm-** The farmhouse is to be sold as it is not thought cost effective to be refurbished before sale.

**Smithson Hill-** They have now published a link to Questions and Answers from the meeting held in January. They have said that they would like to hold another presentation in May

**Iron bridge repairs-** There have been 3 contractors approached for quotes, but no quotes as yet. Bidwells have quoted costs of approx. £9000 before any work begins, this was considered very high especially as there is no estimate yet for the cost of the actual work. Willy Brown to see if an estimate could be obtained and if there is any way to negotiate a lower price.

**Defibrillators** – cost to be looked into, also where it could be kept, needs to be a focal position

**Hinxton Parish Plan-** we need to make a list of what is wanted in the village, perhaps an article in Hinxton News to see what residents think?

**Whittlesford Moto Services** -Two Parish Councillors to attend Whittlesford Parish Council meeting

**Playground update-** the baby swings have been removed as the posts were rotten, the seats are alright, just the frame and chains to be replaced. Cost to replace is approx. £2000 plus VAT. This was agreed upon and the go ahead given.

**Permissive Path Agreement-** This is now due for signing off and Maps of the paths to be displayed at the Village Hall

**Allotments-** Now all taken and all paid for.

**Surface Dressing of High St-** The footpaths and road are in a really bad state of repair, Clerk to write to Highways to ask for a site visit to have these repaired/resurfaced. Each Councillor allocated a section of the roads to report potholes

Rob Smit has tendered a quote to replace some gravel and do some reseeding and he will be asked to carry this out .

**Date of next Meeting : 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**19.00 Annual Parish Meeting 19.45 Parish Council Meeting**

## **District Council Budget 2017-18**

The District Council decided its budget and Council Tax requirements at its meeting in late February. By a large majority, with only one councillor voting against, the District Council decided to increase its portion of Council Tax by £5 per year for a Band D property – from just over £130 per year to just over £135 per year for a Band D property. This is a rise of 3.8%.

By way of comparison, a 1% increase in the District Council's portion of council tax raises about £70,000 whereas a 1% increase in the County Council's portion of council tax raises about £2.4 million.

## **Waste / Recycling collections**

The revised waste / recycling collection rounds were introduced on 27 February 2017. There were some teething problems in the first two weeks, for some roads in Pampisford , the southern end of Sawston and some roads in Stapleford and Great Shelford. In each case material not collected on schedule was early the next morning. This was regrettable but these change over problems were sorted out quickly.

We have now had a complete two-week cycle of waste and recycling collections and the system should now have settled down, but if there are any problems, please let me know.

## **Local Parish Council Chairs**

After your last meeting, I contacted the Chair of Hinxton Parish Council to ensure that the Chair of Pampisford PC was invited to informal meetings of chairs of local parish councils so that concerns could be shared and issues of mutual interest discussed.

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### A1307 Local Liaison Forum (LLF)

I was ratified as Chair of the A1307 Local Liaison Forum at the first meeting of the A1307 Local Liaison Forum which was held in Linton on 20 February. The meeting date was deliberately chosen to be between the publication of agenda papers (expected on 16 or 17 February), and the meetings of the City Deal Joint Assembly (1 March) and the City Deal Executive Board (8 March).

A number of proposals were put forward relating to various parts of the A1307 between Haverhill and Addenbrooke's. The proposals included road safety measures, bus only lanes, an improved cycleway between Babraham and Granta Park, a Park and Ride site near Four Wentways and a revised road layout at the A1307 / Haverhill Road, Stapleford / Gogs Shop junction but nothing linking in the Genome Campus / Sawston / Pampisford area with the A1307.

The clear view of the meeting was for a pause in the process whilst further work was done including talking to all landowners potentially involved, discussions with neighbouring local authorities and internal joined up work, for example in relation to any connections with the Genome Campus area.

The original timescale was for a second public consultation exercise on the preferred options commencing in July 2017.

The City Deal Executive Board (meeting on 8 March) decided that there should be a number of workshops involving the Local Liaison Forum to consider the options set out in the agenda papers and other proposals before a further round of consultations starting in September.

#### Cycleway through the Babraham Campus

The cycleway between the Gogs roundabout and the roundabout at the northern end of the Babraham Campus was further extended in early February by the opening of a new stretch of cycleway through the Babraham Campus grounds. The City Deal is proposing to construct a cycleway between Babraham and Granta Park with improved access to the bridge over the A11 – one of the ideas that was widely welcomed at the Local Liaison Forum. The only other cycleway that needs to be constructed to link Babraham, Granta Park and the Genome Campus is to complete a link between the A505 and Babraham.

**Tony Orgee,**

District Councillor for Hinxton



### The Hundred Parishes Society

**T**here has been recent mention in the press of police commissioners, funding and crime rates. Within the Hundred Parishes are some interesting examples of early methods of punishment and confinement.

Before the County Police Act of 1839, when local police stations started to be built, temporary detention of villains, especially drunks,



was the responsibility of the parish. Lock ups, also known as cages, were often used and some fine examples still exist in our area. St. George's church in Anstey has a 15th century lychgate. In 1831 the left side was bricked up and a studded door added so the structure could be used as the village lock up. In the 18th century a lock up was incorporated into the ground floor of Thaxted's 15th-century Guildhall. Great Bardfield has a 19th century cage which is open to the public in the summer months. Other lock ups can easily be found in Barley, Buntingford and Great Chishill. Newport has a much larger 18th-century 'house of correction' whose original purpose ceased in Victorian times. A form of punishment which was 'popular' from medieval times was the use of stocks. The purpose of this punishment was to subject the offender to humiliation. Stocks were sited in public places where the 'victims' could be pelted with anything from mud to rotten fruit. Ancient stocks can be seen in Great Amwell churchyard, outside Brent Pelham church and also at Hellman's Cross in Great Canfield. The latter is on the site where Elizabeth Abbot was burnt as a witch in 1683.

All the features mentioned are protected as listed buildings and most are pictured on the Hundred Parishes website [www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk). I hope the website will inspire you to explore our area.

Ken McDonald, Secretary.

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As we use one clinical system across all Granta Medical Practices sites, the processing of the clinical post can and does happen at all sites and all staff are fully trained to deal with all the clinical post in a timely manner.

### Electronic referrals - E-Referral

I am sure many of you will have experienced E-Referral or Choose & Book as it was previously known. For those that haven't, the NHS e-Referral Service is a secure appointment booking service. We will make your first outpatient appointment for you in the first available clinic but you can change or cancel your appointments online, by phone or at your GP surgery.

**You should make your GP aware of any holiday or dates you are unavailable.**



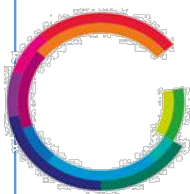
7 brave souls set off for the monthly walk on 3rd March and headed for Little Walden. The weather was inclement and the forecast was for it to get worse.

The first part of the walk which headed towards the back of Chesterford Park was good underfoot because we were on a single track road. We then ventured off road around a small fishery where it was horrendously muddy due to work on the banks of the lakes which had taken place since Paul did his recces a week before.

Back on the road we headed down a track leading to Home Farm and Burntwood End before going through some pretty woodland and eventually reaching Park Farm. At this point we took a detour around a large field and were accosted by a farmer who very politely pointed out that we were probably trespassing. A hasty return to the official walking route lead us to a small copse and an adjacent pond and then on to Ravenstock Green where the weather took a turn for the worse and we aimed for the short cut back to Little Walden and the comfort of The Crown. All in all it was only about 3.3 miles but probably about right for the day.

The Crown welcomed us in and we enjoyed a warming cup of coffee followed by an excellent lunch. Overall another successful and thoroughly enjoyable morning in the company of kindred spirits.

***Next months walk will be on  
Friday 7th April and will be led by  
Willie Brown.***



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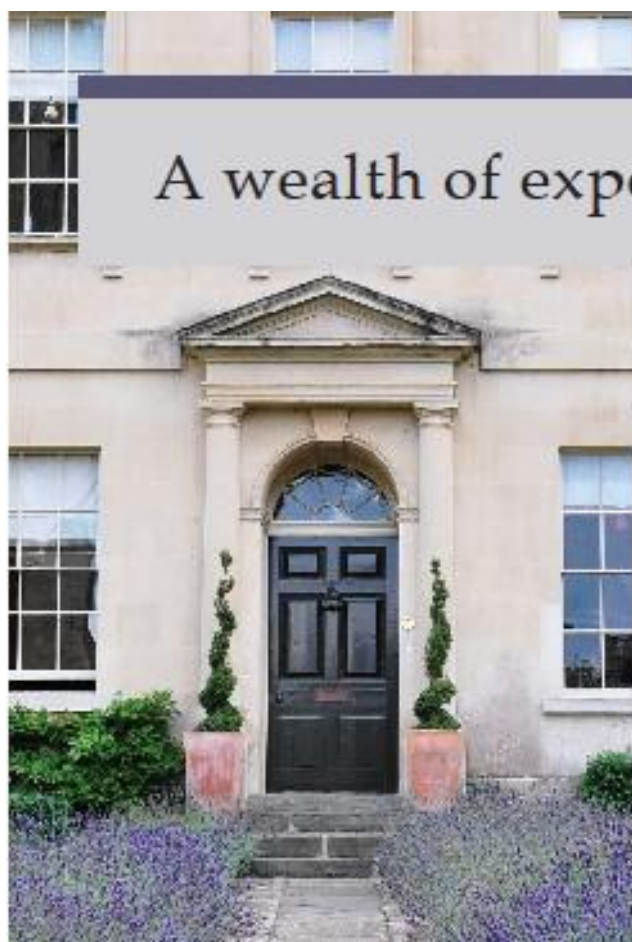
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Heidi

The key theme – this month it's all things infrastructure!

*Where to start...!?*

I had the pleasure of meeting the new chief executive of the City Deal, Rachel Stopard. You won't be surprised to hear I shared my concerns with her about the Cambourne to Cambridge busway proposal known as 3/3a, which would cut across green belt north of Coton. We must of course find an effective public transport link, but spending upwards of £140m on a guided busway that cuts through swathes of greenbelt and doesn't even connect with the city centre is sheer madness to me. Local groups are proposing alternative, cheaper options and I will fight hard to ensure they are considered fully before a final decision is made.



Public money is tight and we must spend it wisely.

I've also coordinated a number of meetings with stakeholders including Highways England, Abellio Greater Anglia, Govia, Laing, Network Rail, District Council Leader Peter Topping and County Councillors to name but a few!

I want us to bid for some of the Government's Autumn statement money for a number of local improvements. It may be that we can combine funds with those

available in the existing City Deal and our devolution deal due to go live in May.

I'm interested principally in upgrading the A505 from the M11 to the A11 including the bridge at Whittlesford (I haven't forgotten about a cycle path linking Duxford and Whittlesford!) and the well over due Foxton level crossing. I've also held meetings to understand progress on plans for the A428 upgrade and Oxford-Cambridge rail link. Last but by no means least, I have pulled together a programme board to really move things forward with a new train station at Addenbrooke's hospital.

These projects are at various stages of progression, but I will keep my website updated every step of the way. I'd like now to blow the trumpets of our local constabulary! They have recently launched an initiative to tackle parking issues across South Cambridgeshire. They have developed an online form for you to complete to report any parking issues in your area. I

think it's a tremendous community focused idea, so please do have a look here. <http://tinyurl.com/SouthCams-Parking>

I cannot believe it is almost a year since we tragically lost Jo Cox, my colleague. On June 17th/18th this year, her legacy charity will be promoting "The Great Get Together" a weekend long event which aims to bring us together to celebrate friendship and community. Some of the UK's biggest organisations will be taking part including the Women's Institute, Oxfam and the Royal British Legion. You can find more details here <https://greatgettogether.org/> or on her charity website. If you are interested in setting something up, please let me know so I can spread the word, join you, or help in any way. I'd love it if we

could have a number of events taking place all over the constituency.

If there is anything I can help you with more generally, please find details of my no appointment needed surgeries on my website [www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries](http://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries). I'll next be in Swavesey on March 18th and Cambourne on April 22nd. I can also be contacted on 01954 212707 or email [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.co.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.co.uk).



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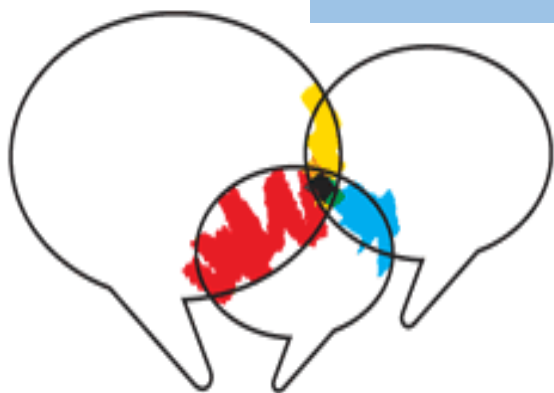


## MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Music and Lyrics by STING



This message was found rolled up inside a tiny green bottle inserted in the flint wall in the High Street. As it was positioned high up the wall it is difficult to imagine how Lorraine noticed it !



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

Thank you to those who joined us last month on Mothering Sunday or for Dining in the Dark (when over £1,100 was raised for CamSight, with the help of our loyal suppliers Adnams and Mike's of Sawbridgeworth).

We have had a fun time giving our bedrooms a makeover. The popular décor has changed a bit over the last seven years, so the colours are now bolder and there are feature walls of wallpaper and warmer fabrics.

Special Events are proving popular over at the Bull:

- We are introducing a **Steak Club** every Thursday/Friday/Saturday
- Have a **Spanish Night** set for 14<sup>th</sup> April
- A second **Jazz Night Saturday** 6<sup>th</sup> May

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- Clearing away at the end
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# Hinxton Fete

## June 10th



## Notable 2017 CALENDAR DATES

May 6th

Mill Clean up

12th

Great Chesterford Jumble Sale

13th/14th

Bingo for Vegetables

14th

Little Chesterford Art Sale

15th

Hinxton Watermill Opens

June 10th

Friends of Hinxton Church AGM 7:30pm

July 2nd

Village Fete

14th

London Bridges Walk

30th

Friends Annual Garden Evening at William House

September

Fun Family Caribbean Lunch

23rd

Ride Drive & Stride

October 1st

McMillan Coffee Morning

6th

Hinxton Watermill Open for the last time

November 4/5th

Bingo for Vegetables

12th

Hinxton Art Show

December 8th

Festival of Remembrance

Bingo for Vegetables

### Good Friday 14th April 9.30 am

Mrs Julie Baillie invites all age children to help with Making an Easter Garden

### Easter Day Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 10am

Please join us for our Festival Eucharist in Hinxton Church

There will be the traditional Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard at the end of the service!



## DIARY OF HINXTON EVENTS ~ April 2017

1st	Saturday	Village Clean- Up with bonus Mill clean too
2nd	Sunday	6:30 Evensong
3rd	Monday	
4th	Tuesday	
5th	Wednesday	
6th	Thursday	
7th	Friday	HINXTON WALKERS
8th	Saturday	CHILDRENS SOCIETY COLLECTION 8th-12th
9th	Sunday	PALM SUNDAY 10am see p.4
10th	Monday	
11th	Tuesday	
12th	Wednesday	Coffee Morning Village Hall 10-12
13th	Thursday	
14th	Friday	Easter Garden 09:30
15th	Saturday	
16th	Sunday	Festival Eucharist 10am & Easter egg hunt
17th	Monday	
18th	Tuesday	
19th	Wednesday	
20th	Thursday	
21st	Friday	
22nd	Saturday	
23rd	Sunday	Holy Communion 8:00am
24th	Monday	Wetlands Walk 12-1.00 p.7 Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Church
25th	Tuesday	
26th	Wednesday	
27th	Thursday	Hinxton Village Hall AGM 7:30 pm
28th	Friday	
29th	Saturday	
30th	Sunday	

### HINXTON VILLAGE AND MILL

April 1st meet at village hall @ 9:30

afterwards at

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Friday of the month



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