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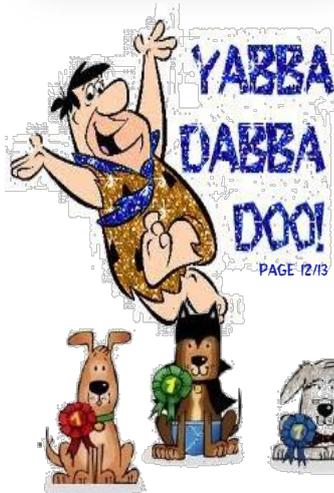


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from the Editor

April certainly gave us a taste of things to come. Lots of activity with the local development issues we have become familiar with being joined by a move by the much reported **Huawei** who acquired the old Spicer's site and plan to start a new research function there. (read Willy Brown's report on p.16) They are a global player like the **Wellcome Trust** and as such have the attention of the politicians who are scrambling to find something (*anything?*) to crow about and support to offset their lamentable failures.

Regrettably, our local needs are likely to be sacrificed on the altar of "National Importance."

Our good friend **Theresa Sullivan** has sent us another **Letter from Oz**. This was written just before she and her family met in **Sri Lanka** for a family reunion and holiday. The horrific events on Easter Sunday occurred the day they were due to leave. Thank goodness they arrived home safe and sound but understandably they will be permanently affected by their experience as they all had a great love of the country and its gentle people.

During the month we had the Village and the Church Spring clean and normally volunteers are asked to help dust the Mill before it opens in May. This year the deep clean is being handled by professionals but we are encouraged to visit to see the sparkly new paint job (thanks to Hinxton supporters).

The Hinxstones Fete and Fun Dog Show are just around the corner. We are hoping every pooch in the village can find its way to the Show. Word of warning to parents....please do not dress your kids in their best clothes for the Fete.

*We are trying to locate an Army style camouflage net.
Can anyone help ?*

The new **Iron Bridge** is due to be completed by the end of May and as I write there are signs that the work is well underway with clearance of the path to enable the structure to be positioned. It will be a relief when it's

finally done and I would expect some form of celebration to mark its inauguration.

My favourite choir will be performing their Summer Concert for us in the church on June 26th. They go on their European tour the following day so we are really fortunate they are prepared to visit. Even if you are not a music buff, these enthusiastic and talented young people will really raise your spirits. P.4

The Parish Council is seeking applicants to fill the seat which will be vacated soon when Graham Fagg as he moves to Ickleton. More than ever we need strong and intelligent participation on the Parish Council. The constant threat of overwhelming development requires a great deal of attention. This challenge is being met by the incumbent group led by **Willy Brown** but our team are volunteers being tested by well paid professionals in abundance. You may have specialist skills you can bring to the table.

If you feel you can make a contribution, please take a look at the advert on page 18.

And Willy would be happy to explain what is required of you over a pint in the Red Lion.



Iron Bridge

Permission has been given to the Wellcome Trust by the Environment Agency to replace the iron bridge over the Cam near the Mill. The work will start the second week in May.

It will take about 10 days and during that time the permissive path along the river edge and the path down from the bus shelter will be temporarily closed.

Everyone is asked to respect these closures to ensure that the work is completed safely and without disruption.

**EASTER GARDEN
HINXTON CHURCH**

Photo taken in 1969 and
shared with us
by Jenny Saich



EASTER GARDEN HINXTON CHURCH

HINXTON

Many visit Easter garden

Holy Week and Easter were celebrated by services in Hinxton Church to mark all the events of the season.

On Maundy Thursday evening, the Lord's Supper took place, identifying the worship in Hinxton Church with the Last Supper when the Holy Communion began.

There were three services on Good Friday — the children at 11 o'clock; the service entitled "Watch by the Cross" from 2 until 3 p.m., at the conclusion of which Mr. George Reynolds tolled the passing bell, and at 3 p.m., the time when Our Lord died upon the Cross.

There was also an evening service when the lessons were read by Susan Hills and Mr. L. Reynolds.

On Easter Day, Susan Hills read the Epistle at 9.30, and Mr. L. Reynolds the second lesson at evensong.

All the services were conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Leslie Dunkin with Mr. A. Croot as organist. Mrs. A. Everett accompanied some of the Good Friday services and the Easter Day junior church.

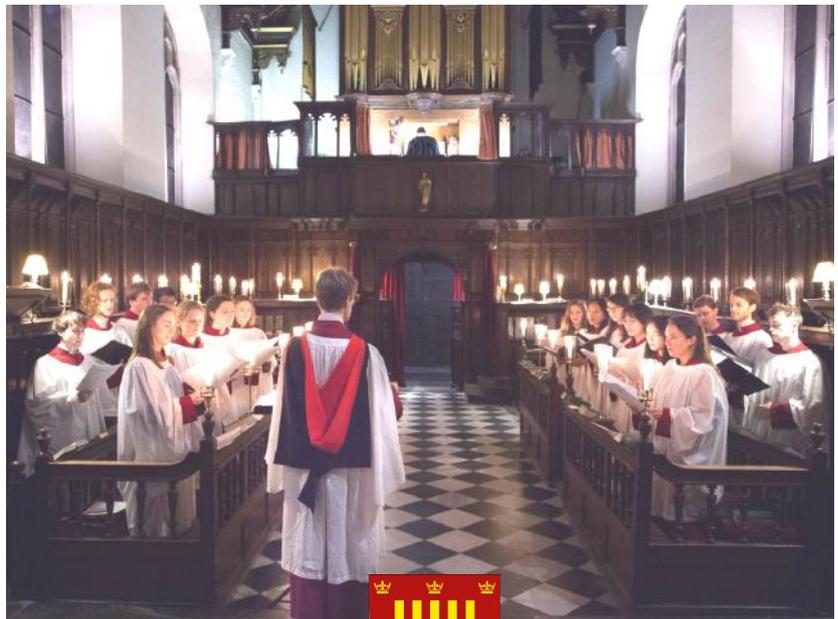
The church had been specially cleaned and tastefully decorated by women of the parish.

A magnificent model of the Easter Garden had been constructed by the head gardener of T.I. Hinxton Hall, with the assistance of other members of the T.I. staff, depicting the hill, "Calvary," with the three crosses and the garden containing the tomb. The splendid model has growing plants and even a working fountain, and occupies the whole of the Lady Chapel area.

The children had made their own miniature models of the Easter Garden, and these were judged by Mr. John Slin at the junior church on Easter Day. Prize winners were Marina Cracknell, Anne Johnson, and Rosalind and Deborah Harris (joint entry); but all the other children who had submitted entries were given consolation prizes.

The large Easter Garden will remain in church for several weeks. It has already drawn a large number of visitors.

The Vicar says: "It is well worth a visit and is Hinxton's answer to the Chelsea Flower Show!"



**Peterhouse
Cambridge**

Wednesday June 26th.

Students from Peterhouse will premier their summer concert in the lovely setting of our church in Hinxton prior to their tour of cathedrals in Latvia and Lithuania.

The programme will include motets by Stanford and Rachmaninov, among others, and feature Holst's sublime setting of the Nunc Dimittis.

We are privileged to have them visit us each year so come along and hear this wonderful College choir at their very best.

No booking required but early arrival is recommended.

Admission is free.

Refreshments.

Be seated by 7pm.

A message from Petra

Easter has happened. We will have celebrated the resurrection, eaten too much chocolate and returned to school/work/normality just a day or two later and are now probably counting the shopping days to Christmas. In the church, we are, quite literally counting the days (40, since you ask) to Ascension and then Pentecost.

But when did the resurrection happen? If we read the gospel accounts, those who went down to the garden found the stone sealing the entrance of the tomb had already been rolled back and it was empty. Jesus' body had gone, but one actually witnessed the moment. Mary Magdalene was so distraught by the empty tomb, she mistook the risen Christ for the gardener and it was only when he spoke her name that she recognised him and was restored to herself. The loss and grief that had disorientated her and held her in the darkness and sorrow of Good Friday was shattered in a word, "Mary."

For the disciples on the road to Emmaus it was after journeying with Jesus, listening to him speak, inviting him to share a meal with him, that they recognised him as he broke bread and for others it was when he came into the room and spoke to them. For Thomas, sceptical, doubting; who would not believe unless he could see and touch for himself, it was that invitation to touch Christ's wounds.

There are many things in life that cause us to hold on to 'Good Friday'. Grief and loss can cause us to feel disorientated, incomplete, diminished. Broken relationships, illness – our own or that of someone we love, loss of a job, too much work or work that overwhelms; the list is endless and each situation is unique. Each of us needs to find way and give ourselves the time to work out who we are in this changed situation, to reorient ourselves and move onwards still bearing the scars, but with wounds, perhaps beginning to heal a little.

The different accounts of the different people who encountered the risen Christ at different times and in different places tell us that it happens differently for each of us. We are all individuals and he meets us where we are just as we are, whether we are the doubters, the

disorientated, the confused, if we are the ones who betray, mock, deny or despair, if we are grief-stricken or just lost. We are the people who make up the church, all of us frail and imperfect, but hopeful, and trying to be better; more loving, more compassionate as we celebrate the new life that is possible when we encounter the risen Christ.

It's not too late to say Happy Easter!

Services in May

Sunday 5th

- 8.00 BCP Communion Duxford
- 10.00 Parish Communion with Al2gether Ickleton
Baptism and admission to Communion
- 6:30 Evensong Hinxton

Tuesday 7th

- 10.30 Coffee morning Ickleton

Sunday 12th

- 10.00 Al2gether service Duxford
- 6.00 Youthinc – Youth group

Sunday 19th

- 8.00 BCP Communion Ickleton
- 10.00 Parish Communion with Al2gether Hinxton
- 5.00 Taize service Ickleton

Tuesday 21st

- 10.30 Coffee morning Ickleton

Thursday 23rd

- 10.00 TIDDLERS under 5's group Duxford

Saturday 25th

- 9.30 Craft Café Duxford

Sunday 26th

- 8.00 BCP Communion Hinxton
- 10.00 Parish Communion with Al2gether Duxford
- 6.30 Evensong (BCP) Ickleton

Thursday 30th

- 7.30 Ascension Day Deanery service Castle Camps

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Fields across the Hundred Parishes are turning yellow as the oil-seed rape flowers; farmers will be hoping for a bountiful harvest. Fortunately for them, research by the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology found a positive but unexpected increase in key bee species responsible for pollinating flowering crops such as this. Between 1980 and 2013, the scientists had measured the presence of 353 wild bee and hoverfly species across the country. Overall, they noted that one-third of species had declined, one tenth increased, while evidence for the status of other species was inconclusive. Pollinating insects are vital for adequate seed production in crop plants as well as other species including rarer native plants which often support more specialist insects.

The UK hosts about 20,000 species of insects, many of which get eaten by other creatures. We enjoy seeing brightly coloured butterflies or dragonflies, but species like skylarks, swifts, blue tits, hedgehogs, shrews, bats and many fish require a cornucopia of moths, flies and beetles in order to survive. Assorted flies, beetles and wasps are also predators or decomposers helping to control pests and recycle dead material.

The statistics in the 2016 State of Nature Report show an alarming decline in the abundance of many insect species. The causes of this decline are complex, but intensification of farming, loss of wildflower meadows, hedgerow removal and changes in climate play a part. Widespread use of herbicides and pesticides is also implicated. Herbicides have reduced the variety of wildflowers; with limited foraging opportunities many insects have become scarce or extinct. The impact of pesticides on all insect populations has far reaching consequences and is now subject to intense scrutiny to find answers.

Planting suitable flowers in our own gardens benefits insects and other forms of wildlife, especially if we garden organically!

Tricia Moxey Trustee

Desert Island Jukebox



Guests are asked to choose their eight favourite tunes and briefly explain why. This month's contributor is Heidi Allen

1

"Rhapsody in Blue"

Composed by George Gershwin

First thing I ever wanted to learn to play on my clarinet

2

"Superstition" sung by Stevie Wonder

Can't help but want to dance

3

"Pride (In the name of love)" played by U2

Very emotional, powerful, tells a story

4

"On Days Like These" sung by Matt Monro

Our first dance at our wedding

5

"Just Say Nothing" by Incognito

Heard these guys at Ronnie Scott's - awesome

6

"Piano Concerto No 1" Chopin

Reminds me of a cat we once had who got stuck out in the rain and was gazing in through the window!

7

"King Of Wishful Thinking" by Go West

My go to song when I feel down Picks me up to fight again!

8

"Adventure Of A Lifetime" by Coldplay

Love the video!

Letter from Oz

Dear Hinxton friends,
Life has moved on apace and much has happened in the last month. I am now settling into a new house about 10 mins walk from the family. It's a weatherboard building with front veranda, described in this area as a Californian bungalow. They were commonly built around the 1920s in an Arts and Craft style. There are some very fine examples of beautiful Art Deco windows in the area that I saw while house hunting, but this house has been less well treated as at some point in its fairly recent past it has been lifted to the front of the plot and two new houses built in what would have been the back garden. It has the great advantage of being opposite the child care

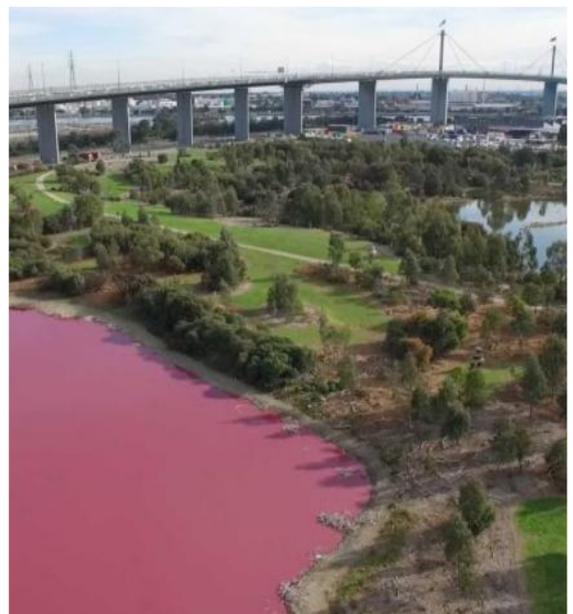


facility that the boys go to a couple of days a week. Traffic comes screeching to a halt as we are seen to approach the road to cross, the 21 month old tethered firmly between me and his 4 year old brother.

The garden I have acquired would make you weep! It has only three plants, a possibly dying eucalyptus tree, an extremely robust rose and a Passion flower. Could be an expensive challenge. This week I'll go to the Melbourne International Flower festival to seek inspiration.

As you move towards spring and everyone seems very excited by emerging daffodils I am conscious of the approach of autumn here and the last couple of weeks

have been a mixture of some cold nights and glorious days, but deciduous trees, the Acers in particular, are definitely turning to shades of red and orange. It is these weather conditions of high temperatures, lots of sunshine and lack of rainfall which has caused a natural phenomena in this area which I have never seen before. A salt water lake close to the the point where the Yarra River enters Phillip Bay has turned bright pink. It's been caused by the algae growing in the lakes salt water crust producing the red pigment carotene, which has gradually turned the lake a bright reddish pink. It is quite spectacular but will slowly disappear, I am told, as temperatures drop and when we get some rain. The area is actually man made, created during the building of the immense (and I think, rather beautiful Westgate Bridge) a 2 ½ km long construction which I have to cross when driving home from the city. Although it was completed in 1978 it suffered the fate of many bridges through history when a section collapsed during construction killing 35 workers. These days it is one of the busiest roads in Australia and I find myself wondering as I drive across how often anyone these days remembers that tragic loss of life.



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Will be held in the parish of Hinxton

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Supper on the Run

NEW DATE

Saturday 11th May

For those of you who haven't experienced one of these events before it's a fantastic way to catch up with neighbours, make new friends and enjoy good food with very little effort. (You only have to provide food and drink for one course for usually about six people.)

The first two courses are taken at different homes with different groups of people. Supper starts at 7pm where everyone meets at their allocated houses for starters. At 8pm everyone moves on for main courses and then deserts are enjoyed in the Village Hall from 9:30 onwards, giving us the opportunity for all to meet together. Those providing deserts are asked to help clear the hall at the end of the evening.

**Complete the form and return by 3rd May to
Sue Elliott, Miller's Cottage or Jill Garnier, 27 High Street**

sellio@live.com

jill@garniers.co.uk

**IF YOU HAD ALREADY REGISTERED FOR THE CANCELLED MARCH DATE...PLEASE
CONFIRM YOU WILL STILL ENTER THE FUN**

Name/s _____

Address _____

Contact number _____

Special dietary requirements _____

Circle which would you be willing to host?

Starter

Main course

Prepare a Dessert

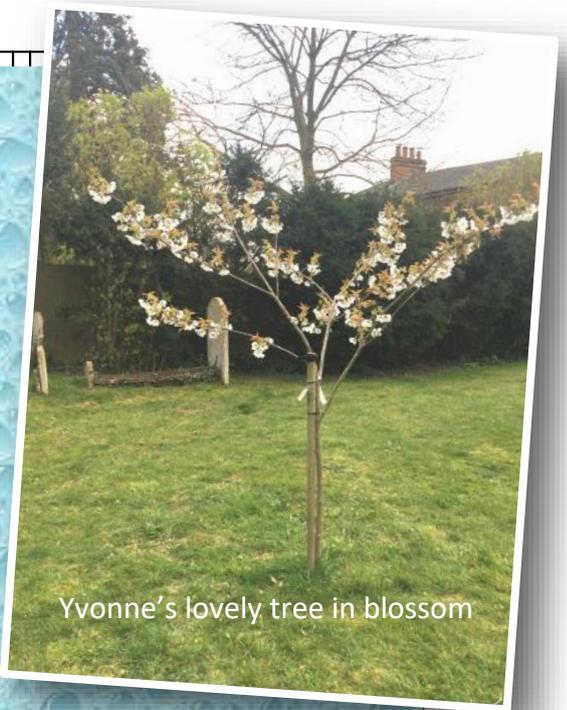
Number of people (including yourselves) you can host



Who said that about Elf and Safety?

Churchyard Clean up

Wet and windy, but got the job done.



Yvonne's lovely tree in blossom



Ros 'n' Debs



Fun Dog Show

Starts at 1pm just before the Fete opens

Refreshments available in Village Hall



Categories include

- *FANCY DRESS*CHILD HANDLER*BEST TRICK***
- *MOST HANDSOME BOY*PRETTIEST GIRL*WAGGIEST TAIL***
- *DOG & OWNER LOOK-ALIKE*BEST SIX LEGS***
- *BEST IN SHOW***

RULES

Entry is £2 per class (six entries for £10)

No Bull Terrier breeds please

Please ensure cleanliness

No pets on the children's recreation area or Fete arena

Arrive by 12:45 to enter the first category

Please contact Mike 01799 530216 for more details

THE HIMXSTONES FETE



SATURDAY JUNE 15TH

Starting at 2pm

Dino Hot Dog

The Jurassic Cave obstacle course for kids
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ANNUAL GARDEN EVENING

We look forward to welcoming you to the Garden Evening
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Saturday 13 July at 6.30 p.m.
(If wet, it will be held in the Village Hall)

Ian and Sarah Pearson have kindly invited us to their lovely garden again.

Let's make it a bumper success! This is a family occasion and all are welcome,
especially newcomers to the village.

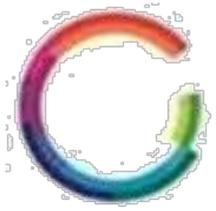
Finger food, garden games and raffle!

£10 per ticket includes glass of wine.

Half price for children.

Virginia Walker (tel: 01799 530360
or email: virginiamwalker@btinternet.com)

**Contributions of finger food would be
hugely appreciated thank you!**



**WELLCOME
GENOME
CAMPUS**

Open Saturday: NEW exhibition - Defeat the Helix & Open Lab

Sat 18 May, 1-4pm

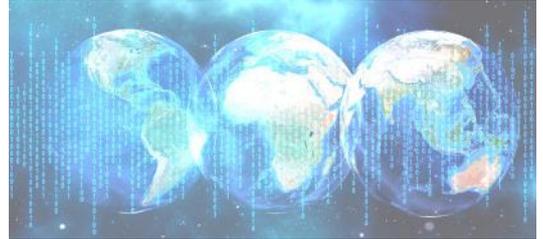
Genome Gallery, Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre

An alien life-form known as The Helix has found Earth and is taking over the planet as we know it! Can you solve clues to defeat them? Enter Mission HQ at the Wellcome Genome Campus and work together - only your skills puzzle-solving can save us now!

You can also visit Open Lab to discover more about the Campus' 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/>



Café Sci Cambridge: Watching nature through the computer lens

Wed 15 May, 7-8.30pm

New venue: Espresso Library, 210 East Road, Cambridge, CB1 1BG

Images hold essential biological information, often the starting point of our understanding of cells or whole organisms. But how and why would we outsource this important task to computers? Join Virginie Uhlmann from EMBL- European Bioinformatics Institute to find out!

This is a free and non-ticketed event. Please turn up for 6.45pm.



From our No.1 correspondent

SPICERS GIVES WAY TO HUAWEI

Information technology moves on.

After a history of paper making dating back over 250 years, the old **Spicers** stationery site between Whittlesford and Sawston is subject of a planning application by its new owner, the Chinese telecom giant **Huawei**. The proposal is for a research and fabrication facility for the tiny and intricate electronic chips central to modern communications. With the government having named Huawei as one of the suppliers of new 'fifth generation' technology, the application can be expected to have support in high places.

Initially 350 people would work in buildings designed for exceptionally clean air and low vibrations. These will be restricted to the present 50 acre 'brownfield' Spicers site because the surrounding land is classed as Green Belt. But this is only a small part of Huawei's newly acquired estate of 550 acres, stretching from the A1301 in the east to the Whittlesford to Shelford road to the west. It contains the listed iron-age fort of Borough Hill, the protected Dernford Fen, a fishing lake and fields and woods.

An immediate concern of the neighbouring parish councils will be to ensure the mitigation of the added traffic on the already overloaded A505 and A1301.

Since my last newsletter, the twists and turns in the Brexit debate have continued apace. The Prime Minister's withdrawal agreement was rejected by Parliament for a second time, Article 50 has been extended (briefly) and MPs have finally been allowed to express their own views on a range of possible outcomes, having originally been denied that opportunity. By the time you read this, the situation will have inevitably changed again!



Although limited space prevents me from providing a more detailed explanation here, I have been providing rolling updates on my website so that constituents are up to date at all times – especially about the votes I am casting on their behalf. If you have not already taken a look, please do take a minute to have a look at the updates – www.heidiallen.co.uk By way of headlines, I will never support “no deal,” I don't believe the Prime Minister's negotiated deal is good enough and I will continue to support my constituents having the final say on any deal, versus remaining in the EU. I know the votes I cast will not always meet with universal approval, but I give you my assurance that I will exercise my duties with the utmost seriousness and always act in the best interests of my constituents and country throughout these turbulent times. Away from Brexit, there's still the day job to do as I continue to focus on issues affecting South Cambridgeshire. I know that many communities are concerned about hare coursing and its devastating impact. On the 5th March, I met with the Prime Minister's Special Advisor on Environment, Lord Randall, to make the case for new and improved legislation to deal with this scourge. Along with the Police and Crime Commissioner and Superintendent James Sutherland, I outlined my concerns that hare coursing was not only increasing but that the measures for dealing with it had ceased to be effective. Lord Randall agreed to look for legislative and other opportunities to bring about change, including the possibility of sentencing guidelines for courts and increasing the penalties available to them. Cambridgeshire Police has a dedicated Rural Crime Action Team which does an excellent job but it is clear that both the police and the courts lack the powers to deal with hare coursing. The police are having to rely on legislation from the nineteenth century to bring prosecutions and without sentencing guidelines for the courts and increased penalties, all too often the legislation does not provide

an effective deterrent. I was pleased that Lord Randall was so prepared to listen to our concerns and work with us to bring an end to hare coursing and the increased levels of crime associated with it. I am determined to bring about the positive change that is needed and I will provide an update in future newsletters. Earlier this month, I visited Long Road Sixth Form (pictured) and Cambridge Academy of Science and Technology to talk about my role as an MP. It's fair to say that I was kept on my toes by a demanding audience! I answered questions about my decision to leave the Conservative Party, Brexit (of course!), how to heal divisions in society, education funding, Donald Trump and the possible outcome of the next general election...to name but a few!

From sixth form students to our youngest pupils, I was particularly moved by the story of five year old George, who has been leading the fight against litter in Duxford and gathering litter whilst donning a superhero cape! I was so inspired by his commitment to the local environment that I joined him and other residents of Duxford for some litter picking one Saturday morning. George is a great reminder of how local action on the ground can bring about positive change in our villages – well done George!

A sure sign that spring has sprung is the annual Thriplow Daffodil Weekend! I visited on the Sunday, the sun was shining, the sausage sarnies were great and everyone was having a great time. If you've never visited, I'd recommend you make it a must next year. For my (cat owning) sins, I was called on to provide my “expertise” to judge the Family Fun Dog Show! As I arrived in Thriplow, I couldn't help but notice that after a busy and serious week in a Brexit dominated Westminster, residents had been able to keep their good humour with their choice of road signs for the event!

Well done to everybody involved in such a successful weekend!

If there is anything you would like to talk to me about, my upcoming surgeries are:

“By appointment surgery” will be on Thursday 2nd May, 3-5pm at my office in Hardwick.

For an appointment, please call my office on 01223 830037.

“Drop in” surgery will be on Saturday 8th June, 10.30-12.30pm at Woodview Farm Café, Mill Hill, Potton Road, Gamlingay SG19 3LW. No appointment necessary.

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

See you next month!



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FORTHCOMING VACANCY

ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a vacancy arising on Hinxtton Parish Council this summer. It arises from a housing move. Volunteers for a replacement will be most welcome.

Although there are only six formal meetings a year there is a fairly busy flow of email exchanges between councillors. Currently most of these arise from the need to assess and respond to the major planning applications that confront the village.

If you would like to have a non-committal chat about what is involved, please contact the Chair <wab10@cam.ac.uk>.

There will be a more formal request for applications from the Parish Clerk shortly.

Annual Hinxtton Parish Council AGM

13th May at 6.30pm in the Village Hall to be followed by the normal Parish Council Meeting

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 **£32 (£48)**

Saturday evening **£64 (£90)**

Short meetings **£13** (use of hall only)

Discounts may be available for block bookings and charitable events.

For bookings and further details please contact

Julia Lowndes of the Village Hall Committee.

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Duxford Open Day

Sunday 2nd June 2019 2pm-6pm

Summer is almost here, gardens are flourishing, and this year five Duxford gardens will be opening for the National Garden Scheme. New this year is the garden at 16 Ickleton Road, a garden full of interesting and unusual plants, because Claire is a self confessed “plantaholic”. The other gardens opening are Bustlers Cottage in St Peters Street, an acre of cottage garden, with the added benefit

of cream teas. Then at 6 The Biggen the river at the bottom of the garden and the trees and views across the other side are a fittingly beautiful backdrop to the extraordinary collection of unusual plants in a peaceful and calm sloping garden. We have all seen the magic that Bruce can do with the little triangle

beneath the tree at the junction of Green Street and Chapel Street, so imagine what he has done with his garden at Cloudberry Cottage, 2 Chapel Street which is another wonderful garden. Finally, the magnificent gardens at The Mill will be open, where the garden and the water are harmonious and majestic.

In addition to cream teas - home made scones, Rodda’s clotted cream, Tiptree strawberry jam - at Bustlers Cottage, delicious tea and cake will be available at the URC, supplied by the local committee of Macmillan. And there will of course be plenty of interesting plants to buy in some of the gardens.



Duxford will be in full scarecrow mode during the same weekend as the gardens are open for the National Garden Scheme. Scarecrows will be popping up all over the place, in gardens, in hedges, and on green spaces throughout the village.

The National Garden Scheme gives visitors unique access to over 3,500 exceptional private gardens in England and Wales, and raises impressive amounts of money for nursing and health charities through admissions, teas and cake.

Thanks to the generosity of garden owners, volunteers and visitors we have donated a total of £58 million to nursing and health charities, and made a donation of £3 million in 2019. Founded in 1927 to support district nurses, we are now the most significant charitable funder of nursing in the UK and our beneficiaries include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen’s Nursing Institute.

The National Garden Scheme doesn’t just open beautiful gardens for charity – we are passionate about the physical and mental health benefits of gardens too. We fund projects which promote gardens and

gardening as therapy, and in 2017, we launched our annual Gardens and Health Week to raise awareness of the topic.

To find your perfect garden, visit ngs.org.uk, download the National Garden Scheme app or purchase the National Garden Scheme’s Garden Visitor’s Handbook, which is published annually and available via ngs.org.uk/shop and at all good book retailers.

Jenny Marks
07956 049257



Dear readers, I am begging for the loan/gift of paintings, sketches, photos and any other artworks of Hinxton mill and its environment, any types, any times of year for an exhibition I hope to stage throughout the open season. If the artists wish to have them back I will put an on-loan sticker on it but if they are willing to sell it I can put prices on them and if they would like to make a contribution to the upkeep of the mill that would be wonderful. I already have about half a dozen works (two by a Saatchi listed artist). Also we hope to have a fundraising tea and a jazz lunch later in the season this year, so look out for more details to come. Sue

HINXTON MILL

OPEN DAYS

2019

£3 adults
£1 children
Free for members

Volunteers always welcome ...contact Sue Elliott
01799-531885

Sundays, 2.30—5.30pm

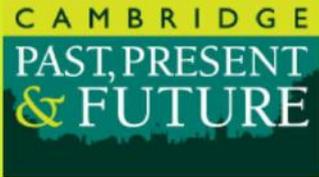
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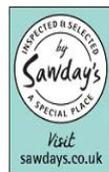
Come and look around this stunning working watermill, dating back to the Domesday book. Guides will show you how the mill works and tell you the history of this atmospheric old building. Plus “where’s Ratty” for children and river walks.

Set in picturesque surroundings on the River Cam, in the village of Hinxton.
 The Mill is owned by local charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future and cared for by dedicated volunteers. Please support the Mill by visiting, becoming a member or giving a donation.

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

Some events ahead for your diary:

**GB Bake Off Ian Cumming
Pudding Club Special**

Friday 21st June

We are delighted that we are bringing back our hugely successful Pudding Club With a Show Stopper: Bake Off Finalist and Local, Ian Cumming, has kindly offered to create and host a special Pudding Club for us. £35/head for choice of starter, light main and then a buffet of 6 puddings.

**“Pint of Jazz” at The Black Bull
Friday 3rd May**

Claudette Burch and her
ACE jazz ensemble
8-10pm no ticket required

**“Pint of Theatre” at The Black Bull
Thursday 13th June 8pm**

James Rowland’s Edinburgh Festival sell-out performance of Team Viking
£25 for two course dinner and 50 minutes of theatre or join us just for the theatre @ £5. Full menu also available.

Summer Beer Festival at The Black Bull

Thursday 13th – Sunday 16th June –
showcasing the best East Anglian beers)

We look forward to welcoming you
and your friends
Alex, Nichol, Jiri, Shane, Chris
and the teams

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**GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT
GARDENING SOCIETY**

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

RECENT MEETING

The 45th Annual General Meeting of the Great Chesterford & District Garden Society took place on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at Ickleton Village Hall, Frogge Street, Ickleton.

Chair, Pauline Gale welcomed everyone to the AGM, saying that a total of 57 present must be an unusual occurrence for many an AGM! She reported of the consistently high attendance at meetings throughout the past year due to the excellent quality of speakers, refreshments and raffle.

During 2019, speakers will cover a wide variety of subjects; summer outings have been planned as well as the Bi Annual Show in September.

Pauline thanked all the committee members for their work throughout the year, and asked for volunteers to stand for committee.

The winner of the Best Bloom Competition was Margaret Turner, Second Gerry Birch, and Third Anne Mackenzie.

The popular Plant Stall offered for sale a wide variety of shrubs and perennials, and the evening concluded with refreshments and the Raffle.

FORTHCOMING MEETING

Wednesday 1st May 2019

BEAUTIFUL NEW ZEALAND

The Flora of the Southern Hemisphere

Speaker: Robin Carsberg –involved in horticulture both as a keen amateur grower and an Essex Guild Horticultural Judge.



Parsley



Sage



Rosemary and Phil



Spring is quickly changing to summer as the days lengthen. The blossom in the village has been wonderful this year.

You may remember Joan Pettett and her fabulous tulip displays over many years in Duxford Road. Gerald and Jenny who now live in Joan`s former home kindly gave some local residents a bag of Joan`s tulip bulbs which are now in full bloom and are a beautiful reminder of a very kind, born and bred Hinxtonian.

In the borders it is time to prune frost damage from evergreens, cutting back to healthy growth. This includes trained pyracanth which may need shortening of shoots to keep them close to the wall. Deadhead tulips to stop them wasting energy on producing seeds but let them die back naturally. Once spiraea and forsythia have finished their lovely flowers cut the tallest oldest stems at the base. This applies to a lot of our shrubs but don`t prune buddleia or fruit trees as you will cut off the flowers and reduce the crop. May is also the perfect time to shape ornamental hedges such as box.

To prevent fungal problems on roses now is the time to spray against black spot, greenfly and black fly, perhaps starting a regular programme of spraying or if you prefer you can wash off bugs with soapy hands.

Ponds need regular maintenance now, pond weed will be starting to accelerate with blanket weed being the main culprit. Pull it out with hands or a rake before it clogs up the water. This month is a good time to put new pond plants into aquatic baskets raised on bricks.

May is such an optimistic month, do get out and about if you can and enjoy the fresh warmth.

Great!

Little weed seedlings have started to show in profusion. This is actually a good sign as it means that the soil is warm enough to start sowing. Also, probably the most constant job in vegetable gardening, time to start hoeing. It is such a tedious but important activity that it is worth investing in a good one. For many years I have used a swoe. These are light to use and can be pushed, pulled and also fit sideways into small spaces between the plants. The secret with weeding is to do it before you see the weeds so the small seedlings are killed before they even surface. Wait till they have grown and it becomes a much harder job. I suspect that losing out to the weeds is the most common reason for giving up with vegetable growing.

I heard about someone who put a row of French beans from the garden centre in at the beginning of the month. Don`t get fooled by that one, they didn`t survive the first night. Brassicas, roots, onions, peas and broad beans are fine. French beans, runners, courgettes, wait till May to sow outside and end of May beginning of June to plant and even then be prepared to cover with fleece.



Joan`s garden last year

RECIPE RELAY



This month's recipe is from Sue and Chris Elliott. I was talking chicken recipes with Sue down at our allotments (instead of getting on with the digging) and asked for the details of the hot chicken salad which she had described as it made my mouth water! It is similar to the hot lemon and chicken salad our daughter cooks for us, except Lauren throws in some sliced spring onions and sometimes garlic too about three minutes before the end of cooking. And she sometimes makes it with croutons instead of new potatoes. It's a recipe you can play around with, but Sue's version is perfect - ideal for a late spring/summer lunch.

Linda

"This has been a family favourite with the Elliott family for so long we have forgotten where it came from, but think it might have been on a supermarket calendar. It's great for a quick springtime lunch, and if you fancy something a bit more substantial just add some freshly cooked new potatoes."

HOT CHICKEN SALAD WITH LEMON

Serves four. Cooking time about 10 minutes.

Ingredients

Mixed salad leaves such as Little Gem, Iceberg or Frisee (or a selection of any that will not wilt too quickly when the hot bits are added)
Four boneless, skinless chicken breasts or six thighs
Five rashers of bacon minus rinds
1 tablespoon of oil (olive or sunflower)
Juice of a lemon
1-2 tablespoons of freshly chopped tarragon (it really makes a difference but if you can't find it use parsley)
Salt and pepper

Method

- Prepare the green salad.
- Slice the chicken into strips and chop bacon into small pieces.
- Heat the oil in a deep frying pan and cook chicken and bacon for about five minutes until lightly browned (Chris says this is the key bit, and if the meat produces a lot of water drain it away and carry on browning).
- Add the lemon juice and tarragon and season to taste.
- Cook for four or five more minutes until chicken is tender.
- Toss the green salad in large serving bowl with your favourite French dressing and fold the bacon and chicken evenly into the lettuce.
- Scatter on the new potatoes at this stage if you are using them, give the whole thing a final stir and serve immediately with some crusty bread.



Events in May

1st	Wednesday	*BLUE & GREEN BINS*  Chesterford Gardening Socy 7:30 Ickleton Hall Friends of Hinxtion Church AGM in the village Hall at 7:30p
2nd	Thursday	
3rd	Friday	Hinxtion Walkers meet at 0930 at the village hall
4th	Saturday	
5th	Sunday	6:30 Evensong
6th	Monday	May Day Bank Holiday
7th	Tuesday	WORK STARTS ON THE IRON BRIDGE FOR TEN DAYS
8th	Wednesday	*BLACK BINS*  Coffee Morning Village Hall 10-12
9th	Thursday	
10th	Friday	
11th	Saturday	Supper on the Run Ickleton Social Club Quiz 8:30pm
12th	Sunday	Hinxtion Water Mill Open Day p.20 Sawston Fun Run
13th	Monday	Annual Parish Council AGM followed by usual PC meeting
14th	Tuesday	BLUE & GREEN BINS 
15th	Wednesday	
16th	Thursday	
17th	Friday	
18th	Saturday	
19th	Sunday	10am Parish Communion with AI2gether
20th	Monday	
21st	Tuesday	BLACK BINS 
22nd	Wednesday	
23rd	Thursday	TIDDLERS 10-12 St Peters Duxford
24th	Friday	
25th	Saturday	DUXFORD AIR FESTIVAL WEEKEND 9:30AM Craft Cafe , Duxford
26th	Sunday	8am BCP Communion
27th	Monday	Spring Bank Holiday
28th	Tuesday	
29th	Wednesday	BLUE & GREEN BINS 
30th	Thursday	
31st	Friday	
1st	Saturday	Littlebury Festival p.21

Notable Future Dates	
June 1st& 2nd	Littlebury Festival
June 4th/5th	Dakotas to fly at Duxford
June 15th	VILLAGE FETE & FUN DOG SHOW
June 26th	PETERHOUSE CHOIR
July 13th	HINXTION GARDEN EVENING
Aug 16th	Red Lion Garden Party
Sept 8th	TUDOR FEAST
Sept 28th	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Nov 10th	Hinxtion Comedy Hour



Hinxtion Coffee Morning

10am Village Hall

Please come along and enjoy a chat and coffee and biscuits.

Usually every 2nd Wednesday of the month