

Hauxton News - January 2019

Parish Council - hauxton.net

I would like to welcome Caroline Ruben who has recently been appointed as our new Parish Councillor. Caroline who lives at Hauxton Meadows has already become involved in village life by helping with the community lunches, signing up as a volunteer driver and has also offered to organise the light lunch/ afternoon tea in the VH on Sunday 3rd February (more information in the newsletter) Do pop in and meet us all.

Don't forget our quiz on Saturday 9th February. We will provide the food and questions and you bring your own drinks. More details at the end of the newsletter. We need to keep fundraising for the new village hall so we have the fixtures and fittings we need!

The Parish Council wishes you a belated Happy New Year.

Jane Ward

Funding approved for new tennis courts at Hauxton Sports Ground

Hauxton Parish Council is set to get new tennis courts thanks to a £59,500 grant from funding body WREN. The money, awarded By WREN's FCC Community Action Fund will be used to build two new hard surface tennis courts with surrounding fencing at Hauxton Sports Ground. We believe this facility will provide a real boost to the people of Hauxton and Harston wanting to become involved in tennis. It's great that WREN have awarded us this money and we're really looking forward to the tennis courts taking shape during the spring of this year. Funding was also provided by Cambridge Lawn Tennis Association and the national LTA

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund. Cheryl Raynor, WREN's grant manager for Cambridgeshire, says: "We're delighted to be supporting the new tennis courts at Hauxton and pleased our funding will provide such a fantastic sporting facility for people of all ages. WREN is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that make a difference to local communities and we're really looking forward to seeing this one take shape soon.

Tennis Club and coaching

With the tennis courts now scheduled to be built, we are looking to form the new tennis club and to find out from residents the likely demand for junior coaching. We are in discussion with a local coach and if numbers are sufficient, we will organise this. Coaching is likely to be arranged by age, eg 6 to 8 years and 9 to 12 years. Please email John Hammond at the email address below if you are interested.

We are still looking for club members and if you have not already given John your details, please email him at clerk@hauxton.net

Cricket at the Sports Ground - Volunteers needed

The cricket season will soon be upon us, and we are in the process of obtaining suitable grounds maintenance equipment to get the new cricket square ready for its first season of use. We are very keen to hear from anyone, cricket enthusiast or otherwise, who would be prepared to help now and then or on a more regular voluntary basis, with the preparation of the pitches before or during the season, ie rolling and mowing. Contact John on 01223 872680 or clerk@hauxton.net

BPHA Extracare - room for community use

We have mentioned this previously in the Village & Church News, but it is worth repeating that the Community Development Officer for BPHA has contacted us to say they have a room on the site, with a shop like front and separate entrance that will be available to rent in the new Mill View building. They are currently exploring what this room could be used for which would benefit the entire community - things such as a therapy art group, drop in sessions for groups, etc. Please get in touch with the Clerk for the BPHA contact details

Carols on the Green 7 December 2018

The Christmas tree looked wonderful this year lit up in the middle of the Green (and particularly against the lovely backdrop of lighting on Tom Ginty's house) and was the centre of our second Carols on the Green village event. Putting marquees and lighting up in strong winds in the morning was worth the effort when so many villagers turned up for the event, and it was lovely to see all ages braving the cold to start the festive season off. The Hauxton School sang some lovely carols and we thank them all, teachers and children for opening the event so tunefully. The Walden Buskers led the village singing whilst hotdogs and mulled wine was consumed and Father Christmas visited. The main intention was to get the village together and was a bonus that we raised £276 for the Village Hall fund and a bucket collection for Jimmy's of Cambridge raised £80

Thank you to everyone who helped us set the event up and particular mentions must go to: Tony Allison for sourcing the tree and putting it up and disposing of it; Redrow for sponsoring the tree and extra lights for the second year; Shelley and team for managing the food and drink; and Tom for his help anchoring tents down and being so patient as we caused disruption to his electricity supply – thank you all! Next year, we'll have the village hall and it will be much easier logistically.....

Hauxton Parish Council – raising funds for the Village Hall

Sunday 3 February 2019, 12:30 – 3:00pm

in Hauxton Village Hall

Simple homemade food and socialising in the village hall

- *Bring the family after a session on the play equipment on the Rec.*
- *Feeling a little lonely at the weekend?*
- *Been for a walk/run and need some food?*
- *Just feeling a bit peckish?*
- *Can't be bothered to cook?*

Homemade soup | Bacon & sausage rolls | Cakes | Drinks

St Edmunds Church

St Edmund's celebrated a full and happy Christmas. We are very grateful to Norman Jones from Harston who gave us the Christmas tree, Tony Allison for installing it and to Jane Ward for decorating it as well as providing the pretty candle decorations. We had four services over Christmas and were particularly delighted that children from the Primary School joined us in the service of lessons and carols. Very many thanks to them and their teachers.

2019 is an exciting year for the Benefice of Harston, Hauxton and Newton as our new Associate Priest will be licensed on February 24th at 3pm in Harston church. She is Susan Bowden-Pickstock - a short biography is available on the website harstonhauxtonnewton.org.uk under "welcome". The licensing ceremony is public and open to all parishioners. There is a reception after the service in Harston village hall. Please park there and walk.

We wish everyone blessings for 2019.

Janet Lockwood

St Edmunds 100 Club Lottery

The Church runs the Friends of St Edmund's Church 100 Club Lottery which is registered with South Cambs District Council as a non commercial society. It was set up to raise much needed money which is used towards the maintenance and upkeep of the church and churchyard. This money has paid for the restoration of the flint wall which has much enhanced the appearance of the church, and more recently has funded vital work on the vestry roof. Members of the Club pay £1 per week (collected either 6 monthly or annually) and each month a draw is made. The first prize pays £30, second prize is £15 and third prize is £10 which equates approximately to 20% of the takings. Two social functions are held each year including the Annual General Meeting normally held in August. The church is very appreciative of our current members' support but would very much welcome new members. Anyone wishing to join should contact Carol Todd (873046)

St Edmunds Coffee Mornings

St Edmund's church held their Autumn Fayre in November and it was a very well attended and lively affair. The soup and crumble lunch was very popular and the Fayre raised £650.00 in total. The Christmas coffee morning was also well attended and raised £263.00. The next coffee morning will be held on Saturday 9th March and everyone is welcome.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2018

Jean Searle, Bill Haynes and the volunteer collectors would like to thank all those residents who contributed to 2018's Centenary Poppy Appeal. Jean collected £136.45 from High St and Bill £560 from the rest of the village. The WI knitted poppies raised £50.00. A wonderful achievement.

Community Transport

Royston & District Community Transport (RDCT) is an independent registered charity offering door-to-door transport for people living in Royston and surrounding villages including Hauxton, who are unable to use conventional public transport. Volunteer drivers provide transport using their own cars and the scheme also operates wheelchair-accessible minibuses. The service can be used for journeys to hospitals, doctor's surgeries, shopping and connections to train & bus services.

Passengers make a contribution of 50p per mile travelled by the driver with a minimum charge of £4.50 per journey. We have 7 Hauxton drivers but we do need a few more volunteers. You can do as many or as few journeys as you wish. For more information to either request a journey or offer to become a driver please phone **RDCT on 01763 245228**.

Elderly Hauxton residents this winter

So far this year we have had a very mild winter but there is plenty of time to have snow and freezing weather as last year. Please keep an eye on our older residents, who, if we have appalling weather conditions may not be able to get to the shops. Please report to the PC if you have any concerns about anyone. January and February can be very long cold and lonely days for those who are living alone.

We have lots of free Stay Warm and Well packs available for anyone. They include a thermometer for guidance on room temperature, a recipe, tea bag and six simple strength and balance exercises. They are available to collect from the Village Hall or contact the Parish Council.

Blocked sewers in Hauxton

Just before Christmas there was a huge blockage at the pumping station behind the Village Hall and on Christmas morning there was another blockage at the entrance to The Lane. The man called out to deal with it reported that the drains were very close to overflowing and it would then have caused major blockages along The Lane, Jopling Way and Willow Way. The cause of the problem in both cases was **wet wipes** as well as a cardigan which was found in the system at the pumping station!! Please, please think twice before putting wet wipes down your loos. Although the packets say they are flushable it would appear that they are not.

Get Active

By the time you receive this newsletter every house in Hauxton should have received a Get Active poster.

The Active New Communities project focuses on helping individuals to stay active while relocating to a new community in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Alconbury Weald, Northstowe and Hauxton have been selected in phase 1 and although this is primarily for Hauxton Meadows the PC have asked if the whole village could be included. The lead partner is Living Sport, the County Sports Partnership for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Please click onto www.activenewcommunities.com and complete the survey for Hauxton. Living sport will find teachers and coaches to help set up various clubs in our village if there is sufficient interest. The indoor curling looks good!

If you would like a paper version of the survey please contact me 01223 870930 and I will let you have a copy.

Living Sport are also hoping to apply for funding in order to obtain 2 outdoor table tennis tables to go on the recreation ground. Watch this space; it could all be happening in Hauxton!

Jane Ward

Hauxton Amblers

We have now been meeting on the first Sunday of every month for the last 18 months and have ambled around the country park to Grantchester, Madingly to Girton, Wimpole, Barrington, Gog Magog and Royston Heath. The walks are between 4 and 5 miles and are taken at a leisurely pace! We've learnt some interesting facts about the areas in which we've walked and have been known to stop off and have a drink at the end of the walk too. If you are interested in joining us even only occasionally, then please contact me at janeward975@gmail.com and I will keep you informed as to where we are walking. It's a great opportunity to meet other Hauxton residents, become familiar with the local area and of course keep fit!

Hauxton Primary School

We had a really busy end to last term with Carols on the Green, our Nativity and Carols at St Edmunds. The children and staff worked hard to make each event a joyful and successful one. Thank you to everybody that supported us.

Everyone came back after Christmas refreshed and ready to learn. We will be finding out about the weather, toys, volcanoes, mountains and the Maya civilization. The younger children have already enjoyed a drama workshop and our sports clubs are all busy. Next week, we will be visited by the Parliament Education Team to learn more about democracy.

We look forward to welcoming you to the school in 2019.

Emma Stevens (Head teacher)

Hauxton School Association

The Hauxton School Association will be hosting a community quiz night on **Friday 29th March 7.30pm**, all welcome. Tickets are £7.50 per person to include supper. Teams of 6. Our pop-up pubs will be returning again this year the first one will be on Friday 7th June 7.30-10pm.

Sarah Stone

Hauxton Preschool

With a new term just beginning, we are actively looking to recruit new members for our committee. Whether you would like to be involved in the running of the preschool, or perhaps you could help with our fundraising targets we are really in need of some volunteers to step forward. Without a fully staffed committee we are legally unable to open our doors and continue providing this invaluable facility within the village.

Please contact us on 01223 870919 if you would be able to offer some of your time.

Michelle Noble

Hauxton Little Acorns baby and toddler group

There seem to be lots of babies and new parents in the village. I've met a few of them who've shown an interest in starting the baby and toddler group 'Little Acorns' again, even if only for a short time. The play mats and toys are available and the Village Hall could be booked from 9:45 – 12:00 each Tuesday to meet. It needs about 10 people to be viable. If you're interested in meeting up with others with young babies and toddlers, do let me know and I'll put everyone in touch and see if we can make it happen. Call me on C 870930 or email me janeward975@gmail.com

Jane Ward

Hauxton WI

Our group continues to have meetings on the second Tuesday evening of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It's a group for all ages and each meeting has a speaker or an activity and a chance to socialise over tea and cakes. You can join us as a visitor for £5 if there's a talk that particularly takes your fancy one month, or join as a member for £42 a year. We'd be delighted to welcome you.

Last month we had our Christmas party and enjoyed mulled wine, games and an acapella group serenading us. Previous meetings have been interesting, fun and diverse including wine tasting, sugar crafting, chocolate making and women's health and well being. Next meeting is Tuesday 12 February: 'A story for Valentine's Day,' written and read by a local author Sylvie Short.

Additionally, we arrange theatre trips, concert outings and have a regular book club and craft groupsomething for everyone!

Hauxton Village Jigsaw Challenge 2019 organised by Hauxton WI

In Hauxton Village Hall on Friday 15 March at 7.00pm

Gather a team of four friends and come along for an evening of fun, food and puzzling to see who can complete a 500 piece puzzle first, and within 2 hours. Puzzle provided.

(If you can't get a full team, don't worry, we'll link you up with others).

● **Tickets £10 per person** and include a ploughman supper ● Raffle

Tickets should be purchased in advance: Ann Walters: ann.goy@btinternet.com

Jill Wilson: 01223 872008 jill7532wills@btinternet.com

Hauxton Community Lunch Club

Christmas came early to the Lunch Club where the 'full works' were enjoyed by 21 members on 5 December – a real feast of Christmas food. We enjoyed singing carols, playing a quiz and most exciting.....a Wiseman on his camel came and delivered individual homemade Christmas cakes, sweets and a plant to every one! Can anyone guess who the Wiseman is?

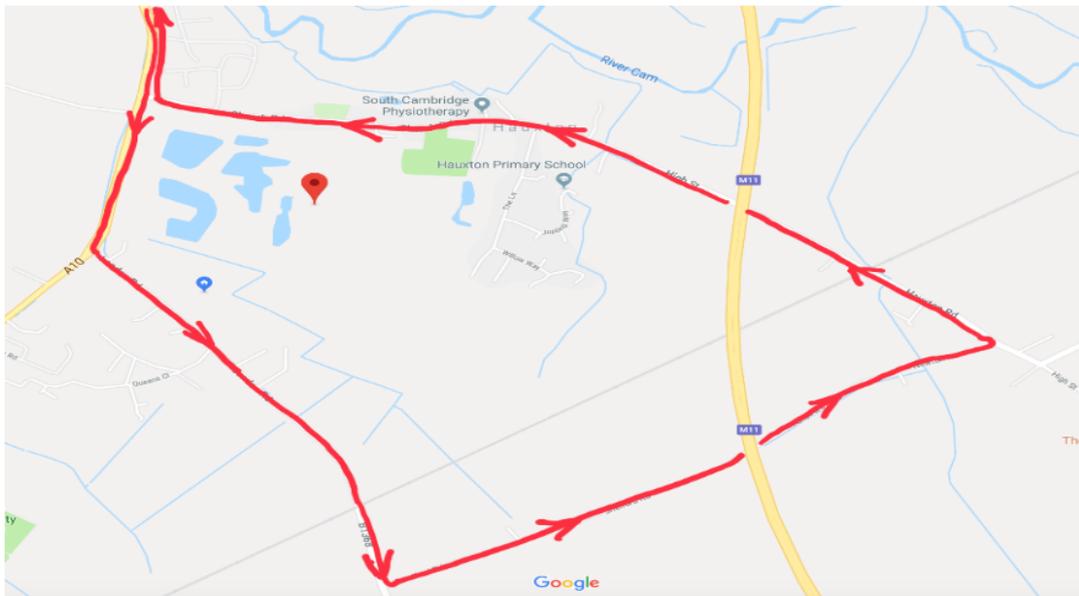


John and I joined the group at the start and have attended every month, except holidays. The volunteers are the stars, shopping, cooking and serving delicious meals with a smile. We have met several neighbours in the Village we might never have met otherwise. We enjoy a good chat and learn a lot from them some with very interesting stories of their experiences particularly during the war. I believe one resident met Einstein, now there's a topic for conversation! We have also been fascinated to learn that one of the group escaped the start of the war hidden in an apple barrel and many other stories. The one time we all stop talking is when we eat, the food is delicious.

Why not come along and join us 'the older residents in the Village' and enjoy good food and company on the first Tuesday of each month.
Doreen & John Wilkinson

Hauxton to P&R Shuttle Bus (Service32)

This service which at the moment runs during peak hours commenced on 31st December 2018. It runs 362 days per year, in morning and afternoon peak times. The price is £1.00 per trip (children under 5 years old are free) and concessions apply to the whole service, not just after 9.30am. It works on a "hail and ride" basis. The service includes London Road (Harston) Newton Road, Hauxton Road (Little Shelford), High Street and Church Road (Hauxton). The Service is operated by A2B.



Once the bus is able to go through Hauxton Meadows and turn out at the traffic lights next to the extra care homes, it will hopefully be able to run more accurately to the timetable as getting out at Hauxton Gap at the moment is causing long delays. The road through Hauxton Meadows is due to open in May. This should make the journey a lot quicker.

Feedback forms regarding the service will shortly be found on the bus for users to complete. We know there are some teething problems and the Parish Council are in contact with the provider. We need to know of any specific problems with the buses and would be grateful if you'd let me have specific details of dates, times etc as they happen please. janeward975@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

As you may be aware, we held a police surgery and NHW meeting last week, both were a great success and I would like to thank all the people who attended and for the PSCO's for taking the time to talk with us and answer our questions too. The NHW team are currently relaunching the NHW scheme in our village and would like to have more coordinators for different areas of the village. If you would like to join us and help keep the village safe from crime then contact shelleypearson807@outlook.com

Please look out for our NHW leaflet which will shortly be delivered to your homes. It contains lots of information regarding the scheme and also security devices which will help to keep you and your homes safe.

You may also wish to sign up to ecops who email you with regular information of reported crime around Cambridgeshire. To sign up go to <https://www.ecops.org.uk/> and register.

Shelley Pearson, NHW Coordinator

Hauxton Parish Council

Quiz Night

Saturday 9 February 2019 at 7.15pm in Hauxton Village Hall

We'll be eating before the quiz starts!

Arrive at 7.15pm when a two course meal will be served

Bring your own drinks and glasses

Tickets £10 per person

Raffle

Teams of up to 6 people - don't worry if you don't have a full team, we'll sort you into one!

Tickets available from Jane Ward: 01223 870930 email chair@hauxton.net