



Dear Readers

April 2020

IT'S A FACT ...there is an Easter Bunny. An egg on every doorstep! Brilliant! This drew more smiles than Leonardo. More fantastic newsthe **SmithsonHill** appeal to the **Secretary of State** regarding the proposed industrial estate opposite McDonalds, has finally been rejected. This whole misguided idea must have cost the developers a small fortune but if there was ever a lesson to be learned, it is that in today's society, transparency plays an important part of any proposal. We were treated like fools from the outset and fed false information and statistics that were easily disproved. Our recent concern centred on their political leverage, but we need not have worried as the main reason for rejection concentrated on the effect on the landscape. Our thanks must go to our amazing Parish Councillors, past and present, who worked tirelessly to construct all the arguments against this proposal. Let us not forget **Willy Brown** who led the offensive for so long. I can imagine his wide smile of joy at this moment. Alas, no more **Myths and Swill** jokes.

A striking feature of the past few weeks, other than the powerful surge of community spirit, has been the noticeable improvement in the air quality. Is it just me or

are there more butterflies and bees? The only sadness is that we can still hear that appalling droning factory noise coming from the **Hexcel** site in Duxford.

This month we would normally be promoting all the lovely events we traditionally celebrate, such as the Dog Show and the Fete. Instead, we can only look forward to later in the year when the restrictions are lifted. The **Silent Auction** promises to be a spectacular event and the following pages will give you some ideas of what to offer and what might be available to bid on. The idea that you can buy an afternoon tea for a Sunday next summer is interesting, but well worth the long wait. I was thinking of offering to do the '*knitted garment of your choice*' but have had second thoughts!

We are featuring a back page of **IMPORTANT STUFF** with many contact numbers and bits of information useful to keep. To help the hard-of-hearing, we have increased the size of the font!

Please read and respond to the Questionnaire in the centre pages. Let me know if you want a loose copy to fill in.

Thanks to **Lorna** for the lovely rainbow. Stay Safe.

The **Hinxtton News** is always available to read on the Parish Council web site hinxtton-pc.org.uk. The Parish Council has agreed to fund the printing costs for the time being and we have also had generous personal offers to sponsor individual editions. Whilst restrictions are in place and until the Wellcome support returns, we may have to consider limiting a printed version to those we know do not have access to the Internet. These few copies could easily be reproduced on personal home printers within the village. Let me have your opinion. Email-mikeboagey666@gmail.com. tel 530216

Mike

Photo News



Olly's new Pole Lathe



The birds are being scared away on the allotments. Did Stephen King have a hand in this?



Joan and Idris observing the two meter rule



We have discovered that our lovely nest belongs to a pair of Robins. Apparently Mummy Robin, who we have named Iris, will lay one egg every day for up to six eggs. We are feeding Dad, called Bobby, mealworms and suet as recommended by RSPB. In the face of such a hard world right now isn't this a wonderful thing? Cooper Spring Watch will keep you posted as and when we don't disturb Iris and Bobby Deb's and Brian xx

So there is an Easter Bunny after all.



Competition has been rife between the two plant sellers in the High Street. Sales are good and more plant choices are expected towards the end of the month.



SILENT AUCTION

2020

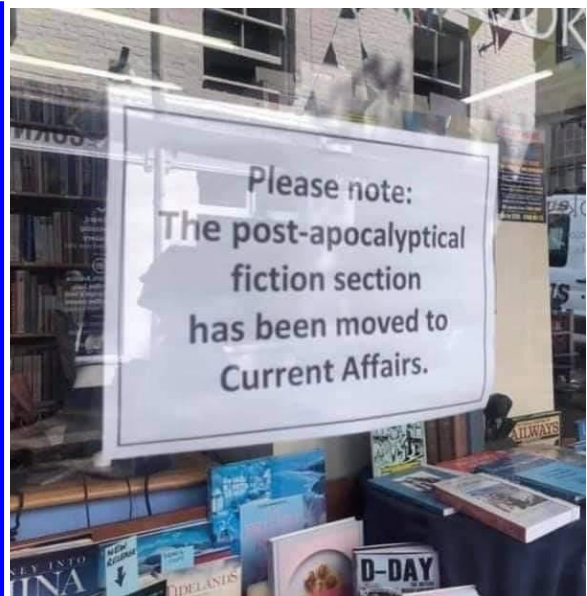
This year the Silent Auction will be hosted by the Mills family at their home in the Beehive Barn in the High Street as soon as we are given the all clear from the Government. Hopefully this will be in November

The great thing about this event is that the items on offer can be looked forward to and enjoyed, probably next year, when happier times return.

There will be a small prize for the most original item offered for auction. The famous string vest may make yet another appearance

Some Suggestions

- Hinxton to an Airport for 2 people plus luggage
- 2 hours grass cutting
- A car wash
- 2 hours ironing
- 2 hours gardening
- A steak or kidney pudding dinner for 2
- A weeks use of your holiday home
- A drive in a sportscar
- A day out in a boat on the broads with champagne lunch
- 2lbs of Hinxton damsons-good to make damson gin
- 1 bottle of the Society's high strength gin
- A bottle of sloe gin
- Homemade pickles
- Homemade jam
- Help with your tax return
- Watercolours of Hinxton
- Hinxton apple juice
- Two tickets for lunch in a Cambridge restaurant
- Sunday roast for 6 people
- Vegetables from allotment
- Logs
- A brace of pheasants
- A wood turning
- An evening wine tasting
- Six hours of dog walking
- Plate of 10 jam tarts
- Oil painting
- Plate of pretty cupcakes
- A Christmas pudding
- A Christmas cake for icing
- A chicken pie
- A Christmas decoration
- Box of cooking apples
- Baby sitting
- A knitted garment of your choice
- A family photo session
- Full English breakfast for 6
- Water your plants while your on holiday
- Bunch of flowers from your garden
- Victoria sponge
- Summer lunch party for 2
- Long Weekend in St.Tropez
- Gin for life



Sign in a Cambridge Booksellers window

Brian and Debs Cooper dropped me a line....

"if you see an ambulance parked outside taking a deserved rest, please reach out to them as we have done this evening.

Ask if they require any refreshments, and give them your full praise. This evening they only required water! What a wonderful set of people ! "

We can all show our appreciation by a show of applause at 8pm Thursday nights.

MINI CHURCH SERVICE

Every Sunday you will be able to find a short on-line service for the three churches of Hinxtton, Ickleton and Duxford on the Hinkledux website www.hinkledux.com

Of course not as sophisticated as those that bigger churches are able to do and of course there are many of those which you can easily access on the net.

Nevertheless it's nice to feel we're meeting with other Hinxttonians – ideally at 10am, but it is available at any time that suits you.

You will also find readings for Holy Week which you may also like to use.

Notes from the Parish Council, March 2020

Coronavirus. The March Parish Council meeting was only a few weeks ago, but it has already been substantially overtaken by the ongoing changes to our lives resulting from the coronavirus pandemic. The Parish Council urges residents to follow government guidelines in regard to self-isolating, social distancing, hand-washing and other measures. These are important guidelines to help slow the spread of the virus until a vaccine or other treatments are available.

As a result of the coronavirus situation, many gatherings over the next few months – in Hinxtton and other local communities – will be cancelled or postponed. These include the annual village spring clean in April, the VE Day celebration in May, and the village fete in June. It is likely that the Parish Council's AGM – currently scheduled for 18th May – will also be postponed. We will provide further information in due course.

Wellcome Genome Campus (WGC) Expansion. The Wellcome Outline Planning Application was a significant discussion item at the Parish Council Meeting on 9th March.

Despite representations from ourselves, and other Parish Councils and groups, and notwithstanding the support of our MP, Anthony Browne, the Secretary of State's Planning Casework Unit determined not to call in the application for review. This means that SCDC's decision on 24 October 2019 – to approve the application on national significance grounds – stands, subject only to any challenges in the form of judicial review.

The Parish Council remains in discussion with Wellcome and SCDC in regard to appropriate mitigations for the parish under Section 106. We are deeply grateful to Peter McDonald – our district councillor – who has been massively supportive in these activities.

SmithsonHill AgriTech Park. The Parish Council awaits determination of this application by the Secretary of State, which is scheduled for 26 March 2020.

North Uttlesford Garden Community (NUGC). The Parish Council noted that the Planning Inspectorate had found Uttlesford's Local Plan to be unsound and the proposal to establish NUGC to be inappropriate based on a range of issues including harm to landscape and heritage assets.

HINXTON STORY COMPETITION

Have you written *yours* yet?

Will it be a passionate love story or a science fiction horror or just an account of your favourite holiday in France?

A copy of the Rules can be obtained by phoning 530216



竹の子掘り Digging Up Bamboo Shoots



Here is a random gardening tip from Sally at Peterhouse when asked about removal of big bamboo plant.

"Right, the best way to dig out a bamboo that size is with a mini digger or pay a bloke with a stronger back and a weaker mind than you!"

If you have to do it yourself you will need a mattock, rope, sturdy gloves, loppers, an old bowsaw, a spade, 2 chairs, brandy and a helper.

First tie a rope around the stems to keep them together, tie it as tight as you can. Dig out a trench around the clump at least a spades depth. Then start to undermine the roots; DO NOT try to separate off bits as you are trying to dig the clump out - leave that until later. Your helper will be on the opposite side of the clump hanging on to the rope to keep the stems out of your way and hopefully as the digging gets underneath the clump, levering the clump over so you can get further underneath. When you are halfway under; change sides and repeat. Use the chairs and brandy as necessary.

When (or if) the clump is out lay the plant on it's side and hack into sections; I usually do that with an old bow saw (old blade on said saw as well). The stems should be trimmed reasonably close to the base (six inches?) using loppers. New stems will grow in the spring. You can use the cut off stems to grow peas (5ft or under) or beans (6ft or over) up on your allotment. Take the pots with you that you plan on putting the bamboo into so you can cut the chunks to fit into the pots (you know it makes sense). Don't forget to check for hedgehogs in the middle of the clump before you start - it is a favoured hibernation spot of wee hoggies. "

Linda's Recipe

"I love reading through my old cookery books, some of which are so well used that they are in a sad way, with pages falling out and covers hanging by threads. I also enjoy watching the odd cookery programme on the telly. Not the hugely competitive Masterchefs, but the programmes where the chefs/cooks really love cooking food for their family and friends."

"Jamie Oliver's new series on channel 4, **'Keep Cooking and Carry On'** has been produced in a hurry in response to some food shortages to help us cook meals from our store cupboards and freezers at a time when we maybe can't get some ingredients."

"I particularly love Jamie's **Pea Pesto** and made it with a few substitutions. The original is featured in episode one, as one of three sauces cooked up in less than ten minutes, and the other sauces are equally quick and delicious. Jamie also shows you how to make fresh tagliatelle from flour and water in under five minutes if you've run out of dried pasta at home."

All five half hour episodes are on Chanel 4 catchup, and all the recipes are easy.

Pronto Pea Pesto for Two (double for four)

- 150 grams pasta (*I used spaghetti, Jamie used tagliatelle but use any pasta you fancy*)
- Large mug of frozen peas
- Half a garlic clove
- Some fresh basil if you have it
- Small handful cashew nuts, chopped small. (*Jamie used pine nuts which I had run out of. Any nuts are ok*)
- Parmesan, Pecorino, Cheddar or any hard cheese
- Olive oil (*any oil will be fine*)

Cook the pasta in plenty of boiling salted water.

When it's been cooking for about five or six minutes put a tablespoon or two of olive oil in a frying pan, over a medium heat, let it heat and add the half a clove of garlic, chopped small. Add the peas, cook for three minutes or so, then add the chopped nuts and torn basil if you have it. Stir around, then grate some cheese in. The pasta should be readyish now. Stir a ladleful of pasta cooking water into the pea mixture, and mash it up with a potato masher roughly. Add salt and pepper, then lift the spaghetti out of the saucepan into the frying pan (heat off) with some of the cooking water again. Stir to mix, and divide between two plates with a bit of olive oil sprinkled and more cheese grated over.

I hope you enjoy!

Keep safe, and stay well everyone.

Linda



HINXTON HELP PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

DID YOU KNOW THAT www.pharmacy2u.co.uk are an NHS approved prescription service who deliver to your door? If you have internet access we would encourage you to try this service which works with GP surgeries and sends your prescription through the post.

FOR THOSE WHO REQUIRE PRESCRIPTIONS FROM THE GP SURGERY, we have been working closely with local GP practices to help residents but also protect volunteers and pharmacy staff from unnecessary social interaction.

WE WILL OFFER TWO PICK UPS OF PRESCRIPTIONS PER WEEK (unless an emergency)

OUR PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION DAYS:

Sawston: TUESDAY AND FRIDAY FROM ICKLETON VILLAGE SHOP (please write ICKLETON VILLAGE SHOP on the bottom of the paper prescription slip, or select this option if doing online)

Crocus: TUESDAY AND FRIDAY FROM THE SURGERY

If you have a prescription please contact one of the volunteers on the numbers listed in Hinxton News and state when the prescription is ready and when you need it by.

If you are asked to collect a prescription on someone's behalf and are not part of the volunteer group, please contact one of us and we will add it to our next trip, to help minimise your risk.

HELP HINXTON VOLUNTEERS QUESTIONNAIRE

If you are over 70, on your own, self-isolating or vulnerable WE NEED YOUR HELP!

***We need to try and limit the number of trips in and out of the village
to reduce the spread of the virus***

We are really pleased that so many volunteers have come forward to help our community, in order to protect them as well as all of us we need to take a more coordinated approach to bringing things in and out of the village. Some of you may have fallen into the vulnerable category for a variety of reasons and need to stay within your homes. This of course brings many practical problems that we would like to try and address. We would be grateful if you could complete this questionnaire in order for us to compile an understanding of what help people need. Safeguarding and privacy is paramount to us and we would like to reassure you that your details will not be shared with anyone unless they are directly supporting you.

Please drop this completed questionnaire to

Sue Brown at 37 High Street Hinxton

or Emma Senior at The Hayloft 17 Mill Lane Hinxton

**If you would like an electronic copy to complete please email
susanj.brown@me.com**

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the questions relevant to you

Name(s) of people in the household:

What is your address?

Do you have an **email** address and or **phone number** that we can communicate with you on?

Do you have someone already named that is helping you with groceries? If you do please note their name(s)

Would you like someone to help you with groceries ?

Do you have a regular prescription that needs dropping and collecting? If you do please write down where your surgery is so we can help with this.

Do you need help to access your pension?..

Do you have online banking – if you don't, would you like help setting it up so you can buy products online?

Is there any other help you need that we have not listed ?

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE COLLECTED FROM YOU BY CONTACTING ONE OF THE HELPERS.
EVERYONE SHOULD PLEASE CHECK THEIR IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS.

Help is at hand!

We have a team of local volunteers ready to help you!

If you are isolated by coronavirus, we can help by **delivering urgent supplies, collecting medication, dog walking or a friendly phone call** to help you through this difficult time.

email hinxtonhelp@gmail.com

or phone, text or What's App one of these numbers

Rachel Baker	07855134670	Kristina Parkinson	07403460990
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Paul/Sarah Crocker	07470215615/07796303360	Sarah Varey	07710179550
Helena Friberg	07393403400	Jo Weston	07789008175
Kate Murcell	07957348805	Zoe Kirby	07956644254
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HINXTON GARDEN CENTRE -UPDATES

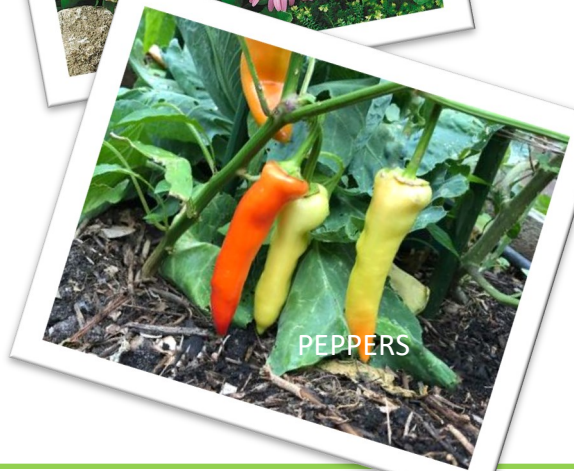
All the geraniums have sold out but there is a prospect of some fresh stock soon.

The asters and dahlias are coming on nicely and will soon feature on the stall when they are ready to go out along with a tray of yellow banana peppers

Sally the Gardener has a number of plants that need to be brought back from the College next to the Fitzwilliam Museum.

If you have a legitimate reason to travel there and would be willing to bring some back this could be arranged.

WE ARE DESPERATE FOR POTS AND TRAYS, CAN BE COLLECTED FROM FRONT GARDENS.



Easy genomics-themed activities for little ones

Are you looking for educational things to do with young children? Download this pack with our top six genomics-themed activities to keep the little ones entertained! Have a go at extracting DNA from a strawberry, Origami DNA, the sneeze challenge, and more. Download for free here: bit.ly/yg-homepack



**WELLCOME
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CAMPUS**

Diseases Detectives Zone: I'm A Scientist – Stay at Home

From 20 April to 20 July, students across the UK will be able to ask questions to, and chat online with a range of staff from across the Wellcome Genome Campus and find out more about how we study DNA to understand lots of different types of diseases. I'm a Scientist is an online, free to enter, STEM engagement activity for classes of school students. It provides a safe, moderated space for students to be inspired by science, which will help students stay connected with STEM and each other this summer.

If you are a teacher and would like your class to get involved: <https://bit.ly/DDzone>

New evidence-based website explaining the scientific facts behind COVID-19

To help explain the scientific facts behind the new coronavirus pandemic, Campus's EMBL-European Bioinformatics Institute has teamed up with UK Research & Innovation and research organisations from around the country to set up this new evidence-based website. 'Coronavirus: the science explained' lays out the evidence and the facts about the virus, the disease, the epidemic, and its control. Prepared by leading researchers and science writers, it features a series of short articles addressing questions of interest to individuals seeking information on the coronavirus outbreak, whether for personal or professional reasons.

Find out more: <https://coronavirusexplained.ukri.org/>

Whittlesford & Duxford Beavers, Cubs and Scouts



In March, **Wild Wood Beavers** (Wed, 6-8 yrs) did some crafts for Mothers' Day with recycled wrappers. **Forest Beavers** (Fri, 6-8 yrs) learned about emergency aid and went den building in Wandlebury. **Sirius Cubs** (Mon 8-10½ yrs) walked from worsted lodge to wandlebury in the rain whilst **Javelins Cubs** (Thurs 8-10½ yrs) had better luck with the weather and walked from Sawston to Babraham spotting constellations in the night sky. **Arrows Scouts** (Tues, 10½-14 yrs) worked made models at Warhammer and two teams entered the Monopoly challenge in London. **Hitch-hiker Explorers** (14-18 yrs Fri, 7.30-9.30pm) made some indoor catapults. Whilst face to face scouting is suspended, sections are coming up with inventive solutions for carrying on online. More to follow in future editions... If you would like to get involved, do get in touch via our website www.wanddscouts.org.uk or call Carmel on 07939 507805.



Hinxton Yoga has moved online!

FREE 30 min class every Friday morning at 9.30am (and available on Instagram Live for 24hrs if you can't make that time)

Everyone welcome!

Just follow @zoekirbynutrition on Instagram

Please contact Zoë on
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yoga@zoekirby.com

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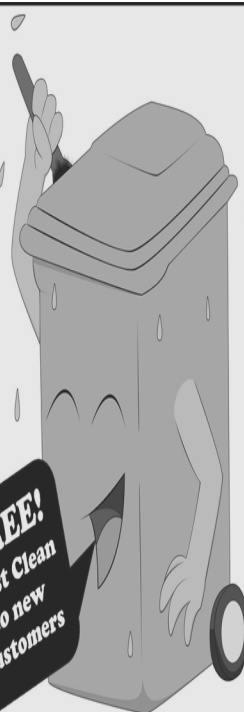
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Greetings to Hinxton Villagers

from all at The Red Lion Inn / Black Lion Provisions

I hope this Hinxton News finds you still well and in good spirits.

As you may have already found out, while we have been asked to close as a pub restaurant, we have temporarily morphed into a not-for-profit **Click and Collect** provisions service.

Thank you to all who have braved our first trials.

We are optimistic that the government support will keep our staff and business afloat until we are allowed to re-open. We are hugely grateful for this support and so those staff who are able to have kindly agreed to volunteer their services to help our community where we can.

The objective is to give something back locally. We hope to cover our costs and will be donating any surplus to **Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust**.

We are taking each week as it comes and adapting as best we can as advice and instruction gets released. Currently we are running a Click & Collect **Fish & Chip** night on Fridays and a Click & Collect limited provisions service on Saturday afternoons.

If you are interested in either of these or any other future services please email me at alex@redlionhinxton.co.uk and I will add you to the circulation list for order forms that I send out each week once I know what we can offer that week.

Keep safe

Alex, Nikol, Shane, Kris and the teams

01799 530 601 info@redlionhinxton.co.uk

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RED LION

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Coronavirus

We have done our best to follow best practice and advice with regard to minimising the risk:

- Only one chef in the kitchen
- Two members of staff out front, observing social distancing where possible
- None of us are suffering symptoms or are in households suffering symptoms
- We are all washing our hands frequently with soap and water
- We will not be wearing masks or gloves as these are not recommended for those not in a clinical setting.

Collection Procedure

- We have hopefully minimised queuing by taking pre-orders and allocating collection slots
- Payment by card on collection is easiest. We can take card details in advance if preferred.
- We will pass your order out to you through the pub restaurant French doors.
- We can load into the back of your car if you prefer.

Background to Provisions Service

Our first trial click & collect provisions at The Red Lion went very well. All the feedback is not in yet, so we will be learning as we go along for a while. It is not straight forward to offer this but I am very keen to make things like this happen where there is a need in the community that we can help with. There will inevitably be teething problems but hopefully we will be able to get it right enough, then please let me know how we can improve things. Sourcing provisions is tricky and can be expensive as they are delivered to our door. We have made up a starter list of what I can currently get hold of. Prices are cost plus a small mark up to hopefully cover costs.

These prices are sometimes far more than available elsewhere. Apologies for this, but we still offer to see what is in demand.

If you are able to deliver to someone who is interested but having to self-isolate, please do pick up for them.

IMPORTANT STUFF

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY INFORMATION YOU FEEL WILL BENEFIT US ALL

There is a local veg box based in Great Abington that is accepting new customers -
<https://wildco.co.uk/>delivers on Thursdays

NOTE FROM EDITOR— There does not appear to be a telephone order system. If you need help contact the HELP HINXTON team.

Fisher and Woods

We think they deliver bread and pastries on a Tuesday
but check on the Web site

<https://www.brownbreadonline.co.uk/cb>

Email. info@brownbreadonline.co.uk Tel. 01277 354396

An excellent *Plain English* science site has been
developed by EBI on the Genome Campus on behalf
of the UK Government -

<https://coronavirusexplained.ukri.org/en/>

The Village Hall Committee Due to the Coronavirus
emergency the Village Hall AGM, which was due to take
place on April 29th, has been postponed. It will be held as
soon as possible after restrictions on public gatherings are
lifted and notice will be given as usual in the Hinxtton News
and with a poster on the village hall door.

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