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**The Garden Evening** has been moved to Friday July 30th and invitations are being distributed. This convivial night out in the fabulous grounds of the Oak House is one of our traditional social gatherings, appealing to young and old alike. It is a great opportunity for new members of the village to make friends.

The finger food for this has customarily been provided by the generosity of the best cooks in the village. A plate of your prize sausage rolls or sandwiches would be appreciated. Please contact Virginia Walker (530360)

**Fete** It was really disappointing that the village Fete had to be cancelled, however attempts to replace it with an alternative have been dampened by a number of issues.

**IWM and Gonville & Caius** Since the restrictions have been eased, you may have noticed that the sky has been filled with various small aeroplanes swooping about. One might imagine that these were enthusiasts seeking a bit of freedom, but is it possible they are airborne building surveyors planning the next house building development on the fields outside Duxford under the guise of essential worker's homes?

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This is a great opportunity to thank everyone who has helped with **Hinxton News** during my time as Editor.

**Sara-Jane Pearson** who encouraged me to take over from her in the first place.

Theresa Sullivan who was always available for proof reading, coffee and positive criticism.

Willie Brown who never failed to raise my spirits and alerted me to the true value of newsletters such as this.

Alison King, who has liaised to organise the printing on the Wellcome Campus for as long as we can remember.

Marc Folland who <u>is</u> the Wellcome Reprographics department (without whom we would not have the splendid magazine we enjoy today).

**Jane Chater** for The Diary....which was invariably incorrect until she took over.

**Mel Bright** for services to excellent Proof Reading and superlative sunny smiles.

**Paul Breen** (my agony uncle) for looking after distribution/advertising/accounts/complaints/quality gin'n'tonics.

Mary, Janice, Jill, Kate, Lorraine, Jenny, Rosemary and Paul for actually delivering to village doorsteps..... in all weathers.

Steve Trudgill, along with Jenny Goodwin and Steve Archibold for all the brilliant Crosswords.

Rosemary Breen and Phil Lowndes, the Morecombe & Wise of the gardeneing world for their respective columns.

Linda Russell for mouth-watering Recipe ideas.

Andrew and Virginia Walker, Julie Baillie, Margaret Malcolm with all the Church business.

Ros Smith for her brilliant house research features.

Special thanks to all our lovely readers.

There are many, many more people who have submitted articles and have taken time to support us to make for an interesting read.

Alas, the new Editor has yet to emerge. Let us hope that someone will soon breathe new life into the monthly Hinxton News.

The offer to help get it going again still stands, but for now, its "Goodbye From Me".



### The Friends of Hinxton Church

### **Garden Evening, 2021**

As I am sure you are aware, it will not be possible to hold the Garden Evening on the proposed date of 16<sup>th</sup> July, so the new date (fingers crossed!) is now **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July**.

All else will remain the same and we shall make it a 'bumper' party this year in celebration of our 'unlocked' and rediscovered freedom!

Please see the full-page advertisement on page 6.

Contributions of finger food would be much appreciated and will be shared for all to enjoy – thank you. There will be IPA and soft drinks but substantially wine on sale. All the proceeds from the bar always support the funds of The Friends of Hinxton Church. The charity was established specifically to help maintain our outstanding medieval church and its churchyard.

All are welcome (including families) and we are much looking forward to seeing you, especially all our newcomers! Please apply for tickets as soon as possible.

Andrew and Virginia Walker, tel: (01799) 530360

#### **HINXTON COFFEE MORNING**

Hinxton Village Hall

We were delighted to see so many people at the coffee morning last month – in fact it was a record turnout of 26 people!

Lovely to meet some new neighbours too.

There will be one more coffee morning on Wednesday **14th July** before our break in August. Please come along and enjoy meeting your friends and neighbours, outside if fine, indoors if not!

Then we shall start again in earnest in September (Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>) – remember it is always the second Wednesday in the month, 10.30 am to 12 noon.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Meanwhile enjoy the summer!

### Introducing Revd Lydia Smith by Margaret Malcolm

We are so looking forward to Lydia's arrival — and methinks we're in for a treat. She has kindly written the piece below for our magazines this month, Enjoy a good read!

We had hoped that the Bishop would be Licensing her at Hinxton church on 15<sup>th</sup> July, but now that the lockdown restrictions have been extended we have decided that it makes more sense to have an Ickleton service. Numbers will still be restricted so attendees will be invitation only. We thought it would be lovely if we could have a proper celebratory tea for everyone in Hinxton to meet her and her husband Tom. Vicars don't just serve churchgoers, they are here for the whole community.

DROP-IN AFTERNOON TEA On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August from 3-5pm Hinxton Village Hall

### On the road by Lydia Smith

As I write I am just thinking about packing up our life here in Essex and crossing the border into Cambridgeshire. I have done some clearing out and quite a bit of thinking and dreaming. And, in a few weeks, we will be on the road, with plenty of calm music for our (often not very happy) cat passengers (see below).

There are a handful of Psalms – the Bible's poetry book – that are about journeys. They're often called Songs of Ascent – songs for going uphill, you might say and they are some of my favourites. Many experts think they were sung by people making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Mostly they are songs about travelling hopefully. About the destination - Jerusalem - and how wonderful it will be to arrive there. So, they are just the thing for how I feel right now.

But although they've emerged from a culture very far from our own, these are songs that would be good for our playlist at any stage in life's journey. Because they're also about our longing for direction and reassurance, about God's guidance and protection and about the joy of good travelling companions.

Like the poets from long ago who wrote the Psalms, I am so looking forward to arriving and to meeting some new fellow travellers in these villages of Duxford, Hinxton and Ickleton.

Best wishes

Lydía





### And a little bit about my journey so far:

I am Essex born and bred, having grown up in Colchester. After studying English at Uni, I became a librarian, working for a City law firm, as well as for a university careers service, in public libraries and for the NHS. I came to vicaring relatively late and was ordained just after my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

My first role was as a curate in Saffron Walden and since then I have been working with five churches in villages near my hometown.

I am married to Jon, who used to work for TfL and is now (very happily) retired. We have two daughters, Phoebe and Ismay, who live and work in London. And there will be two cats moving with us — Billy and Winnie.



P.S. In case you want to read them, the Psalms I mentioned are numbers 120 – 134.

# **Jacky and Wilcox**



Meet Jacky and Wilcox, friends of mine who live in rural Western Kenya. J met Jacky when I volunteered with Kate at Kimbilio Hospice 3 years ago; Jacky was the very capable head nurse who was a delight to work with. Husband Wilcox is a deputy head and English teacher of a secondary school and they have three children Shalom (11), Shammah (7) and Shaddai (5). I have been corresponding with them and have almost become part of their family.

Wilcox and Jacky are passionate about education and know that it is the key to lifting poorer countries out of poverty where they have been stuck for so long. They themselves are so grateful for the sacrifices their parents made so they could go to school (in both cases they being chosen from amongst their siblings).

They own a piece of land where Wilcox' father lives and they have had the dream of starting a school so that others may have the opportunity they had - most government schools being so overcrowded that it makes learning difficult. Communication by WhatsApp enabled me to share in their hopes, dreams and plans and in October last year they stood on the land and dedicated it to be used for a school. Building work started the next day and proceeded at an astonishing rate such that on 31<sup>st</sup> December they stood in that same place along with many well wishers, some of whom were newly acquired board members, looking at two substantial buildings housing 4 classrooms and a separate kitchen/store in the process of being built. On 4th January 2021 the school opened and 22 local children under the age of 9 were enrolled! During the course of that first term another 10 were enrolled. The school will be at full capacity once they have 40 children and by that stage will need to think about further expansion. Teachers for the appropriate ages were employed and although with

limited facilities the enterprise is making amazing progress. One thing the government authorities requested was a water harvesting system – and, wonderfully, money was given to cover the cost and installation of the tank and necessary pipework.

The school is called Leaders' Education Complex – an amusing title for our ears but it does reflect how Wilcox and Jacky are determined that the school focuses not just on academic work but on truth, integrity, kindness, and honourable principles in its aim to build future leaders for their country. LEC is affiliated to their church which helps to give it credibility and oversight of finances.

Money has also been given by various contacts for a computer and 10 tablets – modern ways of learning are the aim of Kenya's education system and they do have an incredibly comprehensive curriculum best delivered using today's technology.

The next thing which would be so helpful to them would be a projector and screen to further facilitate learning as it has been shown that learning visually is very effective, especially for children who are slower learners. The cost of this equipment would be about £500 and I wondered if this is something to which friends in Hinxton would like to contribute. This is not giving to some big organisation but directly to those on the ground who are doing the work.

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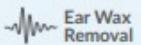
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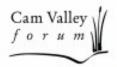
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# CAM VALLEY MATTERS No. 67 15 June 2021 The Occasional Newsletter of the Cam Valley Forum

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The CVF evening visit to the flooded gravel pits of Milton Country Park was led, under a low June sun, by the

personable Sarah Harris, deputy manager. knowledge and enthusiasm spoke wonders for the value to urban dwellers of 300 acres of watery, green space. Eyes were opened to the wide range of activities on offer, the incorrigibility of human behaviour. and an abundance of wild life. Standing on the northern edge of the park, and looking across farmland, one could only wonder at the drive and vision of Cambridge Sport Lakes (which manages the park) in their quest to create training and competition lakes extending two miles, all the way to Waterbeach. See the scope of project at www.cambridgesportlakes.org.uk

At the end of May, Rob Mungovan (pulling boat, photo above) of the Wild Trout Trust oversaw an electro-fishing survey of Vicar's Brook between Trumpington Road and the Cam. No fewer than 10 species of fish were identified, including brown trout fry. This provided a baseline before channel enhancement which followed a couple of weeks later. Flow deflectors. some 60 metres





brushwood faggots, and 48 tons of gravel were installed (photo of dumper truck, left) to diversify existing habitats.

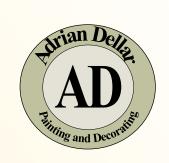
This gravel installation was a less labour-intensive activity than that relished by the volunteers (bottom photo), in April, who shovelled a mere 20 tons of gravel into the Cherry Hinton Brook at Daws Lane, after 27 tons of silt had been mechanically removed (the cost of which was met by the City Council) so that the gravel would rest on a firm channel bed.

These remedial measures can be viewed in relation to the Greater Cambridge Chalk Streams Project Report <a href="https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/9067/greater-cambridge-chalk-streams-project-report.pdf">https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/9067/greater-cambridge-chalk-streams-project-report.pdf</a> which was prepared for Guy Belcher of the City Council and Cambridge Water by Ruth Hawksley of the Wildlife Trust BCN and Rob Mungovan. The work parties were led variously by Rob, Ruth and Victoria Smith, the City Council's Local Nature Reserves Officer.

This spring Rob has also been overseeing similar channelrestoration work on the River Mel which was funded by Cambridge Water's Pebble Fund.



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Saturday 4th September 2021 10.30 am - 4.00 pm

Come along to find out how you can reduce your carbon foot print and helpstop the climate emergency!

Exhibitions, Speakers, Stalls, 'Swap' tables, family activities and more.

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# July Greetings to Hinxton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

Happy Days! The sun has been out and we have been open for trade, inside and out – thank you for visiting us again.

The feedback we are getting continues to be fantastic – well done to the team getting back up to speed so fast.

We have put up a new tent for anyone who would still feel more comfortable outside as well as for those seeking a bit of shade over these sweltering days.

Our various trees and wisteria are also providing some most welcome shade for our garden tables.

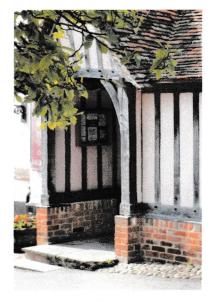
Please do keep **booking tables ahead** – this continues to be of enormous help in spreading bookings and keeping everyone as spaced and safe as possible.

Please do sign up to our **Newsletter** to keep up to date.

Keep well and safe.

Alex, Nikol, Shane, Kris and the teams







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