

HINXTON NEWS

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BREAKING NEWS

Village Fete raises a record £2500 * Crowds throng to PIMMS tent
Local MP eats TWO hot dogs * Wind instrument band are acclaimed
Valueless vase discovered amongst Bric a Brac * Chloe & Dick win Raffle
Suspect M&S cake found in Hinxton Home Made but later proved to be innocent

SHOCK HORROR

as children cause mayhem at village fete in jousting tournament that went seriously wrong.

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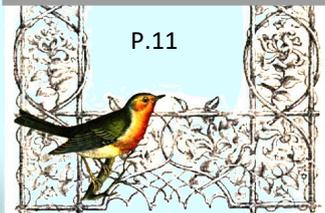


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from the Editor

Congratulations to Ros Smith for organising our village Fete. She was well supported by an amazing team of helpers and special thanks go to Joan for the brilliant costumes and set dressings that took her many hours to complete.

There is definitely something about a village fete that is quite different to any other event.

There is the **worry** and the preparation and planning and dressing up and **worry** and cooking and painting and **worry** and phone calls and meetings and spending and **worry** and collecting and growing things and then there is the setting up and finally at midday on the day you realise you haven't got a staple gun and then inanimate objects take on a life of their own and walk away or fall down and the **worry** and then the crowd turns up and the very first lady on the coconut shy wins four coconuts with her five throws and you **worry** that there are not enough coconuts and then someone couldn't get his head in the photo booth and then kids start to run riot on the jousting field preferring a free for all to an organised game and then you have a PIMMS and get tiddly just as the MP turns up and then you **worry** and then you think its all over and you collect bits of missing children and then reverse the whole cycle. You are elated and then start to **worry** about next year.



Our charming MP, Heidi Allen and her husband Phil came to the fete and whilst she said she was pleased to be there she really was pleased to be there and joined in as if she was one of us.



Occasionally, as we get older we learn a new lesson in life.....my new adage is not to give anyone under the age of 15 a weapon , even if its made of foam.

Look at the front page !

There was one unclaimed raffle prize: the ticket just said "Robbie", but no phone number. He should contact Ros (01799 532064) to arrange collection.

One of my personal favourite free outings is to visit the **Cambridge Open Studios** during July. Over 300 artists in every discipline allow you access to their workshops to see and purchase their work. *Be warned terrible buying temptations await you.* A brochure complete with easy to use maps can be acquired readily from a library or tourist information.



Please go to p.6 where you will see that **Jon Senior** is raising money for **Macmillan** by riding a stage of the Tour de France. Bon chance Jon, et bon voyage!



On page 11 of our June News we featured the Coronation Fete programme. Jenny has asked us to point out that one of the ladies who helped with the refreshments called **Amy** was **Roy Ellis's** lovely Mum.



The **Garden Evening** this year is being held for the first time in the garden of Church Green Cottage. This promises to be a great evening with plenty of good food and fun for all the family. Tickets are still available. P11 Please email me lots of photos taken at the Garden Evening and the best will be published next month. A special Hinxton News prize will be awarded to the most promising photographer in the under 16s age group.

Mike

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 .

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FETE PHOTOS



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for all



to view on-line.



go to:

<http://picti.net/yK0AH>



CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY

1 st	8.00	Holy Communion BCP <i>Duxford</i>
	10.00	Parish Communion <i>Ickleton</i>
	6.30	Evensong BCP <i>Hinxton</i>
8 th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP <i>Hinxton</i>
	10.00	Parish Communion with MOSSY CHURCH (9.45) at the Biggen see posters <i>Duxford</i>
	5.00	Taize service <i>Ickleton</i>
	6.00	Youthinc (Youth group) <i>Hinxton Village Hall</i>
15 th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP <i>Ickleton</i>
	10.00	Parish Communion <i>Hinxton</i>
	6.30	Evening service with prayer for healing and wholeness
19 th	10.00 – 12.00	TIDDLERS – group for 0-5 year olds with parents/ carers (Thursday) end of term picnic at the Rectory, 13 St John's Street, Duxford ALL ARE WELCOME
22 nd	8.00	Holy Communion BCP <i>Hinxton</i>
	10.00	All-age Communion <i>Duxford</i>
	6.30	Festival Evensong for St Mary Magdalene – <i>Ickleton</i>
29 th	10.00	FIVE PARISH COMMUNION SERVICE AT DUXFORD

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

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A message from Petra

As a lover of the summer, I'm delighted that the weather forecast, at last, promises some days of unbroken sunshine. It's lovely to go into one of the churches for Morning Prayer and to see the building bathed in early morning light as it breaks through the windows. I love to sit quietly and hear the breeze and the birdsong – is it my imagination, or are they singing more this year? I confess that after three years in a parish in Cambridge, I do prefer the birdsong to the sound of traffic, and especially the ambulances screeching up and down to and from Addenbrookes, which was just down the road. It did mean, however, that there was a constant reminder to offer prayer for those who would be waiting for the ambulances and how lives can be changed or ended in a fraction of a second.

On 8th July the National Health Service celebrates seventy years of cradle to grave care for everyone, regardless of station, wealth or age. For those of us who have never known anything different, it's hard to imagine what life must have been like beforehand, living with, for many, a fear of calling the doctor because of what it might cost; that treatable diseases would go untreated for those who just didn't have the means to pay.

And again, for those of us who have never known anything different, it's easy to take the NHS for granted. We expect things that it can't deliver, or can't deliver as quickly as we'd like. When we're ill, we're suddenly dependent on other people. We're not in control. It can be frightening. We feel vulnerable and we forget that while we might be understandably focussed on ourselves or our problems, for the doctors and nurses, we are just one of many people they will see in any one day and that they are in a state of constantly having to make decisions about who and what to prioritise.

There's a wonderful book, *The Citadel*, by A J Cronin, (Dr Finlay's Casebook) which tells the story of a young Scottish Doctor in the Valleys of South Wales. It was written in 1937, eleven years before the NHS began and was even credited with laying its foundations. He wrote it, he said, because he had personally witnessed all

the horrors and inequities within the system. *This is not an attack against individuals, but against a system* he said.

Almost 2,000 years earlier, Jesus also attacked a system that favoured the rich and privileged; not a medical system as such, for there was no such thing, but a system that left the poor and sick outcast and marginalised. Jesus healed the servant of a Centurion, the daughter of a Temple official, the mother-in-law of Peter - a fisherman, lepers, paralytics, the blind, the deaf, men, women, children, Jews, gentiles, the rich, the poor. Jesus mixed with people from all walks of life regardless of status, race or gender. In a place where all these people were outcast; on the edge of a society, their healing was also a chance to return to the community.

The National Health Service has grown into something that neither A J Cronin in 1937 nor Nye Bevan on 5th July 1948 could ever have imagined. It's not perfect and we know it is underfunded, but we are most fortunate to have such a system and to have the many thousands of men and women who dedicate their lives to healing. Many of us would not be here without it and many more would not enjoy good health. Happy Birthday NHS and thank you to all who work within it. Bless you and bless us who need you. For more information on any of the above or just for a chat, please email petra@hinkledux.com or phone 01223 832 137.

ROBIN GRANT

Jenny, James, Caroline and family thank you all very much for your help and support in so very many ways before and after Robin's passing at the end of April.

We have appreciated everything and found it all a great comfort. We know that Robin too would have been totally overwhelmed by all your kindness.

Thank you
Jenny and family.



July Open Studios

Each weekend in July we invite the public to visit our workshops and studios as part of the annual Open Studios event. This provides an opportunity for you to see our work and find out about the techniques we use and the passions that inspire us.

Dates for the 2018 events are July 7/8, 14/15, 21/22 and 28/29.

You can also download a PDF of the free **Cambridge Open Studios Guide**

Also available in shops, galleries, libraries and tourist information centres



Hinxton Walkers near Royston



You may have seen Jonathan Senior cycling up and down to Elmdon or making an increasingly circuitous ride around Essex and Hertfordshire (currently at 120km round trip). He is training for the Etape, part of the Tour de France route, on July 8th and raising money for Macmillan.

If you would like to support him he would be very grateful.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jonathansenior7>



Cicely Hills

with Theresa Sullivan

Tell us about your early life

I was born in Bishop Auckland in County Durham in 1925. I had 5 brothers and a younger sister Emily who died when she was only 4 years old. My father was a miner. Times were hard but we were very happy. We knew we were loved and we were well looked after.

I remember that we had petrol lamps for heating and lighting. There was a big range in the kitchen. A tin bath was filled each day and set in front of the fire for my father and 2 brothers for when they returned from the mine. I remember collecting wood with my grand father, sometimes kindling and sometimes "oven heaters" He said I should take a pinch of salt to put on a rabbits tail to catch it.

What was your earliest memory?

Across the road from our house lived the Blacksmith. He would lift me onto a seat so that I could watch the pit ponies being shod.

When did you move from the North East to this part of the world?

In 1939 we moved to Great Abington to the Land Settlement. We were among those from the distressed areas of the NE that the government rehoused in this area. We were given a 10 acre plot, with a house and a greenhouse and it was stocked with pigs and poultry. It was the first time we had ever had electricity.

Later my first job would be working in the greenhouses.

In 1953 I married Alan Hills. He was also from the north east and lived on the Land Settlement. He had returned safely from the war having served in the RAF in Burma as a weather

forecaster. We were lucky to get a new council house in Gt Abington and our 3 daughters Susan, Sandra and Jackie were born there. We were there for five years until Alan, who was then working for the Forestry Commission, was transferred to Shrewsbury and we moved there for the next 5 years.

When did you come to live in Hinxton?

We moved to the village in 1966. We were the first and only occupants of this house. I can still remember the look on George Reynolds face when he told us we were mad to pay £4000 for one house when you could buy a row for £150!

It has been a very happy place to live and we have had some lovely neighbours including some from Spain, Ireland, America and Libya. Once the children were all at school I decided to get a part time job at Marks and Spencer. I worked there 3 days a week for 17 years. It was a very good place to work in those days with visiting doctor, dentist and chiropodist. You could have your hair done for 2s 6p in your lunch hour.



Alan and I had a happy and active retirement until he died aged 80. He had sacrificed a lot for the family because his job took him away from home for long periods of time. After our time in Shropshire he chose not to uproot the family again and we all stayed secure in Hinxton while he travelled and came home at weekends.

What do you like to do in your leisure time?

I used to enjoy knitting, the more intricate the pattern the better, cooking for the family and walking. Now I am restricted to reading, doing crosswords, watching TV and enjoying time with my family.

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

I would like to make the world a better place to live in.

What is your favourite plant in the garden?

I don't have a favourite, I like all garden flowers.

Do you have a favourite piece of music? Or film?

My favourite film is definitely Casablanca. I like listening to the violin playing of André Rieu and I also like country music.

Who would be your ideal Dinner Guests?

All my family together.

Do you like holidays? Where are your favourite places? If you could choose to go anywhere in the world where would it be?

I've enjoyed lots of foreign holidays in the past and my favourite places were Cyprus and the north of Tenerife. If I could, I would most want to go back to visit my only living brother in Australia.

What do you feel have been your greatest achievements?

Raising 3 wonderful daughters who are a credit to me

Anything else you would like to share with us?

At one time you could buy most things you needed at the Post Office, run by Len and Sis Reynolds. You could get anything from a postage stamp to a bicycle and your bike could be repaired there too. At Christmas time their front room became an Aladdin's Cave of presents to be purchased. A far cry from current ways of shopping!



Chloe found this clump of wild orchids in a field on the Duxford side of the railwayis it a common spotted orchid?



Allotment-sitting required!

We will be off sunning ourselves for a couple of weeks in the middle of August, but will need help ensuring our allotment doesn't die, or the produce

We're looking for a few volunteers to help water our allotment, and to also help yourselves to any produce that is ready for picking.

The dates are between the 10th and the 27th August.

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It's been another busy month in Westminster and at home! Much of my time has been, and continues to be, devoted to bringing about improvements to the Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) debacle which has led to so many constituents being severely inconvenienced by the changes to train timetables in May.

As you will know from previous newsletters, I liaised regularly with GTR and constituents in the months leading up to the timetable changes. But despite assurances from GTR that they were ready for the big switchover, they spectacularly failed to deliver on go live day (20th May) which has resulted in large numbers of constituents having their journeys cancelled or badly affected.

Within a few days of the difficulties becoming apparent, I met with GTR. I wanted to know what had gone so badly wrong and what they were going to do to put it right. The assurances they gave that we would see rapid improvement failed to materialise.

On the 4th June, I raised the issue with the Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling during an Urgent Question in the House of Commons and on 5th June, met with Rail Minister, Jo Johnson, GTR senior management and a representative of the local Rail Users Group. I stated in unequivocal terms that GTR had to get a grip, restore reliability to the services, improve their poor communication and prepare to provide compensation, including specific compensation for additional costs being incurred by constituents. I followed up by writing to the Rail Minister and GTR to summarise the actions I am expecting to be delivered and will be monitoring their performance very closely. To read more detail on what I have been doing, my letters and for up-to-date information, please see the dedicated page on my website <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/gtr>

In other news, last month I visited the children's ward and intensive care unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital. The staff do such a fantastic job but have been struggling to fill some of their vacancies because of limits on the number of visas which can be issued to doctors applying from overseas. Although it is welcome that the Government has announced five new training hospitals with the aim of making the NHS self-sufficient in terms of staffing by 2025, we need doctors now! You may have read in the press that the letter I wrote to the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary and Secretary of State for Health, with the support of signatures from colleagues appeared to do the trick! As I write this, we have literally just heard the

news that doctors and nurses will now be exempt from this "Tier 2" visa system. An absolutely brilliant result!

On a warm June Saturday afternoon, I was pleased to attend Hinxton's Village Fete. Nothing quite signals that Summer is here more than a tombola and dodgy bric-a-brac purchase! My husband Phil and I were transported back to Tudor times.....anything for a good cause! I'll no doubt be at a few fetes over the Summer, so if you spot Phil and I, do come and say hello.

On the 8th June, I visited Cottenham Fire Station to see the pass-out parade for the young people who had taken part in the Firebreak course.

This excellent project uses fire service drills and crew culture to develop team working skills and increase self-esteem and confidence in youngsters. The fire crew who ran it, talked passionately about the transformation they had seen in their students over the course of the week. Well done to everybody who took part!

The last month has also seen me continue my quest to visit all schools in my constituency, with visits to Caldecote, Elsworth and Harston and Newton Primary Schools. It is always such a pleasure to meet South Cambridgeshire's children with their fresh, ambitious young minds and the hard working staff who are developing those minds despite the daily funding pressures I know they face.

If there is anything you would like to talk to me about, I will be holding a "by appointment" surgery on the 6th July (3-5pm) at The Hub in Cambourne. If you would like an appointment, please give my office a call on 01223 830087. My next "drop in" surgery will be on 4th August (11am -1pm) in Steeple Morden (venue will be posted on my website) where no appointment will be necessary. More details can be found here: <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries>

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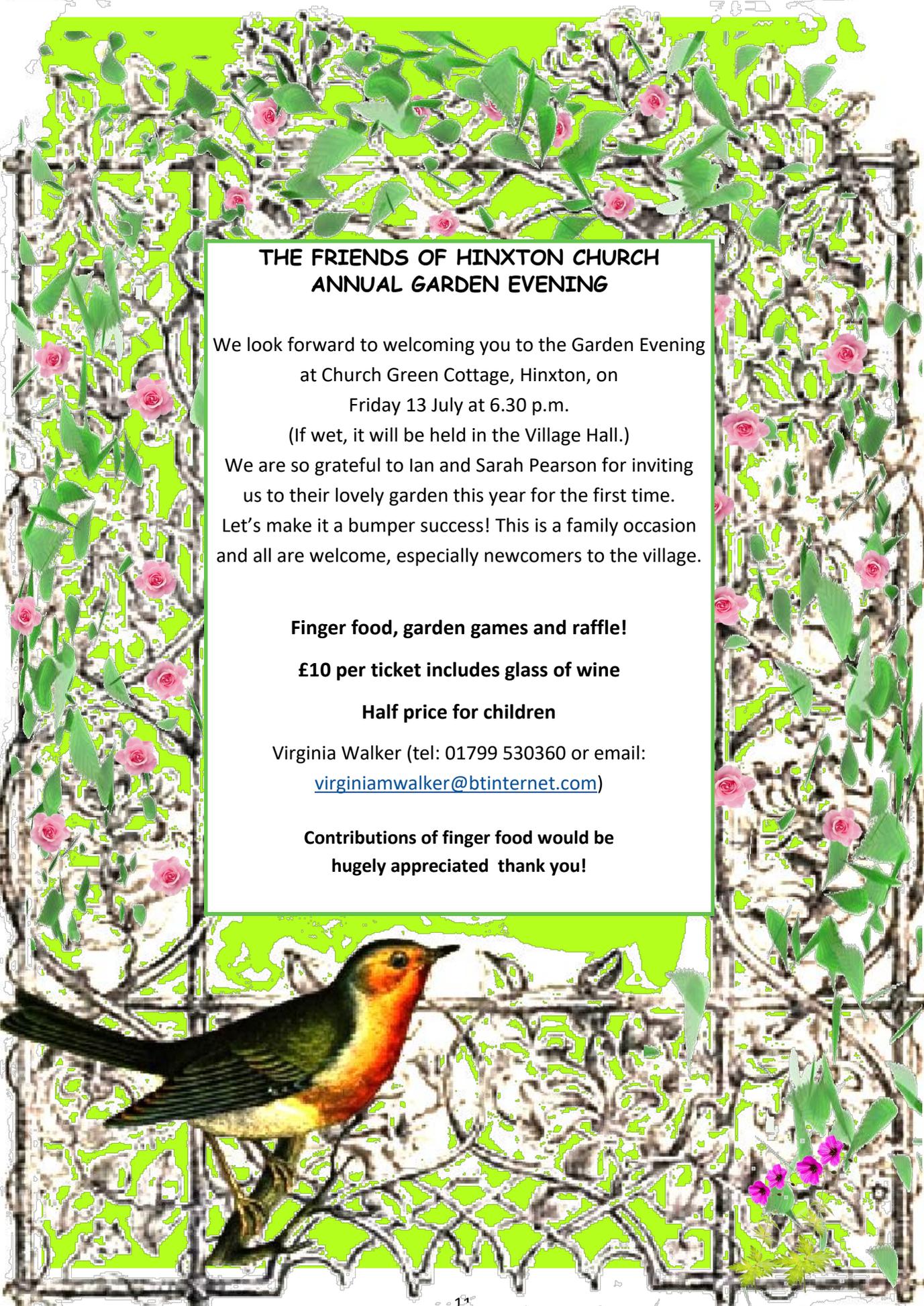
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**THE FRIENDS OF HINXTON CHURCH
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We look forward to welcoming you to the Garden Evening
at Church Green Cottage, Hinxton, on
Friday 13 July at 6.30 p.m.

(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.

Finger food, garden games and raffle!

£10 per ticket includes glass of wine

Half price for children

Virginia Walker (tel: 01799 530360 or email:

virginiamwalker@btinternet.com)

**Contributions of finger food would be
hugely appreciated thank you!**

"Best Fete ever"

Thank you *SO* much to everyone who helped us achieve such a great result.

The Fete day started early with gazebos popping up from 7.00 am, then the last wheelbarrows of 'stuff' leaving the recreation ground at 7.30 pm!

Thank you to all who were around to set up and clear away. Everyone worked so hard, especially the wonderful ladies who helped with the teas, which we were able to enjoy aboard Tim's fantastic coach. As for the Hinxton Homemade stall - what a wonderful sight!

Our local MP, Heidi Allen, came along to support us and the Saffron Walden Wind Ensemble wowed us with familiar tunes, whilst the PIMMS flowed...and flowed.

The photo booth and medieval games (particularly enjoyed by the young joustiers!) were such fun. Months of work involved, making costumes and props, but well worth it I think you'll agree.

Lovely Sally the Gardener from Peterhouse, once again donated lots and lots of plants, which helped Rosemary and her team on the plant stall raise £252.

As in previous years, the proceeds will be split 50/50 between the general ay-to-day running expenses of the church and the Friends of Hinxton Church.

Ros





The raffle made a staggering £413 this year

1st prize **Amazon Echo** donated by the **Wellcome Trust** won by **Chloe & Dick Jones.**

2nd prize of a 'meal for four' from **Alex Clarke** at the Red Lion won by **Rupert & Zoe Kirby .**

The teddy bear's name, **Benedict**, was correctly guessed by **Alex Clarke.** **Steve Trudgill** was the winner of the Royal Quiz.. **Bobbie Wells** won the Pot of Gold and **Jill Garnier** won the hanging basket.



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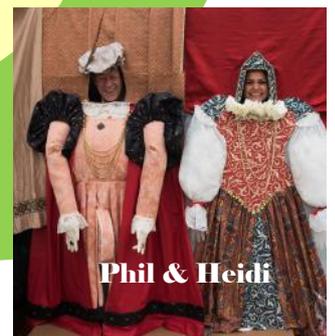
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NEW: Exhibition – Curious Nature

Saturday 28 July, 1-3.30pm

The Genome Gallery, Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre

The natural world around us is a curious place! Visit

the Genome Gallery during one of the Wellcome Genome Campus Open Saturdays to explore our latest family-friendly exhibition, and discover how genome sequencing is helping us uncover much more about it.

Tours of Campus also available.

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

Tickets: [https://](https://publicengagement.wellcomegenomecampus.org/events/open-saturday)

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Café Sci Cambridge: The Human Cell Atlas - Redefining Human Anatomy

Wednesday 11 July, 7-8.30pm

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

We can now look at individual cells in exceptional detail, enabling us to create a Human Cell Atlas. Join Dr Laura Clarke from EMBL-EBI to hear how this allows us to navigate from whole organs to individual cells, redefining our understanding of anatomy.

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Myths & Swill at the Fete

Congratulations on winning the milking contest

I owe all my success to udders



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

**Annual Garden Party – save the date
Friday 10 th August**

**Do come along for drinks &
canapes**

Claudette Birch ACE jazz trio...

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GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

The Society, which covers seven local villages including Great & Little 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.

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

For further information please contact Chair,

Mrs Pauline Gale [01799-525543](tel:01799-525543)

Forthcoming Meeting

Wednesday 4th July Mini Flower Show & Social Evening

ART CLUB

CLASSES ARE DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN OF 6-8
YEARS (9.30am-10.50am) AND 9-11 YEARS
(11.15am-12.35pm) IN HINXTON VILLAGE HALL

Workshop 1: Drawing (Saturday 28th July) £10

There's more to drawing than putting pencil to paper. Learn new skills, refine the skills you have and learn about Optical illusions to make drawing the most fun it can be!

Workshop 2: Painting (Saturday 4th August) £10

Paint your version of Claude Monet's Garden. Take inspiration from the beauty of nature and Monet's Impressionist style by using quick brush strokes to capture light and perspective.

Project 3: Sculpture (Saturday 11th August) £10

Learn how to design and create an imaginative fish sculpture from recycled plastic bottles.

Prices include all art materials and for the Painting workshop a canvas board. Maximum 18 children per group with Qualified Teacher of Art and assistant.

To book your child's place please email with details of the class you wish to register for. Please note we will not have space for observers/helpers.

Contact:

Jo Alton BA MA Teacher of Art

duxfordartclub@gmail.com



RECIPE RELAY



The recipe this month is written not by a cook, but a **chef**, who has worked all his adult life at St John's college: **Tim Robinson**.

Anyone who has eaten anything cooked by Tim will know that he is not just a lovely bloke - he is a culinary genius. His choux swans at the last **Supper on the Run** were a work of art, and tasted as amazing as they looked. Tim has given us a recipe for eclairs, so no complicated artwork expected, thank goodness. Just deliciousness in every bite!

Linda



Tim's Chocolate Eclairs

Makes 20



INGREDIENTS

1 pint of water
250g butter
6 eggs
10 oz plain flour
Pinch of salt
1 pint of double cream
400g plain chocolate
100g white chocolate

METHOD

1. Boil water and butter, add flour to make a roux then add salt and cook out for 5 mins
 2. Tip into mixer bowl and mix for 10 mins until cool
 3. Once mixture cool, add eggs and beat vigorously
 4. Using a plain nozzle, pipe onto baking sheet, finger sized strips of choux pastry
 5. Preheat oven to 170 degrees for 20 mins and cook until golden brown
 6. Leave to cool
 7. Lightly whip cream and pipe into cool eclairs
 8. Melt both lots of chocolate separately and dip eclairs into plain chocolate first and then drizzle white chocolate over the top.
- Refrigerate

Having made the 350 eclairs in the photo, scaling it down for you has been a challenge!! Enjoy! Healthier options are not available!! Tim

Village Hall Report

We have enjoyed another successful year with our usual activities of bacon brunches and Mill teas. In November we also held a shopping evening for Kate Riley`s charity.

The Holiday Club continue to use the Hall during school holidays and half terms, this is going well with the children having fun in the playground and on the field.

We welcomed a new member, Beth Merrell to the committee, and Linda Russell is hoping to join us soon, this will bring us up to full complement which is great news.

The members of the Village Hall committee very much enjoy the friendship of working together and are happy that we help provide an attractive and useful amenity of which the village can be proud.

HINXTON PLAYGROUND ANNUAL REPORT

June 2017 to May 2018

Our lovely playground and recreation area continues to be enjoyed by Hinxton children and grandchildren and their families, and also families from other local villages. The attraction of the play equipment and its quiet, safe aspect draws families with pre-school children in particular, as well as primary age children. The Duxford School Holiday Club (DX Club) that continues to use the Village Hall during the school holidays noted that the playground was one key aspect that drew the DX club to book our Village Hall on a regular basis.

Maintenance has been carried on the playground as follows: the faulty foremast on the pirate ship was replaced in October -Kompan (the manufacturer) sent out a new wooden post under warranty, and free of charge. The port and starboard lights (circles) were switched so that the ship is finally legal to sail (!) after four years! In November, the playground had a successful clean-up session when volunteers took ivy off the flint wall and end of the village hall, and scrubbed down the play equipment making it shine once more.

Looking forward, the flint wall between the playground and the High Street is a source of concern – it is at the end of its life with the capping bricks starting to allow water ingress. This issue needs to be addressed, and a quote for the long term option i.e. to rebuild the wall, is substantial. Otherwise, the play equipment installed in 2014 generally remains in good shape. The older pieces of timber play equipment (little wooden train, trim trail etc) are surviving, with the Noughts and Crosses waiting to be refixed to the ground.

The annual RoSPA report from April 2018 shows no issues of concern.

Many thanks to Charles Frankau who cuts the grass, keeping the playground and recreation area looking shipshape.



REPORT FROM THE ANN HOWSDEN TRUSTEES FOR THE
ANNUAL PARISH

MEETING OF HINXTON PARISH COUNCIL, 14 th May 2018

The Trustees have met five times in the year to date including our AGM in November 2017. The accounts for the financial year ending 30 September 2017 will be approved at our meeting on 21 st May 2018. The annual Christmas gifts and heating disbursements to Hinxtion pensioners were agreed at the November AGM as well as a donation to the children's Christmas party. A lifeline alarm system continues to be financed for one of our pensioner tenants. It is hoped that the annual contributions to church heating, church restoration and churchyard maintenance will be agreed at our meeting next week. The monthly coffee morning in the Village Hall has continued since it was initiated by Natalie Brown early in 2017. She has recently left the village but this event will be maintained. The Village Hall committee kindly offers the use of the hall rent free, so it is only the refreshments that the Ann Howsden Charity provides.

The current trustees are as follows: Parish Council Nominees - Julie Baillie, Ian Pearson, Kate Riley and Virginia Walker and Co-opted Trustees – Chloe Brown, Roy Ellis and Toni Moses. Deborah Cooper resigned in March 2018 and her service to the charity has been greatly appreciated over the last 13 years. It is hoped that a replacement trustee will be co-opted at our meeting next week. After just over a year of vacancy, our new vicar was licensed in early September 2017, so the Rev. Petra Shakeshaft is therefore now an ex-officio trustee. Ian Pearson was re-appointed Chairman at the November 2017 AGM. I would like to thank all the trustees who help me in so many different ways. John Statham will continue as Treasurer until our financial year end on 30 September 2018, and I would like to thank John for his invaluable help to me over more than 10 years. Kate Mursell took over as administrator in November 2017 but unfortunately the transition did not go smoothly and she gave up the role in March this year and I have therefore resumed the role of administrator for the time being. I would like publicly to thank Kate for the immense amount of work she put into the job and for highlighting many Charity Commission issues that need the trustees' attention. The obligations on

charity trustees generally are increasingly demanding and various major changes will have to be made in the near future in order to conform to new regulations. I would also like to thank publicly Nicola Silverleaf for her invaluable advice and wisdom on charity governance and for the time she has freely given to help and guide me. We have sadly witnessed some tenancy changes in the Duxford Road pensioner bungalows in the past year. The tenant at no. 2 died in January 2018 and this property has recently undergone major refurbishments. New tenants are in the process of moving in. The tenant at no 4 died suddenly during summer 2017 and has been replaced with new tenants who moved in early October 2017 after complete redecoration, various up-grades and the installation of a new wet room. The tenant at no. 6 was widowed in March 2018 and it is hoped that she can continue to live there with regular visits from carers. Our commercial tenant at no. 8 moved in at the end of April 2017 and has settled in very well. It was decided that, after serious deficiencies in their performance, Leaders, our property management agency, should be replaced. The properties are now looked after by Redmayne, Arnold & Harris who have an outlet in Great Shelford and therefore have local involvement. This move has proved extremely successful and was initiated by Kate Mursell to whom we are indebted for the recommendation. It has been an exceptionally busy year and the heavy workload is likely to continue for some time in making changes that will bring the charity more in line with current demands of governance. Through the year the trustees have delivered cards, given flowers or baskets of fruit to Hinxtion residents who have been bereaved or unwell. The trustees retain a very wide discretion in managing the charity's affairs within the purposes of the trust. If anyone in the village knows of cases of hardship or need or indeed are personally affected, they are encouraged to contact in complete confidence any of the current trustees. The trustees work hard to ensure the integrity and future security of this valuable village charity and endeavor to keep Hinxtion residents updated regularly via the Hinxtion News.

Virginia Walker, Administrator, Ann Howsden Charity 14
May 2018

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: April 2018 Churchwarden's Report

Ministry matters For the first five months following our last APCM we continued to be without an incumbent, but the dedication and hard work of our associate priest, our retired clergy, and our LLMs enabled the regular ministry of the church to continue uninterrupted. Our very grateful thanks to Phil Sharkey who took most of the load of the 10 am services, and also to Charles Miller, David Matthiae, Julie Baillie and Judith Sutcliffe. Rev Petra Shakeshaft was inducted the new Priest-in-Charge of Duxford, Hinxton and Ickleton at Ickleton church on 4th September 2017. Petra has come to us from St John's, Hills Road, a big urban church, very different in character from our three rural parishes. Rev Phil Sharkey continues to give regular and much valued support. Margaret Malcolm has now completed her ALM training and is currently doing the Occasional Preacher's course, both of which will ease the load on the clergy a little from time to time. Sadly Joan Pettett, a faithful member of Hinxton church throughout her life, died on 18th January and is greatly missed. She had served at the altar for many years and was a "regular" at village events. We are an ageing congregation and we very much need an injection of new life. Like many other churches, we face the challenge of local families all leading busy lives and perhaps church does not feel as if it is relevant to them.

Christmas. Our usual Christmas carol service was not so well attended this year. The weather was somewhat cold and unforgiving and we had already had an excellent concert from the choir of Peterhouse who entertained us with mostly Christmas music only a week before. It was a disappointment that for the first time ever there were a significant number of unfavourable comments following the service relating to lack of warmth (not physical!) and colour in the church. We need to work hard to retain those who are prepared to visit us even if only once a year! A return to a warmer and more familiar service should be our aim.

The Christingle, following its well established format, was as popular as ever with people travelling substantial distances to be there. A congregation full to the door truly enjoyed the occasion.

Service attendance Congregations at the 10.00 am Sunday Parish Eucharist are holding up well but both Evensong and 8.00 am services are slowly declining in popularity and of the two, Evensong is the weaker.

Youth Hinxton is involved in the Deanery YouthInc project which has been going now for just over a year. This is for 9-14 year-olds and is designed to encourage young people to grow in their own faith at a time when so many abandon church because they don't feel that it is relevant to them. Latterly the Hinkledux group has been joined by the young people from Fowlmere and Thriplow and it has been helpful to have the larger number which has helped to give the group a more substantial and established feel. This is a significant step in the right direction.

There has also been a monthly Connect, Deanery-wide, informal service for these young people and others who appreciate informal worship. This is held at Stapleford church.

Mid week events There are regular prayer gatherings and Bible Studies each week which are shared with Ickleton and Duxford. During Lent there has been an art series entitled Images of Faith which Petra and her husband have led at the Rectory.

Church Building We just about manage to keep on top of the various tasks which need to be done mostly due to a generous village population which deeply values its church. This year the

main project was the organ refurbishment. This was last done a very long time ago, probably in the early 1960s, and so an overhaul was long overdue. The sound and action have been greatly improved. The fence along the north side of the churchyard has been replaced and many thanks to our neighbours Peter Hiscocks and Linda Allan for masterminding the work; collecting timber, organising a contractor and sharing the cost with the Church. This was invaluable help.

The main door of the Church needs some adjustment to the hinges and surrounding stonework. Outside the stonework around the windows needs some major attention as do the windows themselves - all planned for 2018. We have had quotations for both of these areas and we await improving weather and finances before they can be attended to.

Friends of Hinxton Church Much of our success in maintaining the building so well is due to the generosity of the Friends of Hinxton Church. We are so grateful for all the effort that they put in to raising funds and making sure that the events are fun and enjoyed by the whole community.

Fund raising for the Ministry of the Church The fete in 2017 was as successful as ever and attracted a good crowd of locals as well as people from further afield. Likewise the Caribbean lunch at the end of July was an enormous success. We were entertained by an excellent steel band, ate amazing Caribbean food masterminded by Deborah Cooper, and watched the children enjoy all kinds of pirate games which were ably organised by Mike Boagey. The organisation and proceeds of the latter was shared with the Friends. Joan Roberts organised another Art Exhibition in October which was very well received and was well attended, generating a goodly sum of money. Joan puts an enormous amount of work into this event which is greatly appreciated, we hope as much by artistic participants as it is by Hinxton church. Finally the Quiz Night in February was the usual combination of fun and brain-power and was enjoyed by all who attended.

We say thank you to:-

Joan Roberts – for being Treasurer for so many years: a wonderful job. We are truly grateful to you for your persistence, perseverance and attention to detail.

Julie Baillie – we're sad that you are needing to step back from your LLM role. We have all appreciated you and your faithful service, love and command of the detail for so many years. Your unique contribution has kept Hinxton Church "Up and running", first as PCC member, then as Churchwarden and then as LLM. Emphatically we are **not** saying "goodbye"!

Ros Smith – for your role as secretary to the PCC and all the organising that you do of rotas and everything else that the rest of us forget. *Fete, quiz night and other fundraising events.*

Virginia Walker – for so ably playing the organ for us in such a way that it always feels easy to sing along with you.

Colin Moses – for winding the church clock every week and helping us to know what time it is!

For all the contributions that we receive so freely given, mentioned or not mentioned here, we feel truly grateful and apologise for any oversights. It is truly amazing that Hinxtonians with little connection to "Church" are prepared to help with cleaning and flowers. The result is a viable village church and ministry.

For our part we are grateful and fortunate to be a part of the congregation in this village.

Andrew Walker and Margaret Malcolm (Churchwardens)

HINXTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING 14 MAY 2018

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF HINXTON CHURCH

At the AGM held on 15 May 2017 eleven members were present and apologies were received from five others. Those elected to serve on the committee for 2017/18 were David Mills (Chairman), Andrew Walker (Treasurer), Julie Baillie (Secretary), Mike Boagey and Merv Russell. Kate Riley agreed to be co-opted to the committee as Secretary-designate, to succeed Julie Baillie in 2018. The nominated representatives are the Revd. Petra Shakeshaft (to be licensed in September) and Margaret Malcolm (Hinxtan Parochial Church Council) and Jane Chater and Graham Smith (Hinxtan Parish Council). The committee has met four times since the last AGM. At present there are thirty-four life members and nine annual members, plus two families. Sadly we have lost three loyal members – Joan Pettett, Beryl Harris and Robin Grant. Their support and encouragement will be greatly missed.

In the past year the Friends have supported two major projects – the refurbishment of the church organ and the replacement of the boundary fence on the north side of the churchyard. In January there was just over £12,000 in the bank account. Our ride on motor mower was stolen from the Fire Engine Shed at Church Green and it was agreed to employ a contractor to mow the churchyard, rather than replace the machine. Themis Karikides has indicated that he will continue to trim around the graves. The next repair projects at the church will include masonry, iron and glasswork and the main door and the Friends have agreed to contribute £7000 – about half of the expected cost.

Once again, there has been much fun and fellowship whilst raising vital funds for our village church. Last summer's Fete and Garden Evening raised nearly £3000 for the Friends and the raffle proceeds of £505 went to the Firefighter's Charity. This was our last Garden Evening at William House and huge thanks are given to Virginia and Andrew for their great generosity, commitment and sheer hard work over so many years, making this our biggest, annual fund-raiser. On July 13th we invite you to join us at Church Green Cottage, by kind invitation of Sarah and Ian Pearson, for this summer's Garden Evening. The Caribbean Lunch and Pirate Party on July 30th last year was a joint PCC and Friends venture, the prime movers and shakers being Mike Boagey, Ros Smith and Deborah Cooper. Everyone had a great afternoon and a profit of £806 was made. Thanks are given to all those who contributed to its success. Plans are afoot for another, themed event in 2019! On December 2nd our young friends from Peterhouse Choir presented a concert of carols, with audience participation. The newly-restored organ was shown off to perfection with a performance of Leroy Anderson's 'Sleigh Ride'. The retiring collection of £324 was shared by the choir and the Friends. Bingo for Vegetables continues to attract a modest, but loyal, following and thanks are given to all those who conduct the evening, contribute prizes and refreshments and come along to support us. There will be a special Christmas Bingo, possibly on November 30th.

We thank the many folk who continue to support the Friends by contributing their time and talents in order that the medieval treasure that is Hinxtan Church may continue to be kept safe, open and welcoming for the future. Generous financial support from the village, including Alex Clarke and his team at the Red Lion, and from others further afield, has resulted in our church and churchyard looking better than at any other period in its history.

Julie Baillie, Hon. Secretary the Friends of Hinxtan Church

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Insect-pollinated plants produce a variety of volatile chemicals which attract passing bees, wasps or flies. Gardeners select scented flowers such as roses, lavender, sweet peas, stocks and honeysuckle so we can enjoy their fragrances too. But have you noticed that in built up areas you need to get really close to smell such perfumes? If we can't smell the flowers, then what is the impact on insects?

An article published in the New Scientist in February this year described how recent research had found that the various chemicals present in traffic fumes quickly disrupt the chemical signatures of these plant fragrances, making them unreadable by insects. Thus, if the vital pollinating insects cannot sense the flowers they need for their essential supplies of nectar and pollen, pollination may not occur, and seed production could be compromised.

Much of the area within the Hundred Parishes is largely rural with low levels of traffic pollution, but there are higher levels of traffic fumes close to major roads, motorways or larger towns, especially those with narrow streets. On sunny days the pollutants in these fumes will be interacting destructively with the volatile chemicals from the flowers leaving the insects confused and hungry.

The Essex Air Quality Consortium was formed in 1995 and now oversees the monitoring of air quality across the county as this has implications for human health.

It is more important than ever to have an abundance of flowers in every garden, high street, side road, lane and verge to combat this pollution.

Many local gardens welcome visitors during the summer. These are included in the What's On page of www.hundredparishes.org.uk. If you need ideas for an interesting outing, perhaps with visitors, do please check this website for Attractions and What's On.

Granta Medical Practices

The national flu immunisation programme 2018/19

This year sees significant changes as to how we will be vaccinating our patients, the main one being that there are now 2 different vaccines for adults:-

The **adjuvanted trivalent vaccine (aTIV)** for all patients **over 65 years of age**

The **quadrivalent vaccine (QIV)** for patients **18 years old and over** and for patients **under 65 years of age** eligible for NHS vaccinations

Eligible children will continue to receive the nasal spray **live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV)**.

The following patients are eligible for flu vaccination:-

- All children aged 2 to 9 years of age (but not 10 years or older) on 31 August 2018
- Clinically eligible patients, aged 6 months to under 65 years of age
- Pregnant women
- Those aged 65 years and over
- Those in long-stay residential care homes
- Carers

In addition, flu vaccines are recommended for frontline health and social care workers.

The other significant change of note is the way in which we will receive our supply of vaccines – there will be 3 separate deliveries between the months of September and November.

All of the above means that this year booking your flu appointment won't be quite as straight forward for us as in previous years. We will have to separate adults by age, vaccination type, and by when deliveries are due so please bear with us as we manage this huge task which could involve up to 15,000 patients!

In the next issue we hope to publish our flu clinic dates. Additionally, text messages will be sent, there will be local posters, and the dates will be published on our websites.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me, **Sandra East** or your local Granta surgery.



Parsley



Sage



Thyme



Rosemary



Phil

Midsummer and the July garden is full of colour.

There are jobs to do but please try to find time to relax and enjoy the rich colour and scents of your borders.

Dead-heading is surely the most rewarding job in the garden and one to be done slowly and carefully, ideally with a glass of wine in hand. Remove rose blooms as soon as they fade, cutting back to well below the old bloom but above a five leaflet junction as this will encourage rapid regrowth.

A good potash fertiliser applied now will help with strong winter hardy shoots and is particularly beneficial for growth on roses. This is not a difficult job, but it hugely influences the appearance of plants next year.

July is a good time to pick lavender for drying and hanging in the house to keep it smelling delicious.

If you are going away find someone to keep an eye on your plants and the watering, it's hopefully never a problem finding willing help in Hinxton.

If you have a few containers try to arrange any that have scented plants together on the patio or near a seat to soak up the perfume as well as appreciate the colour while you relax.

July is the best time to cut back flowered perennials, such as hardy geraniums, to encourage a second flush. Dahlias and sweet peas need prompt cutting for the house to ensure lots more flowers.

Finally, July is the month for sitting in some dappled shade simply enjoying the peace and stillness but also try to have some meals outdoors, somehow food eaten in the fresh air takes on a new dimension.

And finally, finally, a huge thank you to all the kind Hinxtonians who produced such wonderfully interesting plants for the plant stall at the Village Fete.

Rosemary

I guess that this is the peak month for people giving up with vegetable gardening. Weeds seem to be growing overnight swamping seedlings and bigger plants alike. The best way to avoid this calamity is to skim round with a hoe once a week before you even see any weeds sprouting and the best tool for the job is a Wilkinson Sword Stainless Steel Swoe. These are golf club shaped hoes that work with forwards and backwards strokes and make light work of weeding. Having just returned from a couple of weeks away I was disappointed by the heavy weed growth. The only answer now is to get down on hands and knees and pull them out. At least I have the consolation that most of the weeds are annuals and the seeds can only grow once. Remove them now and the rest of the summer should be easier. A clever solution for a small patch is to put down a large sheet of cardboard and grow the plants through it. The cardboard will rot down into the soil over winter. Set now - beetroot. It never looks that good in the shops but is easy to grow. Not affected by pests if the seedlings are protected from sparrows and in my opinion makes the very best sandwich.



HINXTON EVENTS ~ July 2018

1st	Sunday	6.30 Evensong "Tea & Cake" Village Hall 230-500
2nd	Monday	
3rd	Tuesday	 BLACK BIN
4th	Wednesday	GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY MINI FLOWER SHOW & SOCIAL EVENING 7:30 ICKLETON VILLAGE HALL
5th	Thursday	
6th	Friday	
7th	Saturday	Cambridge Open Studio weekend
8th	Sunday	8am Holy Communion 6pm Youthisc (Youth group) <i>Hinxton Village Hall</i>
9th	Monday	
10th	Tuesday	 BLUE & GREEN BIN
11th	Wednesday	 HINXTON COFFEE MORNING
12th	Thursday	
13th	Friday	Annual Garden Evening
14th	Saturday	Cambridge Open Studio weekend
15th	Sunday	10am Parish Communion
16th	Monday	
17th	Tuesday	 BLACK BIN
18th	Wednesday	
19th	Thursday	
20th	Friday	
21st	Saturday	Cambridge Open Studio weekend
22nd	Sunday	8am Holy Communion
23rd	Monday	
24th	Tuesday	 BLUE & GREEN BIN
25th	Wednesday	
26th	Thursday	
27th	Friday	
28th	Saturday	Cambridge Open Studio weekend
29th	Sunday	10am FIVE PARISH COMMUNION SERVICE AT DUXFORD
30th	Monday	
31st	Tuesday	

Notable Future Dates

Aug 10th	The Red Lion Inn Garden Party
Sept 8th	Cycle Ride+Stride
Nov 10th	"Memories of the First World War." Details will follow in later editions (To be held in the Village Hall)
Nov 24th	SILENT AUCTION

Cambridge Open Studio weekend

For details go to
www.camopenstudios.co.uk

**NEXT HINXTON COFFEE
MORNING**
Wednesday 11 July in the Village
Hall.
**NO coffee morning in August, but
we shall start up again
on Wednesday 12th September.**
Please let Virginia (tel: 530360) or
Kate (tel: 530350) know if you
would like a lift.
Come and join us for a coffee,
biscuit and a chat! We look
forward to seeing you.