

HINXTON NEWS

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Dear Readers,

On the next page you can read a brave account of how Petra and her family has coped with the horrendous incident that she and her daughter endured when two men broke into their home in Duxford. They have been identified and are now in custody awaiting trial. There is little defence against this kind of evil if you conduct an open and generous attitude to friends and strangers alike and thankfully, robberies like this are extremely rare but we should now all be just a little extra careful and keep an eye on complete strangers walking through our streets. Is it time to formalise a reporting chain?



The **Tudor Feast** embodied everything good about this marvellous village. Great efforts were made to make costumes and decorate the setting with tents and banners. The feast was all home cooked by local ladies and served by an array of gorgeous wenches. The continuous music played by the **Walden Buskers** was most enjoyable and provided the perfect background

during the meal. We even had a grand entrance by the **King David**. Everyone who came enjoyed this occasion and as ever our thanks go to the **Lady Ros** for her efforts to bring it all together and to **Joan** for the amazing costumes. The rest of the team can be seen on a great set of photos taken by **Phil Lowndes** which can be viewed on the Hinxton Parish Council website.

The following weekend we were treated to a **Mystery Coach Trip** around the district winding our way down the narrow lanes and finally ending up in Barrington for lunch. This was provided as a prize at the fete by **Tim Phillips** who actually drove the bus. The huge panoramic windows gave us an unusual scenic view well above car roof height. Tim has offered to take us again to a destination of our choice. Look out for a new invitation.

Since our friend Willy Brown passed away the Parish Council has made a determined effort to attract new members. This has been quite successful attracting several contenders who will soon be active. The Council meeting on the 30th will introduce the new faces

We wish them well and hope they bring new perspectives and build on the solid work of the last couple of years.

Mike

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A message from Petra

Dear friends,

Thank you all so much for the love and support you have expressed to us over the last ten days. We have been overwhelmed with love and kindness, not to mention meals, flowers, chocolate and wine and baskets of vegetables grown in gardens and allotments. It feels as though we are floating on a sea of love and prayer. It's hard to believe that the place where a few days earlier, eighty or more of us spent a lovely afternoon eating cake, drinking tea and chatting with neighbours and friends, could be a place of such extreme violation. We have always kept a policy of open house; I like to think we are hospitable people and part of living in the Rectory is about people coming and going and about the welcome they receive. The police have now alarmed the house all over; we have devices on windows and doors and GPS alarms and panic buttons all linked straight to the police station. There is something I dislike about this on the one hand, but see how necessary it is on the other. We need to feel safe in our home.

Our daughter has not yet been able to face coming home and is staying with friends, so we are living between two places. They are wonderful people and I am so grateful to them for their kindness and gift of security for her, but it is heart breaking to come home without her each evening. That we know the perpetrators are safely locked away is of some comfort, but still it has taken something precious away – something far more precious than the few bits of metal they managed to get into their pockets.

The police have been wonderful, but the very nature of crime detection is that everything has to be done so quickly and once the criminals are arrested that time frame becomes even tighter. I lost count of the hours of waiting in rooms in the police station and how many times I told the story over and over again.

There have been many moments over these days when I have felt immensely proud of my daughter. What she went through was unthinkable, but she was able to do all that was asked of her afterwards and make a significant contribution to tracing the two men. However, a couple of nights ago she said, "You know, in a way I feel quite sorry for them." She had recognised that not only must they have such awful lives, in and out of prison, always looking over their shoulder, living on the proceeds of the bits and pieces they manage to steal and having no concept whatsoever of the emotional damage they do. What kind of childhood must they have had? Utterly dysfunctional with none of the support and privilege that she and her friends have had.

In that moment I felt so proud of her, because she was right. It doesn't excuse or negate what they have done to her, but it's the beginning of a transformation. It's where

goodness and compassion and generosity break in like a chink of light in the darkness.

Our lives have been turned upside down and the future feels very uncertain at the moment. But we are blessed to be so surrounded by love and prayer and the knowledge that there is no darkness the love of God cannot make light. There is nothing that God's creative power cannot heal.

In the words of Julian of Norwich:

He did not say 'you shall not be tempest-tossed, you shall not be weary, you shall not be discomforted,' but he said, 'You shall not be overcome.'

And all shall be well, and all shall be well. All manner of thing shall be well.

I am on compassionate leave for the time being, so that I can focus on supporting my daughter and recovering from this ordeal.

SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Tuesday 1st	10.30 am Coffee morning	Ickleton
Sunday 6th	16th Sunday after Trinity	
8am	BCP Holy Communion	Duxford
10am	Parish Communion	Ickleton
6.30pm	BCP Evensong	Hinxton
Sunday 13th	17th Sunday after Trinity	
11am	Harvest Festival at St John's followed by Bring and share lunch	Duxford
5pm	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Supper	Hinxton
Tuesday 15th 10.30am Coffee Morning Ickleton		
Saturday 19th Jumble Sale Ickleton		
Sunday 20th	18th Sunday after Trinity	
8am	BCP Communion	Ickleton
10am	Parish Communion with Al2gether	Hinxton
5pm	Taize Service	Ickleton
Sunday 27th	Last Sunday after Trinity	
8am	BCP Communion	Hinxton
10am	Parish Communion Al2gether	Duxford
6.30pm	Evensong	Ickleton



Thanks to Tim Philips for taking us out for a spin in the countryside



Fergie the Fox says:

"I really enjoyed this and wondered if we should try it again sometime.

A daytrip for 25 of us would be less than £20 each"

Duxford Mums Coffee Morning

We are a friendly group of local Mums who meet up with our babies and toddlers every Friday during term time from 10-12pm.

We take turns to host in our own homes, but there is no obligation to host or bring anything. If you would like to meet more local Mums or just find out more please email Suzy at suzytauz@gmail.com.

We look forward to meeting you!

I still have two Tupperware containers, a wooden cheeseboard and a rectangular silver tray left from the Garden Evening in July. Please could the owner/s claim them? Otherwise they will go the Charity shop by the end of October.

*Thank you! Virginia Walker
01799 530360*

virginiamwalker@btinternet.com

FIREWORKS and BONFIRE NIGHT

1st Whittlesford and Duxford Scout Group

Saturday 2nd November. Follow the signs from Hinxton Road, Duxford.

Spectacular, professional display by White Lightning Pyrotechnics. Huge bonfire, BBQ, cakes, hot drinks, mulled wine & glow necklaces.

Gates open from 5 pm, fireworks at 6.30pm.

Tickets from Ickleton, Whittlesford, Thriplow and Duxford shops from 15th October (parking free).

Michela 1st Whittlesford and Duxford Scouts



Hinxtion Walkers' group outside the Old Red Lion in Horseheath, following an enjoyable 5 mile circuit in gently rolling countryside amongst wheatfields and woodlands, including the delightful village of West Wickham,.

Congratulations to Kate, after her recent hip replacement, for having bravely completed the entire circuit!



Andrew and I participated in the Ride and Stride Day in aid of the **Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust** on Saturday 14th September. It was a beautiful, warm and sunny day and we set off from Hinxtion church at 10.30 am and returned home just before 5 pm. We covered 22 miles and visited 18 churches in all. Some churches remained locked, others were open but with no welcoming refreshments, but some put on a spectacular show of hospitality with goodies to eat and drink and a warm personal welcome. Sadly, this occasion has declined in popularity and each year there are fewer participants. However, through the stunning generosity of our friends and neighbours in Hinxtion, we raised a total of **£130**. A sincere thank you to you all! Half of this will go to the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and half will be returned to Hinxtion Church to help with maintenance and repair costs. I would like to add that, through the efforts of Ros Smith, Hinxtion Church had someone to greet cyclists all day long, and 14 visitors were recorded.

Andrew and Virginia Walker

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

The Society, covering local villages including the Chesterfords, Ickleton & Hinxtion, organises meetings, talks, outings and events for people interested in gardens & gardening.

New members (including novice gardeners) and visitors are always welcome....from anywhere in the locality!

RECENT MEETINGS

Exhibitors met on Wednesday 4th September for the Pre Show Social Meeting - an opportunity to socialise with other members and to register exhibits for the forthcoming show. Members viewed illustrations of previous years' successful Shows, and were advised of the best way to prepare and display produce.

More than 80 classes of colourful exhibits were on display at the Great Chesterford & District Gardening Society 25th Flower & Produce Show on Saturday 7th September, proving that the achievement of impressive produce is possible, in spite of this year's high temperatures.

During the afternoon there were several Workshops - 'Floral Art Workshop for Children'; and 'Identification of Apples & Pears' and also a wide variety of healthy plants for sale. These all proved very popular, as did 'Afternoon Tea' - a chance to catch up with friends & neighbours whilst enjoying a slice of home-made cake. The afternoon concluded with the Raffle - generously supported by local businesses - and presentation of Awards and Trophies. The award of a Bouquet of Golden Roses (in memory of Cynthia Rule) for the Committee Choice of Best in Show was won by Ann Tozer. Kathy Warren Wilson scooped up several awards, including the Premier award for the most points in Show, and the Club Trophy for the most entries in the show.

FORTHCOMING MEETING

Wednesday 2nd October 2019

SUNFLOWERS IN ART AND CULTURE

Dr. Twigs Way - this entertaining researcher into historic gardens and designed landscapes often explores the quirkier aspects of garden history

Competition Subject: *A piece of fruit*



TUDOR FEAST

EVERYONE I spoke to yesterday had a fantastic time and the feast was a triumph!



We enjoyed it immensely!
What a lovely day!
Peter

What a spread! Busy serving wenches going flat out!

£772

raised

At the Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre:

TALK - The genetic testing maze: who is there to support you?

Wed 2 Oct, 7-8.30pm

Info and tickets: bit.ly/genetic-testing-maze

TALK - Improving plants: achieving food sustainability in a changing environment

Wed 16 Oct, 7-8.30pm

Info and tickets: bit.ly/improving-plants-talk

NEW EXHIBITION - Empowering People: Genetic Counselling in Focus

Sat 19 Oct, 1-4pm

What is genetic counselling, what does a genetic counsellor do, and who gets to see one? The latest exhibition at the Wellcome Genome Campus explores the vital but often little-known work of genetic counsellors. Discover how they work with patients, supporting them to make sense of information about genetic

tests and diagnoses that is meaningful for them and their families.

Tickets: <https://open-saturdays.eventbrite.co.uk/>

TALK - My microbiome and me

Wed 23 Oct, 7-8.30pm

Info and tickets: bit.ly/microbiome-and-me

TALK - Rewriting human evolution

Wed 30 Oct, 7-8.30pm

Info and tickets: bit.ly/rewriting-human-evol

In Cambridge:

Café Sci Cambridge: The Ethics of Medical Data Sharing

Wed 16 Oct, 7-8.30pm

Espresso Library, 210 East Road, Cambridge, CB1 1BG

More info: www.cafescicambridge.org

FREE FIREWORK DISPLAY AT THE WELLCOME GENOME CAMPUS!

The Genome Campus Sports and Social Club are holding their annual Fireworks display at the Wellcome Genome Campus on Friday 1st November at 7pm. As always, residents of the surrounding villages are very welcome to attend. The show will again be fired from the cricket pitch, with spectators asked to congregate on the grass area on the opposite side of the lake, between the Sulston Building and the Conference Centre.

To minimise the need for vast numbers of people to negotiate the site, catering for the event will be on the main lawn – There will also be a van offering a large variety of sweet and savoury crepes, a van selling pulled meat rolls, pizza van, a van selling vegetarian food and hot drinks, cookies and marshmallows will be available to purchase from our Conference Centre. Food will be available from 5.30pm until the fireworks begin at approximately 7.00pm.

There are parking spaces available for those who need to drive. If you are going to attend, please make sure that you get there in plenty of time – due to the safety measures that have to be in place for this event, access to the cricket pitch area of the grounds will be strictly forbidden. Access to the grounds over the Wetlands Nature reserve and through the large gates to Hinxton will be available.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact either:

Heather Bevan-Hunt on 01223 499936, email hbh@sanger.ac.uk or GCSSC – gcssc@wellcomegenomecampus.org

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

The tradition of village signs is believed to have started around 100 years ago on the Sandringham Estate in Norfolk. The idea has spread and is particularly popular in the Hundred Parishes. Around two-thirds of the parishes have a welcoming sign that usually tells us something about the place and its history. The installation of a village sign has often been prompted by a significant event or anniversary. The Queen's Silver Jubilee inspired the erection of Stansted Mountfitchet's knight signs at either end of the village in 1977. The arrival of the new millennium (was it really 20 years ago?) saw a rush of signs, followed by the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002. The 800th anniversary of Magna Carta inspired the installation in

Little Dunmow in 2015.

Signs are generally made from wood or steel and their designs often show great imagination and artistic skill to depict aspects of life or history that are important to that parish. Several include a plane, recognising the part played by their local airfield in the Second World War.

Some parishes have more than one sign: for example, Much Hadham has its own plus others in the hamlets of Perry Green and Green Tye. Some signs, such as Finchingfield, have different images on front and back. Most are at the entrance to the village or in a prominent place, whilst a few are somewhat off the beaten track, for example in Broxted and Thaxted.

I would be interested to hear of any signs older than those in Stansted Mountfitchet or newer than the one erected in Albury in May 2019. I would also like to hear if any have been listed.

If you are a photographer or artist, there is much scope for trying to 'capture' these charming works of art.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



Children's Christmas Party

December 15th

10:45-12:45

with



All ages of children in the Village
will be catered for.

Please RSVP to Kristina Parkinson

01799 530771

kristina.parkinson@gmail.com

*This is a free event thanks to the Anne Howsden Trust who have kindly donated money

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Bacon Brunch
and
Village Apple Day
October 13

Bacon brunch **10-12am**
Pressing and juicing **10-4pm**

Do you have apples or pears going to waste each year and ending up in your green bin or on the compost heap ?

This year it can be a different story...come along to the Village Hall on October 13th and as well as being able to enjoy a tasty bacon brunch you can bring your 'unwanted' fruit to press.

We will have a mill and press free to use, so that you can turn your apples and pears into delicious juice. Help and guidance will be 'on hand'!

All you need to do is bring your apples and pears, along with bottles in which to take your freshly pressed juice home again. You will need to make sure any bottle is thoroughly cleaned.

As a rough guide - 2kg of apples will make about 1 litre of juice.

Fresh juice will keep for about 5 days in the fridge or you can freeze it if you use plastic bottles with screw tops. If you have a lot of apples perhaps you might want to think about making cider- if so let us know in advance. Call Colin 07710 842795

Well, nobody can accuse politics these days of being boring! The events of the past month have certainly tested our parliamentary democracy to the full.

As a result of the fast-moving national situation, I spent the month of August holding pop-up surgeries at various locations in and around the constituency. I am enormously grateful to the café owners, publicans, supermarkets and my team for facilitating these. It is always so important for me to hear the opinions of my constituents and gauge and idea of what the feeling is on the ground. So, in an effort to hear from all of you,



in alphabetical order, thank you to the constituents of Bar Hill, Bourn, Cambourne, Dry Drayton, Fowlemere, Gamlingay, Girton, Grantchester, Great Eversden, Guilden Morden, Queen Edith's, Sawston, Shelford, Shepreth and Swavesey who turned out in droves to express their opinions and share their concerns.

If I haven't visited your patch yet, please keep an eye on my website as I'll be holding more meetings shortly.

It is my responsibility to represent these concerns on the national stage and consequently, I have been working extremely hard to ensure that our parliamentary process is upheld and that my constituents are placed front and centre of any future decisions that impact the United Kingdom. By the time you read this, events will have moved on again but please keep talking to me to express your opinions and ideas as we navigate uncharted territory.

Roads were a focus this month for me, as I attended the Duxford Road Safety Day, arranged by one of the families in my constituency whose lives have been devastated by dangerous driving. Since becoming aware

of the laws surrounding dangerous driving, I have worked with several families in the constituency (for over two years) to try to get the law changed; meeting with the then Secretary of State, Rory Stewart to ask when the legislation to make the law tougher would be brought forward. In spite of consulting on this and preparing a response which toughens up dangerous driving punishments, the government have not yet brought this before the House. We urgently need to ensure that this law is changed, so that more lives are saved. I will continue to push for action on this important reform issue.

I returned to Duxford at the tail end of August to celebrate the Duxford Soap Box Derby which is always one of my favourite constituency events. This brilliant event raises vital funds for Cancer Research UK and brings out the clowns in all of us! Residents career around a grand prix track in any sort of improvised go kart vehicle – I think I even saw someone travelling in a bath! The power of the South Cambs community to do good should never be underestimated. I'm looking forward to hearing the total amount raised.

As ever, my newsletter can only provide a snapshot of my work

but if there is anything you would like to talk to me about, please visit my website for details of my upcoming surgeries

<https://heidiallen.co.uk/constituency-surgeries/>.

In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or call my office on 01223 830037.

My team and I are always available to help constituents with any concerns.

Heidi

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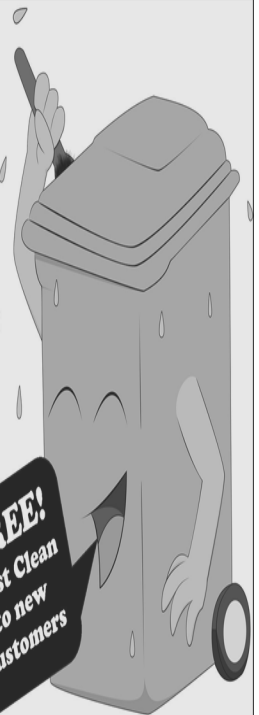
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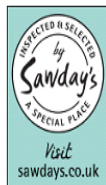


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October Greetings to Hinxton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

Our **Christmas Party** menu is out and on the website for those needing to book a particular date, time or larger numbers. We will also be open for **Christmas Day** lunch again this year for those who know someone who might not fancy cooking or washing up on this day?!

Events I am conscious that I have not yet found the right sort of event that suits enough Hinxtonians.

If you have ideas that you think will go down well, please email me at alex@redlionhinxton.co.uk.



One "**Village Supper Night**" went down well – I would be very happy to put on another if there was enough demand?

Standing by

Saturday 19th October – **Live Music at The Black Bull** We cannot get enough of Alton Wahlberg – back for the fourth time – come and see why.



Free entry Friday 1st November – Live Music at The Black Bull **A Pint of The Strumsters** – free entry For those who enjoyed The Strumsters at our Garden Party – they are back.



Friday 7th November -**Showstopper Pudding Club at The Black Bull.** For those who missed

his visit to the Lion earlier this year, or would like to see him in action again, we are chuffed that the legendary GB Bake Off finalist chef, **Ian Cumming**, has kindly offered to perform another special Showstopper Pudding Club; this time at The Bull. Tickets £27, in advance only.

We look forward to welcoming you & your friends Kind regards

Alex, Nikol, Jiri, Kris and the teams 01799 530 601

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BINGO for vegetables

Friday 18th October at 7:30

Village Hall



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL



In accordance with tradition, Sarah, Mary and Ros will be making a door to door collection from the end of October for 2 weeks.



Please give generously to this very worthwhile cause

The Red Lion Inn is now on Nextdoor, (the private social network for neighbourhoods.)






Would you recommend us to your neighbours and help get the word out?

Recommend us:

<https://nextdoor.co.uk/pages/the-red-lion-inn-2/recommend/>

Thanks for being a The Red Lion Inn customer!
We appreciate the support you provide to our local business.

--Alex Clarke, The Red Lion Inn

DIARY for OCTOBER 2019					FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER
1st	Tuesday		BLUE & GREEN BINS		November 1st
2nd	Wednesday		GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY 8PM ICKLETON VILLAGE HALL		Wellcome Campus Fireworks
3rd	Thursday				November 2nd
4th	Friday		Hinxton Walkers meet at Village Hall 9.30		Duxford Scouts Fireworks
5th	Saturday				
6th	Sunday		6.30PM EVENSONG	Mill opens 2.30-5pm	
7th	Monday				November 16
8th	Tuesday		BLACK BIN		COMEDY HOUR
9th	Wednesday		Coffee Morning 10-12 Village Hall		
10th	Thursday				November 22nd-24th
11th	Friday				HINXTON ART SHOW
12th	Saturday		Ickleton Social Club Quiz 8.30pm		
13th	Sunday		11am Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Supper in Hinxton Village Hall	BACON BRUNCH & Apple pressing p.7	December 6th
14th	Monday				BINGO
15th	Tuesday		BLUE & GREEN BINS		December 15th
16th	Wednesday		Mobile Library , War Memorial 12.20-12.35		Hinxton Children's Christmas Party p.7
17th	Thursday				
18th	Friday		BINGO for VEGETABLES 7.30 START Village Hall		December 15th
19th	Saturday				CAROL SERVICE
20th	Sunday		10am Parish Communion with Al2gether		
21st	Monday				
22nd	Tuesday		BLACK BIN		
23rd	Wednesday				
24th	Thursday				
25th	Friday				
26th	Saturday				
27th	Sunday		8am Communion		
28th	Monday				
29th	Tuesday		BLUE & GREEN BINS		
30th	Wednesday			Door to door collection starts this week	
31st	Thursday		HALLOWEEN		
Friday 1st November			Wellcome Campus Fireworks Display p.5		
Saturday 2nd November			Duxford Scout Group Fireworks Display p.3		

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To view all the
Tudor Feast
pictures you can
now go to the
Hinxton Parish
Council website
and click on
Gallery.
Thanks Brad

