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Theresa Sullivan has decided to wander off to the Antipodes after 11 years of Hinxtton News service to be proud of having worked tirelessly to support successive editors



including Jenny Goodwin, Sarah Pearson and Mike Boagey.

She would be the first to acknowledge that it is not a thankless task as her efforts have always been noticed and appreciated by all of us.

Thanks from all readers Theresa and good luck 'Down Under'.



Jenny Saich delivered her last copy of the Hinxtton News in December after 11 years of sterling service in all weathers. She will be succeeded by Janice.

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# A Happy New Year from the Editorial Team

Dear Readers,

Our thoughts are with Stewart and his family following the news that Avril Robinson suddenly passed away just before Christmas. Avril was a great favourite in Hinxton and will be missed by many.

It is almost impossible to sum up the past twelve months and concurrently look forward to a new year in these few paragraphs. Let us just say that on the whole 2018 represented a typical hum drum Hinxton year and 2019 looks like being another one but with intensifying danger coming from voracious local developments. The dreaded **SmithsonHill Agri Tech** factory estate, already rejected by just about everyone, will now go to an appeal. The **Wellcome Genome Campus** expansion planning has now trundled into view in glorious technicolour and **Uttlesford District Council** plod away trying to justify concreting over huge areas of perfectly good arable land to create their Garden of Eden for anyone who can afford it, even if they don't live in Uttlesford.

It is not a pleasant outlook but if we all try to support our representatives in any way we can, then there is at least a chance of a fair hearing and best possible outcome.

The one issue we can still influence before it crystallises into an immovable object will be discussed openly on the 9th of January (see notice). This issue alone will have the most impact on the character of our village. Hopefully the scientists driving this plan recognise our dismay and offer more than the expected minimal gestures to mitigate our sense of foreboding.

Change is something we all learn to live with but it will not be easy losing Theresa, although **Paul Breen** has agreed to look after the advertising, accounts and distribution. **Kate Riley** will also help with features such as the Spotlight column. Please see the '**Vacancies**' advertised on page 16.

**Dr. Trudgill** recently threw a dinner for Theresa as a send off and happily invited me and Mrs.B. The magnificent three course offering began with his **Editorial Appetizer** ....not too salty and just the right amount of vinegar. The **Hinxton News Pie** that followed had a colourfully

## Wellcome Genome Campus

### Planning Application

There will be a public meeting in the Village Hall **7pm on Wednesday 9 January** at which members of the Wellcome development team will summarise their planning application and answer questions and take comments.



There will also be an opportunity for you to discuss the issues and the Parish Council's response at the scheduled Parish Council meeting in the village hall **7pm on Monday 14 January.**

presented outer filled with a fascinating mixture of textures and tastes all covered with a comforting sauce. The **Errors & Omissions Pudding** spilled over the side of the dish. (*.....We all discreetly turned a blind eye.*)

You will notice that Rosemary and Phil have had a couple of months off from their Gardening feature so I thought you could do with a little horticultural wisdom.

*“Plant carrots in January and you'll never have to eat carrots.” ... Anon*

Mike

## AVRIL ROBINSON

Many of you will be very sad to learn of the sudden death of Avril Robinson who lived for many years with her husband Stewart at The Corner House. Avril and Stewart moved in with their two children in 1986 and left Hinxton to go to West Wrating in September 2015. Avril was a great supporter of Hinxton, always attending village events (even as recently as The Silent Auction), a stalwart helper on the church cleaning rota and an invaluable member of the Book Club (she was a voracious reader!). She was very kind, a wonderful neighbour and enjoyed cooking for and hosting many gatherings. Her family (Stephen and Jeanette) always came first, but she found time to be a prominent participant in the local amateur dramatics scene. She had trained as a nursery nurse and ran a nursery for a time at The Corner House, followed by a spell working for a company specializing in educational books and toys, and finished her career as a childcare worker in Cambridge. She will be sorely missed and we send our sincerest condolences to Stewart and the family.

The funeral will be held at the Barton Glebe Woodland Burial Ground, Comberton Road, near Cambridge (CB23 7BN) on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30 p.m.

All Hinxton friends and neighbours are welcome to attend.

## THE ANN HOWSDEN CHARITY

For those of you who are new to the village, the Ann Howsden Charity was set up by our very own benefactress, Ann Howsden, in 1631. She bequeathed the income from her estate in Moggerhanger, Bedfordshire, to the poor and needy of the village and over the centuries residents have benefited by receiving winter boots, clothes and blankets, as well as coal and other necessities. More recently the charity has given the pensioners of the village a winter heating grant and some financial help at Christmas time. As well as individuals, the charity has been able to give grants to the maintenance of the church and churchyard, to the village hall and to subsidise the Hinxton children's party. Principally, the charity now owns the four Duxford Road bungalows, three of which are kept at affordable rents for Hinxton pensioners (or those with a strong connection with Hinxton), and the fourth is run as a commercial let to augment the charity's income, thus enabling the disbursements as described.

There have been some recent changes which you should know about. Two of our trustees have recently resigned: **Toni Moses** who has served for six years and **Roy Ellis** who has served for an astonishing 47 years! I would like to thank them publicly for their enormous contribution to the charity over so many years.

Our new trustees are **Paula Loveday-Smith** and **Chris Elliott** and we are very pleased to have them join us. We are also delighted to welcome **Nick Cliffe** as our new Treasurer to replace **John Statham** (from Ickleton) who has done sterling work for us for more than 10 years. Nick lives in Hinxton and is a chartered accountant, so his professional expertise will be much appreciated. It has been a busy time this year as we are endeavouring to join the 21st century (in Charity Commission terms!) and are composing policies which are now required and also working on some amendments to our Scheme, so that we are fully compliant with the up-to-date Charity Commission guidelines.

Finally I would like to point out that the charity exists to help anyone resident in Hinxton who is in need or distress. This means that anyone who is suffering hardship, be it with illness or financial difficulty, perhaps requiring some help with house repairs or heating, is invited to apply for a grant. Please apply in confidence to any of the following trustees: Julie Baillie, Andy Brown, Chloe Brown, Chris Elliott, Paula Loveday-Smith, Ian Pearson, Kate Riley or Virginia Walker (tel: 530360).

Further details of the current trustees will follow in a future edition of the Hinxton News.

If any additional information is needed, please contact me, Virginia Walker

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## A message from Petra

It seems odd to be writing for January and the New Year ahead when we've only just put up the Christmas Tree and there are still Christingles, Carol Services and Christmas itself yet to go. Yesterday I made a start on decorating the Tree, determined that this year I would stick to the gold decorations only and have something tasteful and elegant to grace our dining room. But as I started to unpack, I came across the little wooden roundabouts I bought about twenty years ago from a Church Christmas Fair in Sawston, and then a fairy I bought for my daughter during a particularly difficult Christmas for us as a family. I found the salt-dough Christmas tree she had made and stuck sparkly bling all over aged about five, two china doves given to me by a friend who was dying of cancer, metal stars given by another friend, tacky lametta that my husband and I have a difference of opinion about. So our Christmas tree is as overloaded and tasteless as ever, but is full of memories and there were moments when I had a lump in my throat.

As we move from the end of one year into the beginning of another, it's often a time for reflection. We can look back at those things we have achieved, enjoyed, new relationships and friendships, as well as the things we've failed to do, the relationships that didn't go so well and sometimes the loss of dear friends or members of our family; memories that can bring a smile to our faces or a tear to our eye.

January is traditionally named after the Roman god, Janus, the god of beginnings, transitions, time, doorways, passages, and endings. He is usually shown with two faces, one looking back to the past and the other forwards to the future. And often at the beginning of the year we find ourselves both reflecting on the past year and looking forward to the year ahead.

In the church year we traditionally celebrate the baptism of Jesus early in January. His baptism marks the very beginning of his ministry in the same way as it marks the beginning of our Christian journey. Baptism is not 'it' in itself. It is, if you like, the starting out post for a lifelong journey of seeking, learning, failing and trying again and again. We'll be celebrating Jesus' baptism in 2019 on 13<sup>th</sup> January at a special service for everyone at Duxford School.

Although baptism marks a Spiritual beginning, it's very much concerned with how we function in the world. Even for Jesus, as the Holy Spirit descended on him like a dove at his own baptism, he was ankle deep in the mud at the bottom of the Jordan! And, in a very real sense, we associate Jesus with the messiness and failure of people's lives; as he touched, taught, healed and restored them. It's often in our own messiness and failure that we find him most easily; when everything else has been pared away, what is left is God.

Starting out on any journey involves a certain amount of uncertainty and risk. Certainly, for our country, there is a lot of uncertainty in the year ahead and none of us can know for sure what 2019 will bring each of us personally. I pray that the year ahead will be good for you. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to meet so many of you during the last year and to have some wonderful conversations with you. I look forward to many more in 2019 and hope to see you at some of the services and new events we have planned.

Blessings .....Petra

### SERVICES FOR JANUARY

#### Sunday 6th

8.00 am BCP Communion *Duxford*  
10.00 am Parish Communion with Al2gether *Ickleto*  
5.00 pm Evensong *Hinxton*

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study Bring and Share Supper, 71 High Street, *Hinxton*

#### Sunday 13th

**10.00 am Al2gether Service at Duxford School**

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

10.30 Coffee morning, *Ickleton (and thereafter 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays)* PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME

#### Thursday 17th

Bible Study, 71 High Street, *Hinxton*

#### Sunday 20th

8.00 am BCP Communion *Ickleton*  
10.00am Parish Communion and Al2gether *Hinxton*  
5.00 pm Taize Service *Ickleton*

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

10.00 – 11.30 Unlocking the Word @ The Rectory, *Duxford*

#### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

TIDDLERS 0-5 group, *Duxford Church*  
Bible Study, 71 High Street, *Hinxton*

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** 9.30-12.30 CRAFT CAFÉ *Duxford*

#### Sunday 27th

8.00 am BCP Communion *Hinxton*  
10.00 am Parish Communion and Al2gether *Duxford*  
5.00 pm Evensong *Ickleton*

**Thurs 31st** Bible Study, 71 High Street, *Hinxton*

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## Year past and year to come for Hinxton Parish Council

The agenda for Parish Council meetings might give the impression that they are held on a bi-monthly Groundhog Day. The issues appear to progress glacially but underneath things are quite busy. For example in our round-up a year ago we cheerfully predicted that a replacement iron bridge would be in place by the spring. Unexpected technical challenges intervened making larger funding demands of the Wellcome Trust. We again predict a replacement next spring!

There is something of the remorselessness of a glacier about the major planning applications. Early last year we put a lot of effort into our formal objections to SmithsonHill's proposal for a major business park in fields by the village. In March the District Council comprehensively rejected it. This has been appealed against by the developers, and we have been called to appear at the Planning Inspector's hearing this coming June. On the hills just across the A11, Uttlesford proposed in its draft Local Plan to build a 5000-home new town. In August we submitted our objections to this. We were expecting to appear before their Inspector this coming summer. But their Plan has run into troubles which may delay the process and may even jeopardise this absurd hill-top town proposal. And sometimes applications simply melt away, as apparently has the one for a service station on the M11 near J10 (thanks to an American Mustang).

There can be no doubt that it is worth making an effort to confront developers' glossy ambitions with reasoned argument.

A far-reaching event during the year was that the Local Plan put forward jointly by Cambridge and South Cambs was finally approved by government. This should help provide some order to local development. But nothing stops new applications popping up. We are starting 2019 with the Wellcome Genome Campus submitting their ambitious 'vision' of a massive expansion, including an affiliated business park and up to 1500 new homes attached to our village of 150. Responding to it, and mitigating adverse consequences, will likely dominate the start of our coming year.

Meanwhile normal life continues. We hope that the problem of flooding at the junction of North End Road and the High Street has, subject to routine maintenance, been solved. The village signs have been renovated. The playground continues to receive attention to maintain child safety. We have been involved in neighbourly consultation on the Genome Campus Wetlands and with the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, who will continue to provide free access to Hinxtonians for all but air show days. Our relations with neighbouring parish councils continue to widen and strengthen, which helps awareness of our collective concerns at Council level. There we are greatly helped by Peter Topping's unstinting guidance at both County and District Councils. Peter McDonald is proving a worthy successor to Tony Orgee as our District Councillor. Despite the distractions of Westminster, Heidi Allen as our MP has also been a great support in our dealings with the developers.

Willy Brown and Dick Jones  
(Hinxton Parish Council)



# CHRISTINGLES



Unfortunately, Phil couldn't remember how a Christingle was made. Instead of an orange he used a head of broccoli and, instead of a candle, he put a torch on top! Luckily, the previous day, several children had made lots and lots of Christingles for the service, so with their help Phil learnt how to make one. I mean, just as if you would put brown gaffer tape round it, instead of red ribbon! He'll know what to do next time.



There was a packed church for the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve, which was led this year by Rev. Phil Sharkey. Miles, Henry and Martha Kirby narrated the Christmas Story so well, while Mary, Joseph and the angel Gabrielle, brought the story to life for us.



Did anyone see Mary and Joseph travelling through the village on their way to Bethlehem (Hinxton Church) in December?

They arrived at the church on the 24th December in time for the Christingle service and the birth of Jesus on the 25th. The spirit of Christmas is still alive and well in Hinxton.



The Christingles Collection raised  
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for The Children's Society



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## BOXING DAY WALK 2018

A very decent crowd turned up to the Boxing Day walk this year. About 60 in the photo with at least another dozen joining in as we progressed.

Traditional refreshments in The Red Lion afterwards were gratefully received.



**WELLCOME  
GENOME  
CAMPUS**

## Public events in January

Campus Open Saturday: Curious Nature exhibition & Open Lab  
**at 19 January, 12-4pm** Genome Gallery, Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre. Curious Nature is a lovely family-friendly exhibition that explores the Wellcome Sanger Institute's anniversary project to sequence the genomes of 25 species found in the UK. This project helps us build a picture of biodiversity in the UK and to understand, and tackle, our impact upon it.

You can also visit Open Lab to discover more about our history and the cutting-edge research that happens here today. The three Open Lab visits will be filled on a first-come basis. Everyone is welcome, though we recommend Open Lab for ages 10 and up.

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

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

RSCM  
**Sing4Fun**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (half term) 10 'till 4  
St. Johns Church, Hills Road Cambridge CB2 8RN



Vocal coach and choral animateur Charles MacDougall leads an exciting day of musical activities for young people aged 8 – 18, culminating with a short concert at 3:30pm for friends and family. No singing experience required - just come along and sample the joys and fellowship of music making. Don't miss it!

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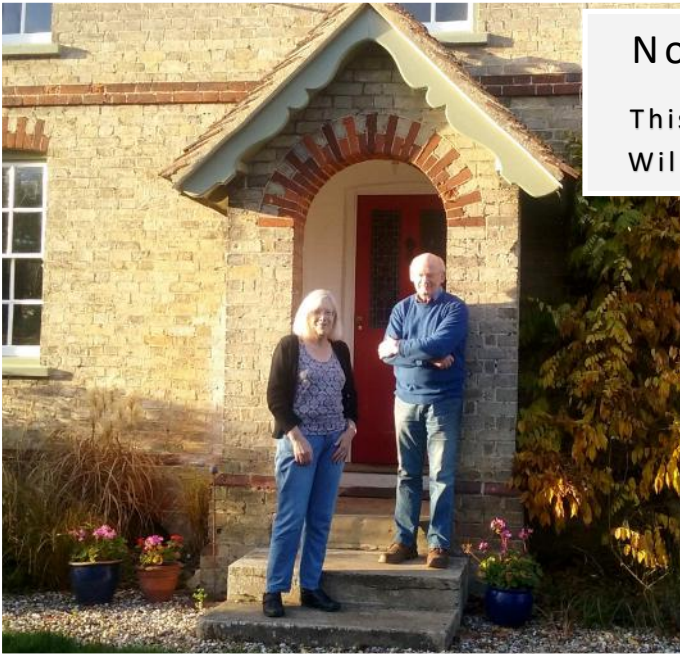
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# Hinxton Children's Christmas Party



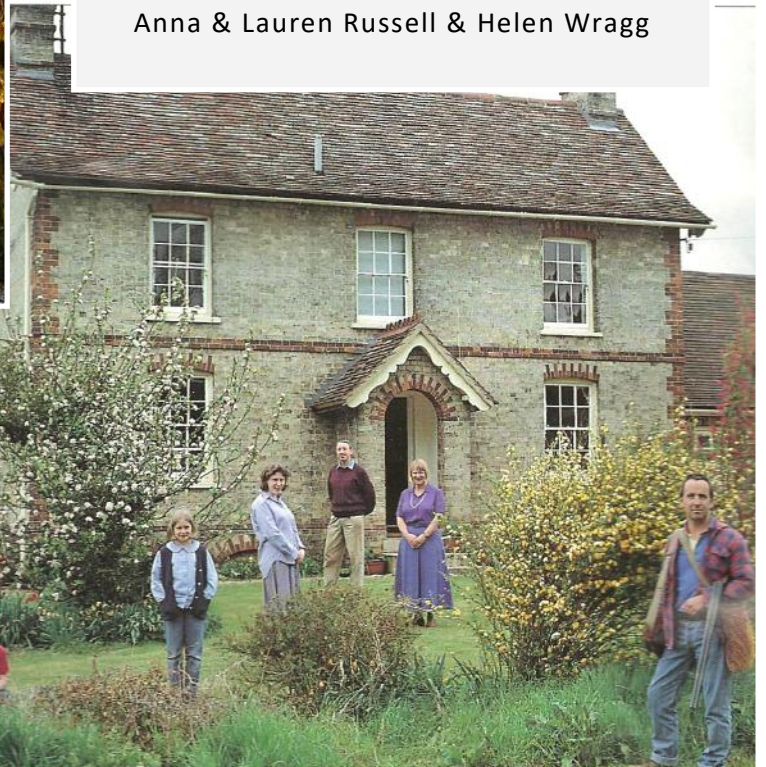




## No 1 High Street (Home Farm)

This is currently the home of Jackie Scott & Willy Brown who have lived here since 2013

The Fletcher family with Peter Hiscocks on the right. The children with the dog are Anna & Lauren Russell & Helen Wragg



Between July 1988 and August 2013 the house was occupied by Ian & Jennifer Fletcher and their children Richard, Elizabeth and Eleanor

In October 1997 the house featured in Country Life magazine when Linda Allan had the idea of taking photos of villagers standing in front of their houses similar to the 1911 picture below



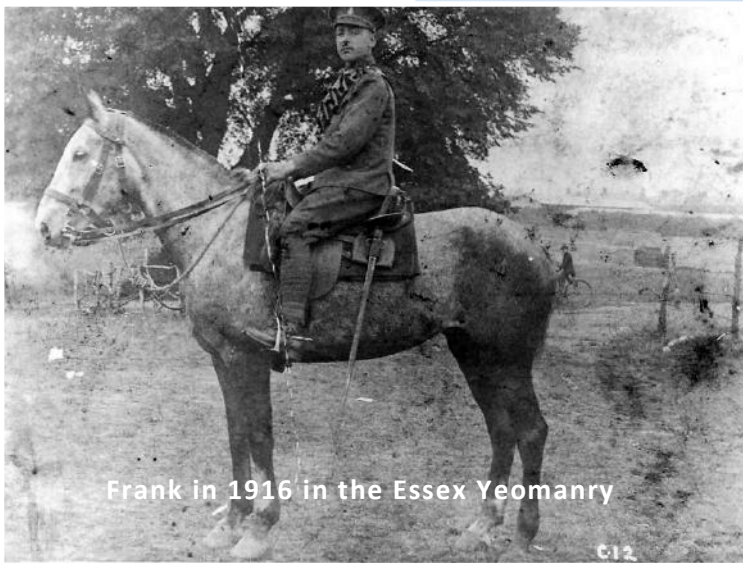
From 1939 until he died in 1976, Frank Searle lived there with his wife Lilian. They had three children Antony, Geoffrey and Eileen. Tony and Geoff continued to live in the house until 1988.



Tony Searle



No 1 High Street formed part of Hinxtton Hall Estate and Frank Searle began work as a kennel boy then later as a builder repairing estate property. He was the fifth of eight children.

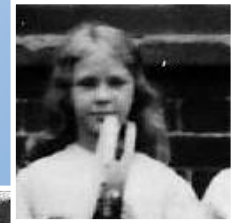


Frank in 1916 in the Essex Yeomanry



In 1936, this was home to Mr. and Mrs. Tweed and twins Edie and Pamela.

Mr Tweed was stockman at Hinxtton Hall and kept cows at Home Farm



The beautiful Home Farm barn sited behind the house



At the end of the 1800s, this was the home to the Andrews family (seen in the 1911 photo on the opposite page)

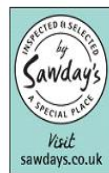
In 1869 at the age of 19 Elias Andrews married Emily Jane Smith. Elias was a groom on the Estate. A year later Minnie Ann was born followed by Frances and Martina. Sadly, following the birth of son James Whitehead Andrews, Emily died and was buried on 28th July 1877. James was baptized the next day.

Viv Ellis produced an excellent article about David Andrews to commemorate his death in WW1. He served in the 7th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment. His wife Hilda gave birth to their son Douglas just 8 days after David's death.

Elias Andrews passed away in 1935



David Andrews of Hinxtton, died 15th October 1916



2019 Greetings  
Hinxton Villagers  
from all at The Red Lion Inn

Happy 2019 to all. Thank you for all  
your support over the last year – very  
much appreciated.

Good to see such a good number after  
the Boxing Day Walk.

If you have any requests for how you  
would like us to do anything differently,  
this is a good time of year to do so -  
please drop me a line or let the staff  
know.

We look forward to welcoming you &  
your friends

Kind regards Alex, Nikol, Jiri, Shane,  
Kris and the teams

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## DUXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL Governor

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seeking to appoint a governor from  
the local community.

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to ensure that local children get the best education that  
the school can provide.

We are particularly looking for someone with some  
financial experience and/or experience of corporate or  
charitable governance to join the team.

The role of school governor is a serious commitment; it is  
also, however, richly rewarding and you can make a  
serious contribution to the aim of improving the  
educational outcomes of children, working as part of a  
team.

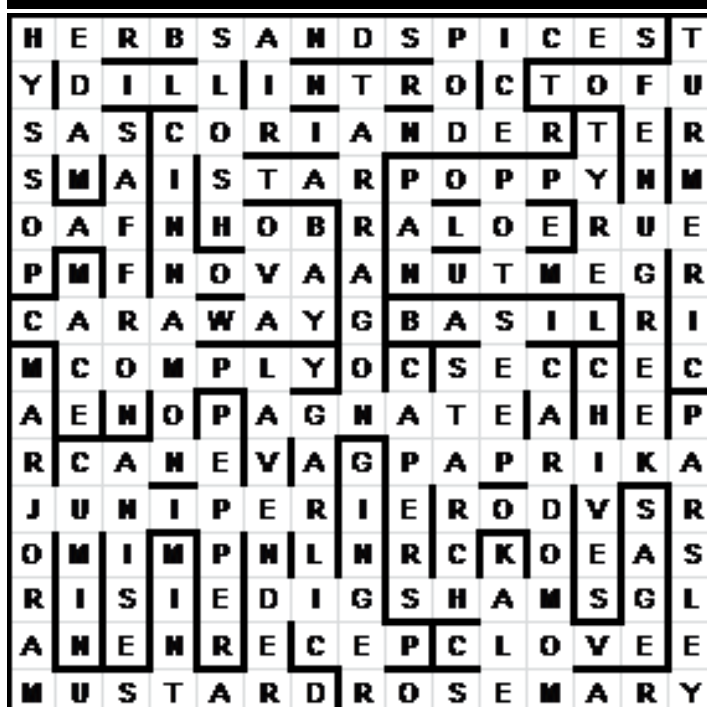
There is substantial training available.

If you are interested please contact the school for more  
information Tel. 01223 712108 or email

### *Hinxton Christmas Crossword 2018 Solution*

*by Steve Trudgill*

*with Jenny Goodwin and Stephen Theobald*





Regular readers will know I try to make my parish newsletters informative rather than political, but given that Parliament has been dominated by Brexit in recent months, it would be remiss of me not to mention it. I hope editors don't mind! Since the referendum in June 2016, I have encouraged constituents to contact me with their views and you have not let me down! I have received thousands of letters and emails, you have come to my surgeries and in response to the incredible volume of correspondence, I have held four major public meetings.

However you voted, I am sure we can all agree that Parliament has an important role to play in managing the process of leaving the EU. To reflect this, last December, I voted for Parliament to have a "meaningful vote" on the terms of withdrawal. You will have seen recently in the press that this vote has been delayed and will now be held in January 2019. In December *this* year, I voted again to ensure Parliament will have a role in determining next steps if the Prime Minister's "deal" is rejected by Parliament in January.

I hope you believe as I do, that Parliamentary sovereignty and the role of individual MPs really matters. You have my word, that every time I vote, I exercise my duties with the utmost seriousness, unequivocally putting my country and South Cambridgeshire before anything else. By listening to each other, we will successfully navigate these choppy waters together. My website has a dedicated Brexit page - <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/brexit> and is updated regularly so please do check there for new information.

Bridging the gap between home and Westminster, over the last month I have been helping local schools celebrate Parliament Week. This is an annual event designed to engage people across the UK with Parliament, exploring what it means to them and empowering them to get involved.

I visited Icknield Primary School in Sawston (pictured with the Headteacher Mrs Stockdale), where their elections were in full swing and I was pleased to welcome Comberton Village College to Westminster.

It's always so refreshing and energising to see lively, young minds thinking about how they can get involved to shape the world we live in.

Last month I was asked to speak at an event in Cambridge as part of the 50:50 Parliament #AskHertoStand campaign. This campaign is designed to increase the number of women elected to Parliament and to encourage women to stand for office. At each election, 650 MPs are elected but since 1918, only 491 of them have been women.

As you may know, it was only in 2011 that I decided to become politically involved - and within just a few years, I went from thinking about making a difference to becoming an MP. There are still too few female MPs, so if you're even vaguely thinking

about it, come and talk to me!! You've got to be in it, to win it! The shambolic introduction of the new train timetable earlier this year caused misery for so many constituents and I have continued to battle for improvements to the service and compensation. Details of the steps that I have taken are set out on the dedicated page on my website - <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/gtr>.



[www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/gtr](https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/gtr).

GTR and Great Northern are now embarking on the next phase of the improvements which were supposed to occur in May. Their new timetable, which will deliver more than 200 additional services across their network, began on the 9<sup>th</sup> December and details of the new timetable are available here - <https://www.railplan2020.com/timetables>.

I have met with the Rail Minister to let him know the strength of feeling of my constituents about the 3.1% fare increase coming into effect in January. I have been championing a 'fare freeze' on behalf of constituents so was disappointed and angry to hear the rail industry had chosen to implement a fare increase whilst reliability was still recovering from the disastrous summer of delays and cancellations.

In slightly better news, I was pleased to see the Department for Transport confirm that GTR, the train operator behind Great Northern will not be allowed to retain any profits for the rest of this financial year and will have its profits capped for the remainder of its franchise, which is due to expire in September 2021. GTR has also been asked to contribute £15m towards improvements for passengers, on top of the £15m already contributed towards compensation for passengers since the disruption.

GTR and Great Northern know that I will continue to monitor their progress very keenly as they deliver this new timetable – it is long overdue but they now need to deliver the improved services which they promised earlier in the year.

If there is anything you would like to talk to me about, my next "by appointment" surgery is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January between 3 and 5pm at my office in Hardwick. If you would like an appointment, please do call my office. My next "drop in" surgery where no appointment is necessary will be between 10.30 and 12.30 on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February in Bourn – full details will be posted on my website soon: <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries>.

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

And finally, from me and all my team, Paula, Nicola, Paul and Luke - Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



# VACANCIES

Several opportunities have opened due to the prolonged and rather selfish absence of our long serving aide-de-camp, Theresa Sullivan.

## COPY READER

Should possess good eyesight, be available to drop everything at a moments notice, be able to read and have a rudimentary knowledge of the English language.

Warped sense of humour useful but not normally required.

## STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A camera and access to a computer would be useful. Knowledge of the village layout not essential as a map can be provided. A memory stick will be provided for those who don't have a memory anymore.

## REPORTER/CORRESPONDENT

To work closely with the photographer to cover events. The applicant must possess a keen ear for hearsay and rumours and be capable of expanding salacious gossip without crossing the line.

A degree in Law would be preferred.

## DEPUTY EDITOR/EDITOR DESIGNATE

Must be smart, convivial, erudite and preferably good looking. Some knowledge of using a computer and the ability to sit at a blank screen for long periods is fundamental as is the abillitie to spell proper and do good grammar. Must be capable of downing at least three pints of Wherry once a month in order to get inside information.

*The outgoing Editor will be on hand for a minimum 3 months to be involved in the learning process then he will retire but act as consultant, correspondent and Dutch uncle for as long as it takes.*

Hinxton News is an equal opportunities employer as no one gets paid. You will not be asked for your age, gender, address or name.

Please indicate your preference for tea or coffee.

Apply to Mike Boagey  
[mikeboagey666@gmail.com](mailto:mikeboagey666@gmail.com)  
01799 530 216

Owing to the anticipated surge in interest in the above positions, early applications are recommended,.



***Does this look like your  
cutlery drawer?***

If so, can you please return or  
donate some of them to the  
Village Hall.

The stock of spoons has depleted and is in  
urgent need of replenishment.



## RECIPE RELAY



Our guest cook this month is Virginia Walker. Her recipe for chicken breasts with apricots is delicious- light and delicate but full of flavour. Just the thing for January after all the heavy stuffings, puddings and pies at Christmas. Enjoy!

*Linda*

### CHICKEN AND APRICOTS

Serves 4

4 chicken breasts  
½ pt. stock  
4 oz. apricots (ready soaked), cut into bits  
3 tbsp. double cream  
2 oz. bacon, cut into small pieces  
butter for frying  
1 medium onion, finely sliced  
2 tbsp. flour  
4 tbsp. cider or white wine  
salt and pepper



Brown chicken pieces in butter and remove from pan. Put cider or wine into pan, bring to the boil, and pour over the chicken. Fry onion and bacon, then add flour, cook for a few minutes, add stock and cream, apricots and pepper and salt. Put chicken in an ovenproof dish, pour sauce over the chicken.

Cover with foil and cook in the oven for about 45 minutes at 180 degrees C, 350 degrees F, Gas Mark 4.

## GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

The Society, which covers seven local villages including the Chesterfords, Ickleton & Hinxtan 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 at:

MAIN HALL, ICKLETON VILLAGE HALL, FROGGE STREET, ICKLETON.

For further information please contact Chair, Mrs Pauline Gale 01799-525543

PLEASE NOTE: NO MEETING IN JANUARY

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019

SPRING PARTY & QUIZ with a selection of Cheeses, Biscuits & Wine

£3 entry (includes refreshments)

## RECENT MEETING

Dr Twigs Way is a lecturer and writer with a fascination for the history of gardens and gardeners. Her talk entitled *Ernest 'Chinese' Wilson – Edwardian Plant Hunter Extraordinaire* was stimulating, portraying the man, and the years given to discovering the locations of plants that we consider, today, to be part of our garden landscape in the West. Interested in plants from an early age he had the opportunity to travel to China in the latter 19th century. Experiencing torturous terrain, political unrest and threat of tropical disease, he nevertheless, over the period of eleven years, introduced 2000 species, including Lilium Regale, Rhododendron, Acer, Berberis, Clematis and the fascinating Handkerchief Tree. His photographs of the locations remain as well as his meticulous records of his discoveries and the terrain in which they were found. The Ernest Wilson Memorial Garden is now a permanent reminder of his early years and is open daily in his birthplace, Chipping Campden.

This last meeting of 2018 ended with mulled wine and seasonal refreshments. Ann Tozer won the competition for 'Something Seasonal' with a sparkling table decoration.

## 'THE ART OF CARING'

An exhibition in support of medical charities

### ROBINSON COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

Jan 24 – 28 2019. 10 - 4.

Exhibition in aid of Headway "Improving Life After Brain Injury" and The David Rayner Cancer Help Centre at Scotsdales. All proceeds go to the two charities.

The clients of Headway and David Rayner Cancer Centre will be exhibiting their own works which will be for sale.

There will also be a sale of artworks donated by local people (bids close 12.00 on the 28th).

Offers of works to sell to

Dr Steve Trudgill [stt21@cam.ac.uk](mailto:stt21@cam.ac.uk) by January 10th

Headway Cambridgeshire provides services for people with an acquired brain injury and support for their families and carers. The rehabilitation hubs provide clients with places to work, learn, explore, enjoy and recover. In creative art sessions, individuals can develop their cognitive and motor skills which helps to rebuild a sense of self, reduce anxiety and increase confidence.

Cambridge Cancer Help Centre in the David Rayner building at Scotsdales offers support to anyone with cancer together with their families, carers and friends. The atmosphere is friendly and informal and everyone is welcome to benefit from the courses, therapies and activities.

Dr. Steve Trudgill  
Emeritus Fellow Robinson College  
Cambridge CB3 9AN 01223 339100



## WW Studio™ coming soon

### Ickleton Village Hall

#### CB10 1SS

#### 8 Abbey Street, Ickleton

Wellness Workshops: Tues 6pm

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## Hinxton Carol Singers

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Carol Singing around the village on the evening of Monday 17th.

The weather was kind to us and we had quite a sizeable choir.

We raised a magnificent

**£420**

Donated to the Cambridge Churches Homeless Project

The Friends of Hinxton Church are looking for a new

### TREASURER

This is not a big job but does require accurate record keeping of income and expenditure.

Income is primarily from fund raising events

Expenditure always needs to be agreed by the committee and is used only for maintenance and repairs to the fabric of the church and churchyard.

Ideally you would be co-opted on to the committee although that would not be essential as long as accurate figures are submitted to the secretary prior to the meetings.

Meetings take place about five times a year.

In addition to the above the Treasurer is the nominated contact for the Charity Commission.

To apply please get in touch with Mrs Kate Riley

81 High Street, 01799 530350

## Funny News

### REPORTED ON E-COPS

#### Sawston – High Street.

Between 14:14 hrs and 14:20 hrs on 08/12/18.

Unknown male has stolen various meats from a high street shop.

When a staff member chased after him he turned and threw a leg of lamb at him.



# EVENTS IN JANUARY

1st	Tuesday	
2nd	Wednesday	 <b>BLACK BIN</b>
3rd	Thursday	
4th	Friday	<b>Hinxton Walkers</b> meet at 9:30 bus shelter
5th	Saturday	
6th	Sunday	5.00 pm Evensong
7th	Monday	
8th	Tuesday	 <b>Put both BLUE &amp; GREEN BINs out.</b> <i>Green Bin may be collected on Wednesday</i>
9th	Wednesday	Coffee Morning 10-12 Village Hall
		<b>WELLCOME CAMPUS Planning Application</b> Village Hall from 7pm See P.3
10th	Thursday	Bible Study Bring and Share Supper P.5
11th	Friday	
12th	Saturday	
13th	Sunday	10am Al2gether Service Duxford School
14th	Monday	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
15th	Tuesday	 <b>BLACK BIN</b>
16th	Wednesday	Mobile Library 12.20-12.35 War Memorial
17th	Thursday	
18th	Friday	
19th	Saturday	Campus Open Saturday p.9 Ickleton Social Club Quiz 8:15
20th	Sunday	10.00am Parish Communion and Al2gether
21st	Monday	
22nd	Tuesday	<b>BLUE BIN ONLY</b>
23rd	Wednesday	
24th	Thursday	TIDDLERS 0-5 group, <i>Duxford Church</i>
25th	Friday	
26th	Saturday	
27th	Sunday	8.00 am BCP Communion
28th	Monday	
29th	Tuesday	 <b>BLACK BIN</b>
30th	Wednesday	
31st	Thursday	

## Notable Future Dates

We hope to present you with a complete Events diary for the whole year in our next issue

March 2nd **SUPPER on the RUN**

June 15th **VILLAGE FETE**

July 13th **GARDEN EVENING**

Sept 8th **MEDIEVAL FEAST**

Sept 28th **MacMillan Coffee Morning**



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