

Church Report - Revd Susan Bowden- Pickstock

I would like to preface my short report by saying how lovely it has been for us to move and start to settle in amongst the three villages of Harston, Hauxton and Newton. We are particularly grateful for a warm welcome from everyone in Hauxton and it is a delight to have been able to get to a number of the different village activities. I am particularly delighted to be vicar at St Edmunds Church Hauxton because it is such fantastic example of the continuity of church and village through the ages, and so many ages!

Thank you very much to all who attended our lively and fascinating Storytelling in the Church where I could start to piece together some of the rich history of the village and learn of some of the characters past and present. A church in a village is so many things. It will always be a place where those needing a bit of peace and quiet, in the quiet presence of God, can come and sit, ponder and pray. Likewise, it will always be a place where on a Sunday we can meet together to give thanks to God for all the good things we enjoy, and pray for those in need. It is a place where we can explore the depth of our human experience, the profound moments such as Remembrance and deaths, and the joy of baptism with thanks for new life, and weddings, a new start. It is also a repository of the stories and these key moments in the characters of Hauxton through the centuries. It is a place of community, and I will, always welcome any requests for community activities should the church be a helpful place for them.

Meanwhile this year we celebrate our big birthday. St Edmunds is One Thousand and Fifty years old and to celebrate we are having a birthday open day with live music, history exhibitions, refreshments through the day, a particularly special woodwork exhibition, a toddler ball pit, exhibition of Hauxton primary school history and art, and hopefully Tower tours. This is your church, and it is a beautiful one. Please put 13th July in your diary and join us on our birthday

Annual Report of Hauxton Women's Institute - Jill Wilson

Hauxton WI has been in existence without a break for 93 years this year.

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and welcome all ladies to join us for a girls' night out with interesting speakers, plenty of cake and nibbles and even bubbly on some occasions. We are a very friendly group - not too big, so that we can all get to know each other. Guests are always very welcome to come for a taster or if there's a particular speaker they'd like to hear.

Our programme is very varied: Over the last 12 months we included something of local historical interest, a health talk, a local author, live music and a talk on Music Therapy, chocolate making and wine tasting, as well as interactive crafting. We have also held events to which all the Village and friends are invited, such as our Afternoon Tea or Coffee Morning, our Jigsaw Challenge and our Quiz Night. We also pride ourselves on supporting Village events such as Coffee Mornings, Quiz Nights and Carols on the Green.

We very much look forward to having a larger space in the new village hall

Hauxton Community Lunch Club – Jill Down

Another successful year of monthly meals at the Lunch Club in Hauxton.

Between 15 and 20 people come to our meals at 12.30 on the first Tuesday of each month and the air is full of conversation as people catch up with friends and enjoy some home cooked food. The members tell us that the social aspect is as important for them as the food. Several of the members have limited mobility and we offer a door to door pick up service to enable them to come. It can be very lonely and isolating being confined to your home so we encourage you to speak to neighbours and friends who you think might benefit from this activity and let us know of interested people. Of course, we welcome those who are sprightly and independent too - there is no lower or upper age limit!

We think that the Christmas meal was our best yet. Carols were sung, a 'Wiseman' delivered individual Christmas cakes, sweets and plants, and everyone enjoyed a quiz whilst recovering from eating too much.

We were pleased to recruit Caroline Ruben as a new volunteer to the team last year and still need more people to help either with serving or cooking please - it's not onerous, it's not every month, and no special qualifications are needed. We have some part time helpers who help us when we send them distress calls - our thanks to them - Janet Lockwood, Georgie Noble and Matt Howes (the members love seeing a man helping!)

Congratulations are due to all the regular volunteers, Allison Ryder, Jane Ward, Sue Cook, Angela Gardiner, Wendy Bacchus and Teri Howes for achieving a Five Star hygiene rating when inspected by South Cambridgeshire Environmental Health in June last year

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Little Acorns baby & Toddlers Group – Jane Ward

Due to a huge influx of babies and toddlers in the village I'm delighted to say that this group has now started to meet again in the village Hall on a Tuesday from 10.00 to 12.00pm. This is a great opportunity for mums to meet each other and have a cup of coffee/tea for the grand sum of £2.00 per session. Search 'Little Acorns Hauxton' on Facebook for more information.

Hauxton Amblers – Jane Ward

The Hauxton Amblers continue to meet on the first Sunday of every month. We usually walk between 4 and 6 miles at a leisurely pace and try to finish up at a nearby pub for light refreshments! The next walk will be a circular walk starting at Barton. Please contact me on 870930 or janeWARD975@gmail.com if you would like to join us. It is a great opportunity to meet and chat with other Hauxton residents as well as having some exercise.

Tree Report -Tony Allison

As per the Parish Councils (PC) adopted trees and shrubs Policy Wardens Tony Allison (TA) and Janet Lockwood (JL) carried out a survey of all the trees and shrubs in Parish ownership.

This year we carried out a partial audit, noting and considering any actions still outstanding from our last audit. Generally, as noted last year, the work carried out over the past three years has resulted in a healthy tree and shrub population. As noted last year, the new trees are becoming established to the point where they are now mostly self-supporting. The reshaping and pruning of the older trees and ongoing maintenance has resulted in a more attractive look overall. This year it included the large Ash at the entrance to Jopling Way which has had a substantial re-shape. As far as we can tell this tree is healthy, which for an Ash of this size, makes it an important Village asset.

The new Oak on the Recreation Ground, planted to replace that removed to facilitate the New Play Equipment, looked stressed during the extremely hot summer and we struggled to get enough water to it. It appears to be picking up now so well done those that helped with the watering.

We wait to see how many of the ex-Bayer Site shrubs acquired earlier in the year survive the move, those that do can be used in any new landscaping scheme.

St Edmund's Coffee mornings & 100 Club Carol Todd & Janet Lockwood

St Edmund's Church continues to hold regular coffee mornings in the village hall which are well attended and enjoyed. A total of £1,233 has been raised since May 2018 which goes towards much needed funds for the Church. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 8 June (10.30 am until 12 noon) and will serve strawberries and cream, scones and strawberry cake. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

For those who don't know, the Friends of St Edmunds subscribe to a lottery which pays out, 1st (£30), 2nd (£15) and 3rd (£10) prizes each month. The subscriptions are £1.00 per week and raise money to help maintain the church fabric and churchyard – there is always something needing repair.

Last autumn there was a serious leak in the vestry roof which the fund repaired and this spring a big crack in a south facing coping stone is being repaired. Still waiting to be replaced is 'blown' render on the east facing wall. Hopefully we will have sufficient funds for this after August when we have our next AGM. The church is very appreciative of our current members support, but would very much welcome new members. Please contact Carol Todd (membership secretary) Tel 873046 if you are interested.

RDCT Résumé for 2019-2020 in South Cambridgeshire

Royston & District Community Transport (RDCT) is an independent registered charity offering door-to-door transport for people living in Royston and the surrounding villages of North & East Hertfordshire and South Cambridgeshire, who are unable to use conventional public transport and do not have the use of a car. Volunteer drivers provide transport using their own cars and the scheme also operates wheelchair-accessible minibuses and MPVs.

RDCT is a well-established service with a large clientele, over 80 volunteer drivers and five of our own vehicles, with paid staff for administration and driving our own vehicles. The scheme is sustainable provided it has sufficient funding to cover its running costs.

We are looking for help with core funding for 2019-2020, including funding for an additional part-time co-ordinator and two additional part-time paid drivers, recruited this year to meet demand. (One additional paid driver replaces a retirement, bringing the total to three.)

Of approximately 90 volunteers, 47 are volunteer drivers based in South Cambs.

The additional part-time co-ordinator improves our ability to handle the large number of calls and bookings received.

We currently have 1014 individual clients, of which approximately 308 individuals are regular users in South Cambridgeshire.

We are now completing approximately sixty journeys a day, Monday to Friday, with increasing demand for weekend journeys for hospital appointments, particularly at Addenbrooke's Hospital. We have a continuous recruitment policy for volunteer drivers and passenger assistants to meet demand.

Our plan for 2019-2020 is to meet our mission statement: "We'll take you where you need to go".

RDCT Hauxton team statistics – David Wherrell

January – December 2018

Over this period, our drivers made a total of 336 journeys, covering 3395 miles, of which 93 journeys were from Hauxton, totalling 900 miles, and 143 from Harston, totalling 2,495 miles.

These journeys were made by 12 drivers, of which 6 were from Hauxton. Other drivers were from surrounding villages, including Gt Abington, Gt Chishill, Haslingfield, Melbourn, Meldreth and Shepreth.

Fifteen drivers – none of them from Hauxton, drove our minibuses for Melbourn Village College students returning home from enrichment classes after school hours. There were 158 journeys, covering 3489 miles, to villages including Melbourn, Meldreth, Shepreth, Barrington, Foxton, Fowlmere, Harston, Hauxton, Newton and Thriplow. In addition, drivers from surrounding villages drove a Melbourn Village College bus on a similar number of journeys on different routes.

Hauxton allotments

You could create a great plot with:

- A bit of effort
- A little advice
- A will to succeed
- At a reasonable price
- Grow your own
- Healthier eating
- Fresh produce
- Good exercise
- Excellent way to relax

Hauxton allotments are located on the left-hand side of High Street between the village and the M11 towards Shelford.

At present we have a number of requests in process and are keen to fill the current 4 existing plots that are immediately available, we need to bring them back into use if at all possible. We are also looking at creating additional new starter plots as some people find the prospect of clearing a plot rather daunting.

There are also possibilities for additional plots, should demand require them, so, if you are interested, please make yourself known to the contact below in the first instance. We can show you what might be available and direct you to the correct person at, Carter Jonas, the agents who manage the plots on behalf of Ely diocese.

Contact: Tony Allison, 07775614350 Email tonyakaaga@tiscali.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch – Shelley Pearson

The NHW have relaunched at the beginning of this year. We are working alongside the police and Parish Council to crack down on the crime within the village.

We have purchased new signs to deter the criminals from entering and working within our village. We rely hugely on the residents in Hauxton to report any suspicious activities to the police and to the NHW.

New leaflets have been distributed throughout the village and more are to be delivered. Anybody that would like to join the scheme please let Shelley know at the end of the meeting.

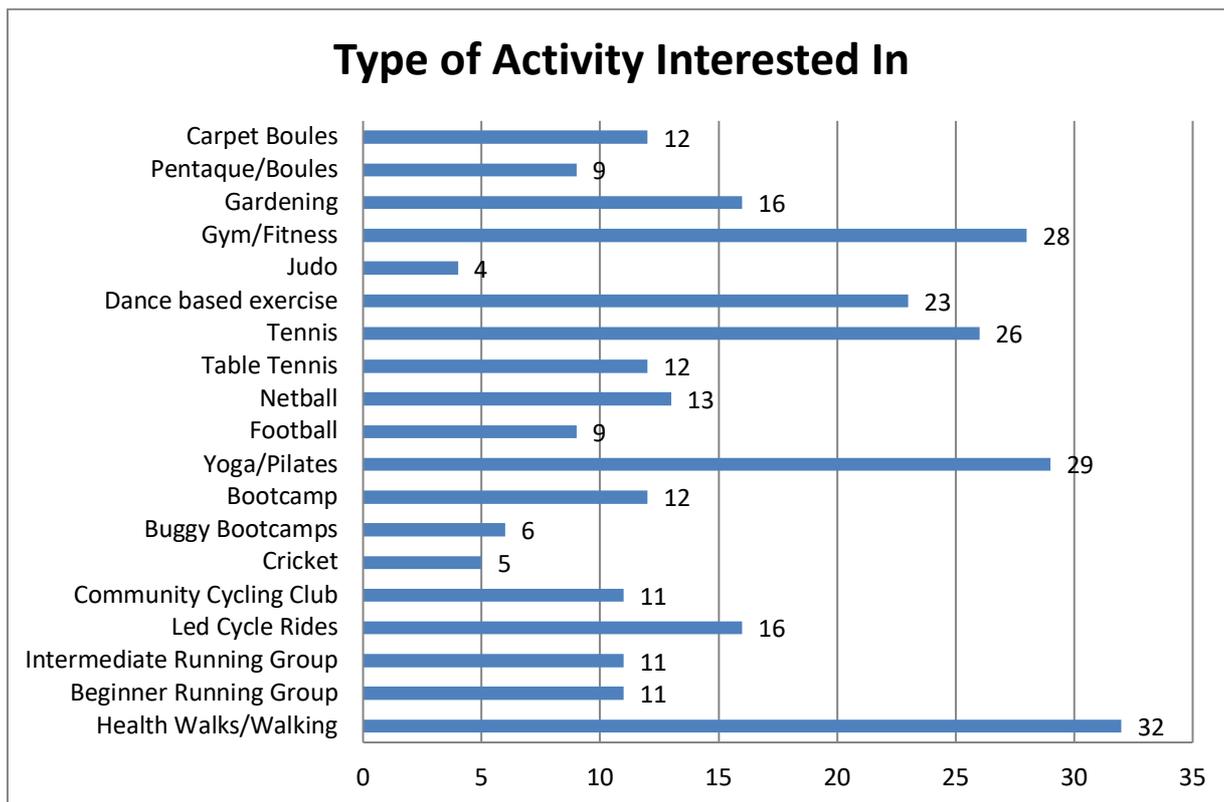
We have a number of devices on display this evening that can be used to deter criminals, and can be ordered from me.

Active New Communities in Hauxton

Update May 2019

The Active New Communities project focuses on helping adults to stay active while relocating to a new community in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The project is also supporting growing communities like Hauxton, to expand the sports and physical activities on offer and to use sport to bring the community together.

- **Hauxton First Contact Survey** - 65 residents completed the survey during January-February as a result of hearing about the project via the leaflet drop and Parish Council newsletter. Please see headline results below which have provided us with a good overview of residents' physical activity/sports requests. We will now be working with the Parish Council to see what new activities we can realistically start to roll out using the existing facilities in the village and what we can plan once the new village hall and sports facilities are ready. We have recently contacted those who expressed interest in Yoga/Pilates to see if there's scope to set up some more local classes.



- *Other activities requested: Wing chun, climbing, walking netball, new age kurling (6), Buggyfit or other mother baby exercise groups, dodgeball indoor football kickball, parkour and calisthenics, pull up bars/monkey bars, ballroom dancing (2), golf, sitting down exercise (2), squash.*
- **Links with local sports clubs and suppliers** - We are starting to engage with local sports clubs and suppliers, to assess their capacity for growth and any support required eg. promoting up-coming events, marcomms support, training needs, workforce needs.
- A database of sport and physical activity sessions running in and around Hauxton can now be found on the Hauxton Parish Council website and the Active New communities website: <https://www.activenewcommunities.com/hauxton>
- **Recruiting volunteers and new leaders/ sports coaches** – The survey has helped us to identify residents' training needs eg. volunteer training, leaders training, fitness/coaching qualifications. Through the survey, 20 residents expressed interest in getting involved locally and we will be contacting these residents over the summer period to find out more about what they might like to offer and to assess their training needs.
- Through this project Living Sport can provide support and funding for residents who are interested in getting qualified in sports/fitness qualifications and if they are keen to deliver activity locally. For more details please contact Christine Sprowell, see email below.

- **New activity** – We are supporting local residents to set up a new running group with two female residents undergoing the UK Athletics Leadership in Running Fitness Award and planning on launching the club in June. One female resident Marlee Beasley has received training and support to set up Rabble Fitness sessions which are running on Wednesdays and Sundays on the recreation ground.
- We are planning on working in partnership with BPHA and South Cambs DC to develop a range of new physical activity sessions targeting older people and residents at the new extra care housing development Mill View at Hauxton Meadows. We will also make these sessions accessible to the wider village community once the new village hall is available.
- Please follow us on Facebook @ActiveNewCommunities and Twitter @Active_NC and check out the website www.activenewcommunities.com

For more details please contact Christine Spowell (Active New Communities Project Manager)
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Hauxton Birding Group – Richard Palmer

The group, which has local members and members from as far away as Cornwall, Weston- super-Mare and Budapest has had another successful year with a programme of local trips and evening meetings and 3 overseas holidays.

The group enjoyed weekends at Minsmere and on the Norfolk coast. There have been talks in Hauxton village hall once a month during the winter, with a food, wine and quiz social occasion for Christmas and a visit to a local Chinese restaurant to end the winter programme.

In early spring 12 members went to Romania to visit the Carpathian Mountains and then 3 nights on a houseboat on the Danube delta. The autumn saw 7 members travelling to Tarifa, southern Spain for the migration across the Straits of Gibraltar.

The annual winter trip took the group to Assam in north east India. The trip started in Delhi with some excellent local birding, then following a short flight to Guwahati a journey through Assam with further good birding, one-horned Rhino experiences and outstanding food.

A small party is currently in Scotland at the beginning of the summer programme which includes further local trips, an evening social and an adventure in Norway and Finland.

The group is small and friendly and welcomes new members of any ability.

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