

# HINXTON NEWS

*Issue 398 March 2017*





## From the Editor

*Dear Readers,*

There are a few fresh ideas in this issue.

A new regular column on **p.6** by **Kate Riley** who will write a brief **FOCUS** on one of our many charities supported within the village. This will bring you any recent news and a reminder of who and how to contact them and where to donate again during the year.

The Wellcome Campus employs hundreds of local people who are not only scientists and technicians, but also work in other departments like the gardens or in maintenance. Many of them have interesting hobbies and skills. We will introduce some of these to you.

This time you can read about **John Barr the Piper** on **p.10**.

**Rosemary Breen** has launched her new career as our monthly gardening correspondent with her **“Rosemary’s Ramblings”** on **p.16**.

The inspirational idea **“Big, small & Wild”** seen in last month’s issue has started a healthy debate about the future vision for our village on **p.9** **More ideas need to be explored.**

**Hinxton News 400th edition coming up in May !  
Please read the request on p.7.**

As ever, March heralds the long awaited spring with lots of things to do in the house, the garden and the Village.

Our diary is packed with events and things to do. **Enjoy !**

*Mike & Mel*

Front Page

A composite picture of St Johns and St Marys Church , Hinxton

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# THE SPOTLIGHT

Iris Manison

With Theresa Sullivan

## ***Tell us about your early life***

I was born in Hinxton in 1939. My parents, though not born in the village, lived here for 50 years. I was one of four children and we lived in Red Lion Square backing onto Knights Close which was our playground but was also a place of refuge. My earliest memories were of Hinxton during the war and of retreating to the dug out for safety, in the dead of night carrying a candle to light the way. We could hear the planes taking off from Duxford. My mother would count them out and later count them back. At this time Hinxton Hall was requisitioned by the US army. At the end of the war I remember them parading in their tanks up the High St waving and throwing sweets to the children and nylons to the women. There were around 20 children at the village school and two teachers. It was a lovely school, except when the dentist came! We were all scared of him and extractions were the order of the day. Some winters were very severe. The snow on the main road to Sawston would be piled up at the roadside higher than the hedges. One year snow closed the A11. Many people were stranded but managed to make their way to Hinxton. Some spent the night with residents and others stayed in the Village Hall and in the morning villagers contributed what food they could to provide breakfast. For us children at such times, the big excitement was tobogganing in Knights Close. In the summer mother sent us off with a picnic and we played all day in the meadows. I learnt to swim in the mill pond when some of the older boys threw me in and somehow I managed to doggy paddle to the bank. One of our greatest treats was to be taken to the Tuesday live stock market at Saffron Walden.

## ***What did you do after leaving school?***

I left school at 15 and went to work at the Eastern Counties Leatherworks in Sawston making leather gloves and sheepskin mittens. When I was 16 I met my future husband Ron. He was an electrician and was working at Hinxton Hall which was then owned by Tubular Investments (TI). We were married in 1958 and lived with my parents for five months while we watched the council houses being built in Church Green. Finally one of them became ours. I've lived there ever since. My three daughters were born there and I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Our lives changed forever in 1973 when my husband had a sudden short illness and passed away at the young age of 37. Deborah was 13, Sharon 11 and Lorraine was only six. I remember Deborah saying "please don't put us in a home" and I said "I will

do my best to look after you" And I did. I learnt to drive and I got a job in the canteen at TI. But life was hard.

## ***What do you like to do in your leisure time?***

I like to knit and read. I've recently completed knitting 30 hats for the Seaman's Mission. Now I've started knitting hats and jumpers for newborn babies in a part of Africa where the poverty means the babies are otherwise wrapped in newspaper.

## ***Do you have a favourite plant in your garden and why?***

I like Lily of the Valley because it reminds me of my mother.

## ***Do you have a favourite piece of music?***

My favourite band is Status Quo and my favourite song is Rocking All Over the World. I like Country and Western music too.

## ***What historical figure do you most admire?***

My mother. She had a very difficult childhood but was a wonderful, hard working person. She taught me most of what I know.

## ***Who would be your ideal dinner guests?***

Prince Harry. Him and me, (Girl friend not invited).

## ***Do you like holidays? Where are your favourite places?***

I don't like going away now. But my favourite place is Scotland even though it rained every day the first time I went there.

## ***What do you most enjoy doing in your leisure time?***

Eating Indian food. At home, in a restaurant, anywhere.

## ***What do you feel have been your greatest achievements?***

I've three wonderful daughters and I brought them up on my own.

## ***Anything else you want to share?***

I have had some very memorable Big O Birthdays. For my 50th I went to the Albert Hall to hear Engelbert Humperdinck in concert. For my 60th, there was a surprise Sunday lunch BBQ at the Village hall. For my 70th I went on the London Eye, initially with some trepidation, but I loved it. Then we went to Harrods for afternoon tea.

## ***I can't wait to be surprised on my 80th!***



## Services in March

5th March

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) DUXFORD  
 10 am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School ICKLETON  
 6:30 pm Evensong (BCP) HINXTON

12th March

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) HINXTON  
 10 am Messy Church, Laceys Way CC NI/Team DUXFORD  
 10 am Parish Communion DUXFORD

19th March

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) ICKLETON  
 10 am Parish Communion HINXTON  
 6:30 pm Evening Prayer with Laying on of Hands DUXFORD

26th March

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) DUXFORD  
 10 am All-Age Service DUXFORD  
 Mothering Sunday service 10am

**The  
Children's  
Society**

**Collection for Children April 8th - 22nd**

Nationwide, last year's collection raised over £40,000. There is still a massive need for the Children's Society to work with children and young people who are being hurt and abused, providing a listening ear, a helping hand and a safe refuge.

Your generous support is greatly appreciated, as is the time given by the faithful band of collectors. If you would like to help with the collection, please contact me as soon as possible.

**Julie Baillie, Local Representative for the Children's Society. Tel. 01799 530684**

### CLEANING & FLOWER ROTA

March 2017

Please clean just before the Sunday listed. Church keys are available from Margaret Malcolm, Andrew Walker or Julie Baillie. If you are unable to help on 'your' date, please contact **Ros** on 532064. Thank you for your continued support.

For Sunday.....	Cleaning	Flowers
05 March	Margaret Malcolm & Julie Baillie	Lent - No flowers
12 March	Linda Russell & Virginia Walker	Lent - No flowers
19 March	Sue Elliott & Kate Riley	Lent - No flowers
26 March (Mothering Sunday)	Ros Smith & Deborah Harris	Lent - No flowers
02 April	Theresa Sullivan & Joan Roberts	Lent - No flowers



It gives us great pleasure to announce that the **Revd. Petra Shakeshaft** will be joining us in September. She will be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of the Parishes of Duxford, Hinxton, Ickleton, Whittlesford and Pampisford at a service at Ickleton Church at 7pm on

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

We plan to hold a welcome tea party at the Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> September, to which everyone in Hinxton will be invited, and Petra looks forward to meeting as many folk as possible at this event.

Our new young people's group for 9 -13 year olds has got off to a good start. Its name has not been finalised as yet, but for the moment it is called '**Youthinc**' which, when you stop and think about it, is a pretty impressive title. **Emma Perkins** is our part-time youth leader working in Granta Deanery and she has a wonderful rapport with the youngsters and is full of good ideas for both activities and discussions.

As Lent begins, some of us find ways of increasing our self discipline, maybe by giving up something we really enjoy – chocolate, alcohol, sugar in coffee or tea and so on. We also try to engage in a positive activity, to increase our commitment in some way. Church members will be collecting for Christian Aid, saving 20p pieces in Smartie tubes, or similar containers. These will be brought to church on Easter Day. Our faith and fellowship can be deepened by study and this year's Lent course is based on St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Meetings will be held at The Old Dairy, Hinxton on Thursday evenings at 7.45pm, or at Whittlesford URC on Mondays at 2.30pm. Full details can be obtained from Margaret Malcolm, tel 01799 531045.

There is so much happening in March, that the following list is just a brief reminder (some details are elsewhere in the Hinxton News). March 1<sup>st</sup>- Ash Wednesday service at 6.30pm. March 2<sup>nd</sup>- Lent Study Course 7.45pm at The Old Dairy. March 3<sup>rd</sup>- Women's World Day of Prayer service 2.30pm at Duxford United Reformed Church. March 4<sup>th</sup>- Granta Deanery Fair, 10-noon at Great Shelford Memorial Hall. March 11<sup>th</sup>- Peterhouse Choir Concert. March 24<sup>th</sup>- Bingo. March 26<sup>th</sup>- Mothering Sunday service at 10am.

One more date for your diary – the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45pm at the church.

If you wish to join the church Electoral Roll, please contact Ros Smith tel. 01799 532064.

The members of the Ministry Team thank you all for your patience, encouragement and support during the vacancy.

Julie Baillie, LLM.



**Women's World  
Day of Prayer**  
2.30pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Duxford United Reformed Church

**Julie Baillie 01799 530684**



# Peterhouse Choir 2017



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**MARCH 11th**

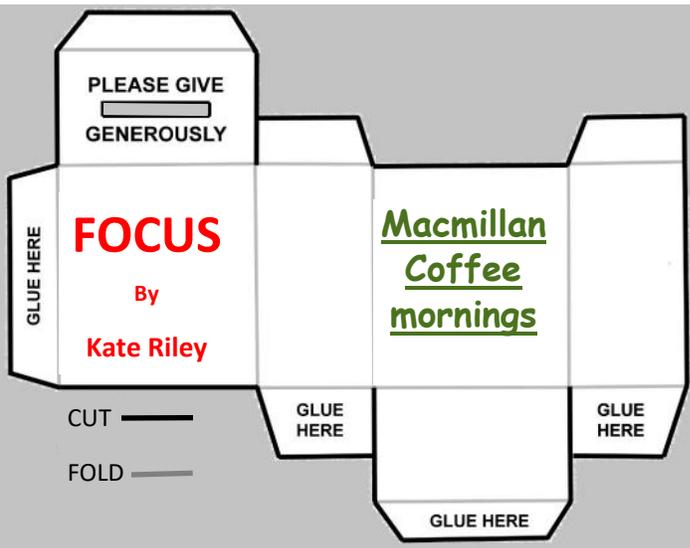
Once again we are privileged to host a visit by the Choir from Peterhouse who will perform an hour of beautiful choral music including excerpts from :-

*Allegri's ..Miserere mei, Deus*

*Lux Aurumque...Eric Whiteacre*  
*Sicut cervus ..Palestrina*  
*Walton's...The Litany*

Concert will be held in the Church starting promptly at 7:30pm.

Refreshments and Nibbles after the concert.



On September 23<sup>rd</sup> Rosemary and Paul Breen will hold another coffee morning at their home. This is part of the national effort to raise funds for the appeal. Most of us are affected in some way by cancer and there are so many ways to help.

Did you know that; **Macmillan's** goal is 'to reach and improve the lives of everyone living with cancer and to inspire millions of others to do the same'.

They offer a range of free courses, workshops and e-learning for people affected by cancer. This includes carers, family members, volunteers and community members.

**Macmillan** produces independent, expert, up-to-date information and brings the voice of people affected by cancer to Parliament. Take a look [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

**Macmillan** needs volunteers too; you could take a look at [volunteering@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@macmillan.org.uk)  
Or Tel. 0300 100 0200

There will be the usual warm welcome and cup of tea or coffee with raffles and gifts to buy. So please start planning to bring and buy in plenty for the day.

*"Thank you."*



## What was happening in 1984 ?

Prince William was wowing the mums and Madonna was hitting the charts. Success for Torvill & Dean but no Gold for Zola. Grim news covered the front pages with strikes and the police out in force.

We do know that Hinxton News had its No.1 edition, probably a Roneo-ed typewritten sheet handed from house to house. It would be fascinating to see an early copy, so **please** look through all those old papers you've kept at the bottom of the cupboard and find one we can print in commemoration.

*WE NEED ANYTHING 1984 TO CELEBRATE THE  
400TH EDITION IN MAY*



### Vintage & Craft Market

Whittlesford Memorial Hall  
Mill Lane CB22 4NE



**Sunday 5th March      Sunday 4th June**  
**Sunday 19th November**  
10am to 4pm  
£1 entry (Under 16's free)

Vintage homewares & kitchenalia • Curios & Collectables • Preloved, Upcycled & Shabby Chic Furniture • Jewellery & Accessories • Handmade crafts

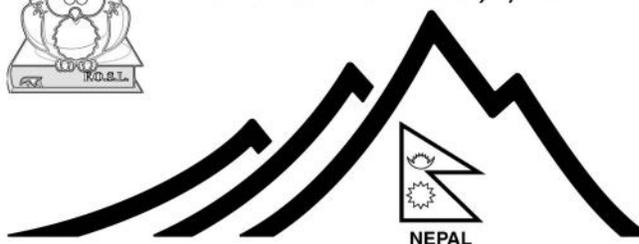
Refreshments supplied by Polka Dot Teashop

For further information please contact Maz Phillips  
Email: mazzab19@gmail.com ☎ 07595 547488  
www.authentiqueinteriors.co.uk

**Enquires from vintage traders and crafters welcomed**



Friends of Sawston Library present :-



Local Author , Jane Wilson-Howarth leads 2 readings on her latest novels about the Himalayas and Nepal .

**Tuesday 7 March at 7.00pm**

## "Snowfed Waters"

Entry cost : £1.00      Refreshments provided



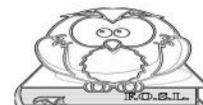
**Children's event : Saturday 18 March at 10.00am**

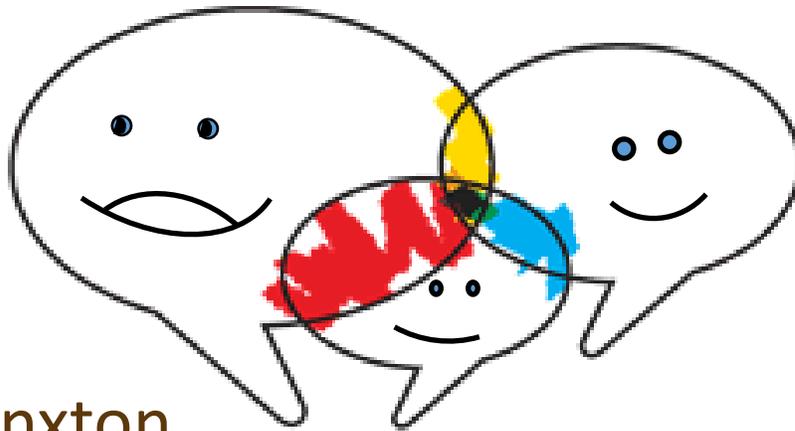
## "Himalayan Kidnap"

( 8-12 year olds )

**Children's activities # all ages # Cost: FREE**  
donations welcome # Refreshments provided

These events are both at  
**Sawston Library , New Road**





Hinxton

# COFFEE “MORNINGS”

Every second Wednesday of every month in the Village Hall  
8th March 10:00-12:00

The Hinxton Coffee Morning is great time for the whole community to come together to share coffee, cake and company.

Pop down to the hall and help us create a hub for all Hinxtonians to make connections, build new relationships, and just generally brighten each others lives once a month.

If you would like to donate some eats on the day, they will be eaten.

Contact Natalie Brown, 07990528963.



There are lifts available for any members of the community who need assistance.  
Children of all ages are encouraged to come too.

# BIG, SMALL AND *WILD* IDEAS FOR HINXTON AND ITS FUTURE



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More ideas to date:

- Riverside picnic area?
- Community orchard?
- Quiet lanes for walking, cycling and horse-riding?
- Effective public transport?
- What else??!!

Ideas & offers of help to Fiona  
(fmih100@gmail.com)  
or Hinxton Parish Council



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- Hinxton is under real pressure of development from external influences.
- How do we protect the qualities of Hinxton that we love?
- What can we do to enhance our parish?
- In essence, we need a 'wish list' of what WE want for our village, be that now, next year, or in ten or twenty years time

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The Limes,  
37 High Street,  
Hinxton,  
Saffron Walden,  
CB10 1QY.  
7/1/17

Dear Hinxton PCC,

I wanted to write and thank you for your support towards my fundraising work for 'Bumba Primary School' in Malawi. I was overwhelmed with the generosity from the village at the Carol singing and so pleased with the direct impact this money will make. I intend to put on a small gala up evening after I have been to the school, to share the experience.

Kindest regards,  
Sue Brown.

*Total*

**£499**

*Fantastic effort !*

INTERESTING PEOPLE WHO WORK ON THE WELLOME CAMPUS



Introducing John Barr .....

He has had a long and highly successful career with many pipe bands, including The Royal Air Force. And has achieved countless competition wins with England's top performing pipe bands.

John originally comes from Ayrshire and now lives locally near Saffron Walden.

Picture is of an Ayrshire coastal hamlet



*To all lovely Hinxtton residents.....*

We just wanted to send our massive snuffly thanks to everyone who looked out for us whilst our humans were away on holiday. Although they didn't expect it, we cunningly managed to escape and went on an adventure or two – we think we gave our human's Dad a bit of a fright when he couldn't find us when he came to feed us. A huge thanks to the bus driver who didn't run us over whilst we stopped in the middle of the road to wash our faces, to all who guided us back home and to everybody who let us gleefully hop in their gardens (we hope we didn't eat anything too precious).

*Lots of love from Erdös and Pyramus xx*





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

Thank you to those who joined us for the latest  
Village Night.

We have a stacked diary ahead – we hope  
some appeal.

**Mothering Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

11:45am until 8:30pm.  
Early booking vital.

**Dining in the Dark  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

At The Red Lion Hinxton this year  
the blind-folded tasting dinner raising funds for  
CamSight –  
always a sell out.

**Italian Six Course Tasting Menu  
Black Bull – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Inaugural Black Bull Jazz Nights** – no tickets  
required)  
- courtesy of our local James Marshall quartet  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May

*We look forward to welcoming you &  
your friends.*

*Alex, Nikol, Janice, Chris and the teams*

01799 530 601

[info@redlionhinxton.co.uk](mailto:info@redlionhinxton.co.uk)

**GARAGE NEEDED**

Hinxton resident would like  
to rent a dry garage to store  
an old cherished car.

Power required to trickle  
charge the battery. Will only  
use car occasionally in the  
summer.

Rent negotiable with garage  
owner. Call 07796305973.

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# 17th March 1780

Spare a thought today for a young woman called Elizabeth Butchill who, on 6th January 1780, gave birth to an illegitimate child. Elizabeth was born in Saffron Walden, Essex in 1758, making her twenty two years old. She lived with her Uncle William and Aunt Esther who had a job making beds for the students at Trinity College and she used her connections to secure the same employment for her niece. Unfortunately, whilst in employment at the College she became pregnant and carried her secret for nine months, unable to confide her shame to anyone. It must have been terrifying for her as the moment of birth drew near – the certainty that further concealment would be impossible. She dared not tell her aunt and uncle. Whether she had a plan or simply acted on the spur of the moment is not known. What is clear is that she went into labour on her own – her aunt heard her groaning in the early hours of the morning and on being informed that “it was colic” took her niece some peppermint tea and hot flannels to soothe her. Not perhaps the most observant of people she went off to work at six in the morning and at around half past six Elizabeth delivered herself of a baby girl. She would have known that her aunt would return from bed making duties at around ten. She held the baby for some twenty minutes, no doubt pondering the awful fate which life would have in store for them both if the child lived. In her desperate state she committed a terrible sacrifice – she hurled the baby down the necessary – the latrine – from where it floated down into the river and was discovered the following day, its skull fractured.

The Newgate Calendar takes up the story: “William Hall, hearing a child had been found, suspected the said Elizabeth Butchill, and sent for a surgeon to examine her.

In her voluntary confession, taken before the Mayor and Dr. Ewin, and read to the jury, she confessed that she was delivered of a female child on Thursday morning, about half past six o’clock, by herself; that the child cried some little time after its birth; and that, in about twenty minutes after, she herself threw the said infant down one of the holes of the necessary into the river, and buried the placenta, &c. in the dunghill near the house. The Coroners Inquest returned a verdict of wilful murder.”

The wheels of justice moved fast:

“On Wednesday morning she was tried before Judge Buller, when her voluntary confession being produced, and many corroborating circumstances appearing in evidence, the jury found her guilty, and the judge passed

sentence on her in a very pathetic and affecting manner. When the unhappy culprit, in extreme agony, solicited mercy, his lordship told her that, as she had been deaf to the cries of the innocent, and, stifling the strong ties of maternal affection, had been the murderer of her child, it was impossible for mercy to be extended to her in this world; he therefore exhorted her to seek for a sincere repentance, and sentenced her to be executed the succeeding Friday, and her body to be anatomized.”

The Newgate Calendar ends this sad tale by describing her execution with



the following words:

“Desiring her example might be a warning to all thoughtless young women, and calling on Jesus Christ for mercy, she was launched into eternity amidst thousands of commiserating spectators, who, though they abhorred the crime, shed tears of pity for the unhappy criminal. She was a decent plain young woman, about twenty-two years of age; and, before this unfortunate affair, bore a good character for her modest behaviour.”

Her execution took place on 17 March 1780 at Cambridge. Spare a thought for the poor tormented “thoughtless” young Essex girl, who 237 years ago paid a heavy price for the prejudices of 18th Century society, and for the blindness of Justice.

Granta Deanery

# Spring Fair



*We must go to this!*

**Saturday 4th March**

10.00-12.00 noon

**Great Shelford Memorial Hall**

*Cakes Produce White Elephant Toys Jigsaws*

China Glass Card & Craft Gifts Tombola

Raffle Refreshments Wide Range of Books

**Entrance: Adults 50p Children Free**

**Supporting the Churches' work for  
village communities in South Cambridgeshire**

# Bacon Brunch Sunday 19th March 10-12 pm.

## Bacon sandwiches with unlimited tea or coffee

### Hinxton Village Hall.



## Hinxton Watermill needs your help to spruce up for the early open day

If you still have energy left after helping at the Village Spring Clean on April 1, please head down to the mill with your rubber gloves, buckets and brooms.

Cambridge Past Present and Future has agreed to a group booking on April 2, when

**Martin Fordham** will be demonstrating how the mill works a month before the usual open season starts.

The whole interior will need a serious clean as the winter and passing wildlife can have quite an impact on a building which has a river running through it. *(For the same reason this is not a suitable community project for children.)*

The usual mill volunteers will be working from 10am and we will be very grateful if you can join us, even if it's only for half an hour.

*To keep up energy levels, mugs of steaming tea, coffee or hot chocolate and posh biscuits will be served.*



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### Ickleton Social Club



#### Quiz dates 2017

25 March

6 May

1 July

2 September

14 October

18 November

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Start Time 8pm

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Non Members very welcome

Shirley Gregory

01799 530234

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Hinxton Walkers were at last able to do the promised walk around Barkway which Margaret had organised.

It had first been scheduled for December and then January, but on both occasions the weather was against us and the walks had to be cancelled. However, Friday February 3rd finally broke the mould and turned out to be a glorious day - ideal weather for a winter walk. There were six of us this time, and it was good to welcome Graham Fagg who joined the group.



We began with a peek into Barkway church and admired the unusual roof and the impressive hatchments; then across the fields to the little village of Reed, before returning via a different route and crossing the B1368. We carried on to the east of Barkway towards the hamlet of Nuthamstead before returning to the cars. A total of 5.2 miles precisely!

*A very welcome lunch at the Tally Ho pub rounded off the occasion.  
The next walk which Paul will be organising will be on Friday March 3rd.*



## ROSEMARY'S RAMBLINGS

Although I have enjoyed gardening for many years I still find I need a nudge to remind me of current jobs, so I thought I would share my thoughts with you in the hope it may be useful. Please email me with any tips or hints that you think may be of benefit to other Hinxtonians.

I find March a cheerful month with the crocus, daffodils and early tulips playing a big part. March is also a busy month as the garden and the slugs wake up! The grass is growing again so it is a good time to reseed bare patches, also to scarify using a spring-tined rake. A significant benefit will be seen later in the year if you can spread a mulch of about 3" over the beds while the soil is wet. Ensure that the mulch is not in contact with the stems of shrubs and climbers. This will deter weeds and improve the soil condition.

Roses can be pruned now also any other leafless shrubs that need pruning whilst dormant, this includes plants such as buddleia, hardy fuchsias and ceanothus. Really get the secateurs going as you can't do much harm and you may do a great deal of good. Always apply a general fertiliser after pruning.

If you are fortunate enough to have a greenhouse now is a good time to give the glass a spring clean in preparation for sowing some seeds of summer bedding and vegetables.

A couple of other things, to keep strength in daffodil bulbs, dead head as soon as they are finished flowering and please don't forget to feed the birds and if possible leave some nesting materials out for them. Hair and fluff are particularly helpful if left on branches.

Rosemary Breen [rosemaryjbreen@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryjbreen@gmail.com)

## County Council Report to Hinxton Parish Council

January 2017

### From Councillor Peter Topping

**County wide** ....This week sees the start of work on the Ely bypass. *Why does this matter to us?* It is the sort of big infrastructure work that will help move people round the county more easily. Under the Cambridgeshire Devolution proposals, I am seeking improvements to the A505 included in our Devolution II bid to central government in 2017.

I attended the Health Committee where we were looking at the Sustainability & Transformation Plan being put together by the health commissioning group. Savings of between 10-12% need to be achieved over the next five years, and the committee's role is to scrutinize this work on behalf of residents who access health services. The Chief Executive of Addenbrookes attended and we asked him about how the hospital is improving since being put in special measures 18 months ago.

The Full County Council meeting in December agreed to reverse the decision to reduce gritting routes. This was universally welcomed. The original gritting cuts were part of a package of measures to save money, and avoid putting up the county precept. But clearly the gritting work is a key frontline service.

The County Council must spend a lot of money on adult social care. In the next budget in February, there will be difficult choices between putting up the precept to pay for adult social care, or cutting back on other services to keep the increase as low as possible. There is a survey of Adult Carers being carried out by the county to better understand what support those people need in their role.

**Devolution update** ....I am leading the work to accelerate building affordable houses across the county, especially in South Cambs. These are on sites that already have been assigned, so this isn't about building on new land. We are also trying to find ways of encouraging self-build houses.

**City Deal** ....the City Deal has been urged to consider introducing a congestion charge on people driving into Cambridge at peak times. I oppose this because I see it as an unfair tax on residents of South Cambridgeshire whose work takes them into the City. The public transport systems need to be improved first before this could be considered

**Closer to home** .... I had a meeting with the county council officers to review how the ford is being managed. I think that the council is now much more responsive in terms of re-opening the ford after flooding. There is an issue with the build-up of moss at the ford which makes the surface slippery for vehicles. The water cannot be contaminated with cleaning agents so one possibility is to clean the surface manually in the summer when the water levels are low.

**The Whittlesford Neighbourhood Plan Group** is holding a drop-in event on WEDS 18 JAN at the Red Lion at Whittlesford Station for businesses and residents. The district council is running an event on how to write a NP after all the views and evidence have been gathered in.

I had a meeting with Uttlesford District Council re the proposals for a settlement at Chesterford and I will update the parish council on this at the meeting.

**The Babraham Institute** cyclepath secured by the county council through the grounds of the institute with their co-operation and agreement will be formally opened at the end of the month by a celebratory ride followed by tea.

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## HINXTON COUNCILLOR VACANCY

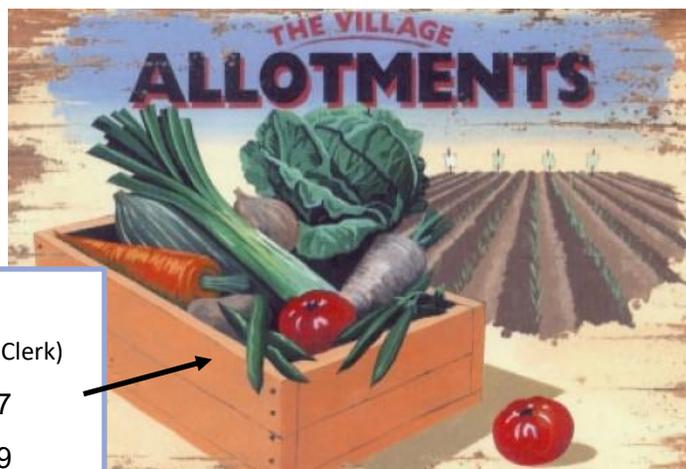


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something of a perfect storm in the funding environment. The Government is now consulting on new national funding formula proposals and your contribution is really important.

I have concerns, shared by all our schools, that the proposed formula is still not quite right, so please do join me in feeding this in. For information on the changes we need, please contact my office and to submit to the consultation before the closing date of 22nd March 2017, please go to <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>.

I'm committed to supporting initiatives that improve mental health within our communities, particularly for our youngsters. Over the past year, I've been following the progress of an innovative partnership developed with the Melbourn schools cluster and an organisation called Allyance. This scheme works on early intervention strategies to support young people with mental health issues in their own school environment. The project has been so successful that Cambridgeshire County Council have approved an extension to their funding for the next year. Furthermore, I hope Allyance will be asked to roll out their initiative all across the county.

I was delighted to celebrate Addenbrooke's great achievement of gaining an overall rating of 'Good' in their recent CQC report. This is a phenomenal turnaround for the hospital and is testament to the dedication and commitment of their outstanding staff. I visited with the Minister, the Rt Hon Phillip Dunne and witnessed just how far the team have come in under two years. We never stopped being proud of you for one moment, and were never in doubt that the quality of care and service was anything other than world class. I'm glad the CQC can now see this too!

The cold winter days have been considerably brightened this month by visits to some of my fantastic primary schools. I'd like to thank Barton C of E Primary School in particular, for inviting me to sample some mud delicacies made in their own playground mud kitchens! Barton are looking for a local sponsor to help them achieve their goal of 20 laptops for the children to use. If you know of anyone, perhaps a local business, or would yourself be interested in helping this fabulous little school get connected, please contact the Head Teacher, Clare Coulson on 01223 262474.

Turning to roads, Highways England will shortly be publishing their plans for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet upgrade. The Consultation opens in March. Work on this stretch of road is vital in supporting our growth and making our roads safer and more efficient. When it's launched, I'll include a link to it on my infrastructure page which can be found here - <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/a428-black-cat-caxton-gibbet>. Please contribute if this issue affects you.

I was pleased to go back to Guilden Morden Primary School with the East of England Regional Schools Commissioner, Dr Tim Coulson to see progress since they academised on 1st November. The school looks and feels absolutely fantastic and I would like to offer my thanks to the parents, governors and staff who have worked so hard. I was also fortunate to view their brand new Pre-Schools' facility, which offers care to under 5's in a modern, well-equipped setting. They still have a few spaces available, though I expect them to fill fast. Contact [office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk) for further information.

Thanks to those of you who took the time to contribute to my public transport feedback request. I received almost 100 responses. I'll now be taking your opinions and evidence to key stakeholders, including the bus and train operators. There is no quick fix to our rural transportation issues but I intend to push for innovation and joined up thinking that can benefit South Cambridgeshire as part of the City Deal and Devolution package. Please keep an eye on my website for details.

Our schools are our future and we need to invest in them. I continue to raise the issue of fairer funding in the House of Commons and directly with the Education Secretary, Justine Greening. Cambridgeshire has been historically under-funded and is now experiencing unprecedented growth, which makes for

As always, if you have anything you'd like to share with me, you can find details of my upcoming surgeries here - [www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries](https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries) I'll be in Swavesey in March and Cambourne in April. Or call 01954 212707 or email me at [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk)



# YOGA

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## HINXTON VILLAGE HALL HIRE RATES

Current rates are as follows for residents

*(non residents in brackets)*

Per session (9am - 1pm) (1pm - 5pm) (5pm - 11.30pm) or 10.30pm on Sunday **£30 (£45)**

Saturday evening **£60 (£85)**

Short meetings **£12** (use of hall only)

Discounts may be available for block bookings and charitable events.

For these and details of business-use rates

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## LEVEL UP HUMAN

Thursday 16 March, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre

How would you improve humans? Wouldn't it be great to zoom in with your eyes, change colour at will or type with your feet? Join host Simon Watt, comedian Samantha Baines, and Wellcome Genome Campus researchers for Level Up Human, an optimistic podcast with ambition for the human race. We'll consider pitches from experts, the studio audience and Mother Nature herself in pursuit of good ideas for our descendants. Part of the Cambridge Science Festival 2017.

**Price:** free entry (Booking required: <http://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/events/level-human>) **Age:** 15+

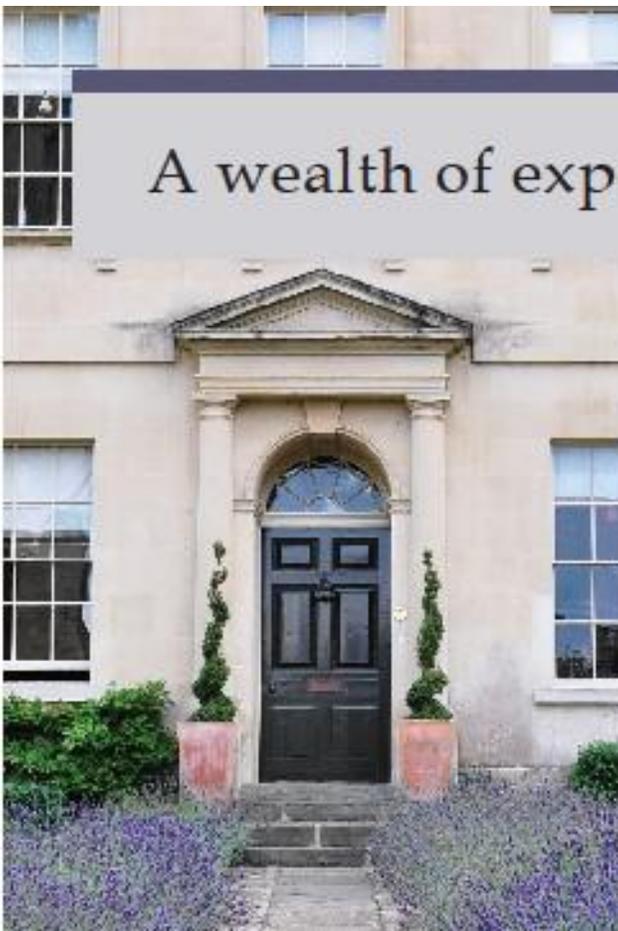
## LETTER BY LETTER: SEQUENCING GENOMES

Saturday 18 March, 12-2.30pm

Wellcome Genome Campus Cultural Zone, Conference Centre

Join us at the Wellcome Genome Campus Cultural Zone (in the Conference Centre) for a range of activities throughout the afternoon; from curator talks, to hands-on DNA-themed activities and a tour of the Campus. 'Letter by Letter: sequencing genomes', uses objects drawn from the Wellcome Genome Campus collection to chart the development of how DNA has been sequenced. From Fred Sanger's breakthrough in the 1970s, and the ambitious Human Genome Project of the 1990s, to the high-throughput methods of today, which is enabling new scales of research.

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# BINGO for VEGETABLES

*24th March 7:30 Village Hall*

**\*\*\*\*GUEST NIGHT\*\*\*\***

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<http://www.smithsonhill.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/170202-A-Park-For-AgriTech-On-Land-At-Hinxton-EIA-Scoping-Report.pdf>

Not a quick read - they are putting a lot of money into this

## Notable 2017 CALENDAR DATES

March 3rd	Hinxton Walkers 09:30 Village Hall
4th	Deanery Fair
8th	Coffee Morning Village Hall
11th	Peterhouse Choir Concert
19th	Bacon Brunch
24th	BINGO SPECIAL NIGHT
<b>MAY IS HINXTON NEWS'S 400TH EDITION</b>	
April 1st	Village Clean Up <i>with bonus Mill clean too</i>
8th-22nd	CHILDRENS SOCIETY COLLECTION
	Hinxton Village Hall AGM 7:30 pm
24th	Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Church
May 6th	Mill Clean up
14th	Hinxton Watermill Opens
15th	Friends of Hinxton Church AGM
new date ??	Bingo for Vegetables
June 10th	Village Fete
July 2nd	London Bridges Walk
14th	Garden Evening
August 28th	?? BANK HOLIDAY VILLAGE TREAT ??
September	Ride Drive & Stride
11th/12th	Hinxton Art Show
23rd	McMillan Coffee Morning
October 1st	Hinxton Watermill Open for the last time
6th	Bingo for Vegetables
November	Festival of Remembrance
December 8th	Bingo for Vegetables

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Sunday 2nd July 2017

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# DIARY OF HINXTON EVENTS ~ March 2017

1st	Wednesday	
2nd	Thursday	
3rd	Friday	Women's World Day of Prayer Hinxtion Walkers
4th	Saturday	Deanery Fair p.8
5th	Sunday	
6th	Monday	
7th	Tuesday	
8th	Wednesday	COFFEE MORNING VILLAGE HALL 10:00
9th	Thursday	
10th	Friday	
11th	Saturday	Peterhouse Choir Concert
12th	Sunday	
13th	Monday	
14th	Tuesday	
15th	Wednesday	
16th	Thursday	
17th	Friday	
18th	Saturday	
19th	Sunday	Bacon Brunch
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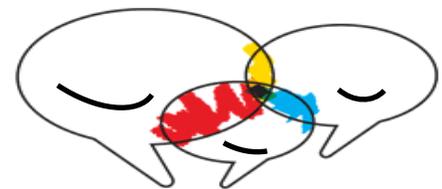


Meet Village Hall at 09:30 on the first Friday of the month



**Bacon Brunch Sunday 19th March  
10:00 -12:00  
Bacon sandwiches and  
unlimited tea or coffee.  
Hinxtion Village Hall.**

Every 2nd Wednesday in the Village Hall



**COFFEE  
"MORNINGS"**

BINGO for VEGETABLES  
24th March is  
"Bring a Guest Night"