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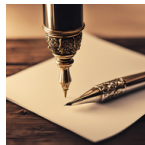
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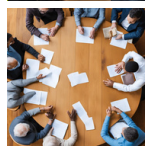
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Have you ever thought about becoming a parish councillor?

We currently have a vacancy

From January 2025, Parish Council Meetings will be held every month in the Village Hall, generally on the **2nd Monday of the month**.

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Notes from the Editor

Greetings to my fellow Hinxtonians. I hope you have all had a good summer.

Last week I had a few days in Arras in France. It's well worth a visit and isn't too far away. I took the Eurostar and enjoyed lots of French food, wine and some blue skies.

Arras is noted for the tragic events that took place during the First World War. I visited a wonderful memorial to those who lost their lives, learned about the tunnels that run beneath Arras, and got severe vertigo going up the Belfry that towers above the town! Definitely worth a visit. I've included a few photos as I had some space in this month's edition.

In other news, the Village Hall design will be presented on 8th Sept at 7pm, followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 8pm. Please do take the time to go and have a look as it will be an important development for the village.

Take care and see you around and about

Steph

WINE TASTING
WITH
ALEX & ANDY



VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH • 7PM
INCLUDES A PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER
TICKETS £20 FROM LAUREN
laurenstephenson@nhs.not
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& Hinxton WI
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WORKSHOP**



Saturday, 4th October at
Chesterford Community Centre
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coffee and homemade cakes!

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CHURCH NEWS

Get ready

Got your owl? Your massive trunk? Your quidditch broomstick? You're ready for school... at least you are if you're off to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. From Malory Towers to Harry Potter, school stories have shaped our understanding of education. As a child, I loved them, especially when it involved a boarding school. Somehow, I was convinced that life would be far better if I were a boarder, although I was thinking about the more congenial establishments. Children's fiction is just as full of the places you would much rather not attend, like St Custard's, Geoffrey Willan and Ronald Searle's creation from Down with Skool.

While we all wait for the new HBO Harry Potter series, it's time to take a few tips from the original films and their back to front back to school preparations. Remember the moment in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, where Dobby the House Elf and Uncle Vernon try to stop Harry from returning to Hogwarts? While Uncle Vernon employs preventative measures like bars on the window and locks on the doors, Dobby warns Harry that school is not good for him and that danger lies ahead. Harry's response is telling. For him, school is important because it's where his friends are.

This is true for Harry and perhaps true for many of us. School is the place where we begin an independent life ... begin to learn the art of getting on with other people and making friends along with the science of tying up shoelaces and looking after our belongings.

While for most children, as it is for Harry, starting or going back to school can be a big adventure, spare a thought for those children who will find the prospect of a return more than just worrying. And for their parents.

And whether the children in your family are keen to start or reluctant... if they – or you – are anxious about the new term, here's a little prayer ...



Best wishes

Lydia

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VJ Day 2025

marking the 80th anniversary of the end of World War 2
and paying our respects to those who served in the
'forgotten army', remembering those waiting at home



At 9 am on the 15th of August 2025 a flag of tribute was raised on the village flagpole to mark the 80th anniversary of the final end of WW2, at midday the church bell was tolled and then at sunset the flag was lowered accompanied by a reflection of what the war meant to a village such as ours



As darkness falls, in our imaginations we see the generations before us from this village, and so many like it, who fought and worked and suffered and gave up so much in time of war.

The surrender of Japan has brought to an end six years of warfare which have caused untold loss and misery to the world. I ask you again at this solemn hour to remember all who have laid down their lives, and all who have endured the loss of those they love.

We pay especial tribute to Your Majesty's Forces who, fighting side by side with the Forces of [our] Allies, have bought with their blood and toil the return of peace to the world.

HINX FEST 25
November 7th - 16th

Friday 7th	Wellcome Campus Fireworks
Sunday 9th	WW2 Remembrance Tribute
Monday 10th	Art Café opens for the week
Tuesday 11th	Fest Quiz Duxford v Hinxton v Ickleton v Wellcome Social Club
Friday 14th	Son et Lumiere & Art Auction
Friday 14th	Kid's Indoor Picnic
Saturday 15th	Grand Finale A Night of Music & Comedy
Saturday 15th	Art Café Opening 12—5pm Monday—Friday
Sunday 16th	Light Lunch 12—2pm Afternoon Teas sittings at 2pm and 3.30pm

HINXFEST 2025

**TICKETED
ENTRY
ONLY**

KIDS INDOOR PICNIC

Saturday 15th November 2025

2pm - 4.30pm

Hinxton Village Hall

Please email evtorrens@googlemail.com for tickets, detailing the number of children you would like tickets for & their age(s).

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Professional Party Entertainer
(kindly sponsored by The Ann
Howsden Charity)

Fancy dress optional

**FREE
ENTRY, ALL
AGES
WELCOME**



Donations to the Friends of Hinxton Church gratefully received on the day.

HINX FEST 25

Latest News about Booking Tickets

The capacity of the Village Hall and the church is quite limited so we are urging interested parties to make their Ticket applications as soon as possible.

REMEMBRANCE TRIBUTE

'An engaging performance of music and poetry to honour our village men who died in the war'

SUNDAY 9TH AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH

FREE ENTRY WITH EXIT COLLECTION

ONLY 100 AUDIENCE TICKETS AVAILABLE

FREE REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE AFTER THE SHOW

EARLY BOOKING IS STRONGLY ADVISED

APPLY TO HUGH TAYLORHUGH.TAYLOR@ICLOUD.COM

FEST QUIZ

'Enjoy the hotly contested knock out competition with teams drawn from Duxford, Ickleton, Wellcome Social Club and Hinxtan'.

The winners take the first FEST TROPHY.

TUESDAY 11TH AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

AUDIENCE TICKET **£10** EACH

PLUS **£5** FOR AN INTERVAL SNACK AND A DRINK.

TO ESTABLISH YOUR INTEREST- TICKET ALLOCATION WILL FOLLOW LATER

Contact hinxfest25@gmail.com

KID'S INDOOR PICNIC

SATURDAY 15TH FROM 12.45PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

'Special entertainment and snacks for children'

FREE PRE BOOKED TICKETS ARE REQUIRED. LIMITED IN NUMBER

APPLY TO EMILY

Email evtorrens@googlemail.com

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: Church Green Cottage

Date: Saturday 27th September

Time: 10.30am - 12 noon

Contact: Sarah Mckeown



Parish Council News

Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 14th July 2025

Wellcome Trust Campus Development.

Recent Liaison meeting with Urban and Civic:

Permission has now been given for Parcel D - Lab buildings and for Parcel A – new homes and amenities. Contractors have been appointed. The new bridges will be constructed on the site and then lifted into place when ready. Some work on the Highway will be done later but expected to cause minimal disruption. All work will be carried out under the Considerate Construction scheme. ANPR cameras will be put in to look for any construction traffic going through villages- any contractor in breach will be taken to task and contracts discontinued.

Discussions will be undertaken to see how residents will have open access to the grounds. U & C asked how they could help the Parish eg upskilling for residents and groups; a way of giving back to the community. It was suggested that this was not very specific, so more details will be asked for. U & C have helped previously with cleaning the Playground, upgrading the Church carpark and helping with the Ickleton Lion.

They have also expressed an interest in offering help to the Hinxtton Mill, and at some point, will be watching the Mill in action.

New Road junction- nothing to be done now but a safety audit will be undertaken.

Village Hall extension James Tipping from the Planning department has given approval to the application and the next amount of money will be released for the next stage of the design and planning. Andy Brown asked about having authority to approve payments and accounts; it was confirmed that he could do this.

A presentation will be given at the next meeting of the Parish Council on the 8th Sept. The meeting will start at the earlier time of 7pm so that the presentation will be held first, followed by the PC meeting. A notice will be put in the Hinxtton News and on the website.

A question was asked whether the outside of the present Hall would be changed. There are 3 options- do nothing, add render, or put on shiplap. Having either render or shiplap will help with insulation.

We have had confirmation from accountant that we will be able to reclaim VAT if we register for VAT. This means that VAT will need to be added to hiring the Hall.

Grants for solar panels will be looked for.

Playground. Following the ROSPA Safety report, a quote was obtained from Playsource for remedial work needed. It was agreed to ask Playsource to carry out the works required for the equipment.

Quiet Lanes. Nothing received back from Duxford yet, need to speak to Peter McDonald and Highway for next stage. Some confusion re the definition of Quiet Lanes; this is to make the road safer but not shut completely.

Dog poo bin location. 2 new bins now installed; one by the entrance to the Mill and one by the Ford. Discussion was held whether to relocate the old small bin from the Mill to

somewhere in the north of the village. The corner triangle of grass where North End Rd and High St was a possible location; however it was decided to monitor the area to see whether one is needed here. If there are reports of dog mess not being cleared, then we will revisit this to see where to put it. Thoughts from residents about this welcomed.

Highways. McDonalds roundabout- this has now gone back to the drawing board. Local Highway Initiative, our application has been reviewed, a decision to be made re one way system in Hunts Lane, expected to hear in Oct. 20mph, this has again been applied for, waiting to hear back.

Hinxfest. At the previous meeting, Ceri Williams asked for a breakdown of the costs as to how much would be needed to fund the events. Mike Boagey produced this which was for approx. £419 for the materials and a donation of £100 to make the items. Ann Howsden charity would fund the children's party and Wellcome will be asked to provide the printing. It was proposed to donate £519 towards the costs - all in agreement.

Public Participation. Question asked re the permissive paths: are they now accessible? Fence has been repaired, paths need cutting, Clerk to contact Bidwells.

Water leak in North End Rd- water company do not want to close the road while schools are still open as it will cause disruption. It was thought that it was better to cause disruption to stop the leak, Peter McDonald will contact Streetwise to see what is happening.

Alex Clarke at the Red Lion has offered help for when the Village Hall is being extended. Thanks given for his offer, will be looked at nearer the time. The Church will be available as well for holding Parish meetings.

VJ day, 15th August, flag raising ceremony to be held on the day. Details will be in Hinxton News and on the website and Facebook. *(Editor's note: these notes are from the July meeting and the event took place)*

FINANCE

Bank Balances at 8th July 2025

Current A/C : £11,043.38

Business /AC : 41,743.02

Village Hall sec 106 /AC £3757.49

Total: £56,543.89

To see the District and County Council report, please go to the Hinxton PC website.

Date of next meeting at the Village Hall: 8th September 2025

- 7pm Village Hall Design presentation
- 7.30 Parish Council Meeting



Curiosities on the
marché aux puces



Gorgeous produce
on the market.



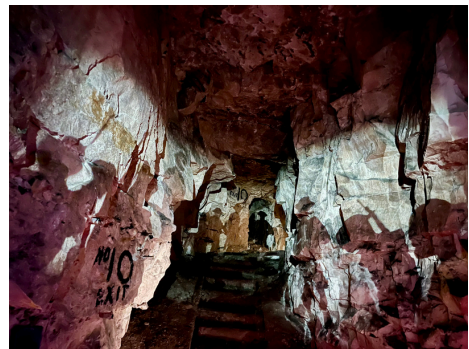
Frites!



Tunnels beneath
Arras dating back
to the 11th
Century



Giants!



Underground
at the
Carrière Wellington

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk



Since the launch of the Society in 2014, its website has continued to evolve and expand as a resource for the local area. It is hoped that this article may help people make the most of www.hundredparishes.org.uk. You are encouraged to step through the menu to get a feel for what is available. If you want to look something up, you might try either **Parishes**, **What's On**, **Articles** or **Walks**.

Parishes holds the key to lots of things. From either the map or the alphabetical listing, select an individual parish to find out a little about its history, the nearest walks or details for a pub or tea room. Introductions include ideas for further reading and links to useful websites.

What's On lists future events in chronological order. Many entries have a link to further information. We are pleased to give publicity to any event that promotes local knowledge or culture, exploration or conservation.

Articles offers local insight into a wide range of topics.

Walks has general guidance and then three options: Station walks, Quiet Lane walks and Other walks. Scroll down the list to find one that suits your need in terms of location and distance. Then click on the walk number to call it up. The first few paragraphs will describe distance, terrain and opportunities for refreshment. When you find a walk you like, print it to take with you. [Control, P] is a useful shortcut to start printing.

Feedback is a way of telling us of changes or something we have missed – perhaps a pub closure, bus route change, additional activity for **What's On**, or website links or phone numbers that no longer work.

I hope these notes have been useful and may make your visits to the website more rewarding.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



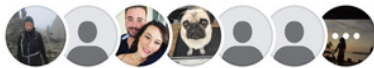
Hinxton Classifieds

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Exchange? Offer? Here is the space to do it!



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Check out
Hinxton's
Facebook page and
the parish council
website.
Great ways to keep
up to date with
Hinxton news and
events

FRIENDLY FRIDAYS

*Don't forget folks, every first Friday of the month is
Friendly Friday*

at

the Red Lion.

*Pop in anytime between 6 and 7.30pm for a chat and a
drink with fellow villagers.*

Happy hour drinks from 6pm to 7pm, courtesy of Alex.

*So the next FF is **5th Sept!***

Just one rule: - rounds are out of bounds,



Buy your own!





Greetings to Hinxtton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

Happy September to all from us all at The Red Lion.

Thank you again for all your support – whether joining us for a Pint of Music, the Garden Party, a Friendly Friday drink or some other random pop in.

I am sad to report that James has decided it is time for his next challenge. A huge thank you to him for all he has brought to the Red Lion while he has been with us. We will all miss him but wish him well for his next venture.

Below are some future events to look forward to:

Friday 5th September.

Friendly Friday

Village drinks and Happy Hour 6-7pm. Come and join the party 😊

Friday 19th September

Pint of Music – free entry

Our longstanding favourite Norfolk busker, Alton Wahlberg is returning to entertain us. A guaranteed feel-good repertoire of so many favourites.

Specials Board – including HinxFest trial home-made scampi & chips

Friday 26th September.

Our Third Quiz Night

Quiz Starts 7pm

Food served 5:30-9pm

Teams of up to six welcome.

£5 entry per person which covers the cash prize money and charity donation to the church glass door appeal.

Book a Table online in usual way – stating Quiz in the notes + dining or drinking.

Earlier Food Offering @ 5:30pm

A reminder that we are now serving food from 5:30pm every day (except Sunday: evening food still 6-8pm). This continues to be very popular.

Hinxtonian Special Offers

We continue our village offer of 15% off food to all Hinxtonians anytime. Booking ahead would be a great help but not mandatory. If not booked then we will do our best but need to fit around those who have booked. (As standard, this offer cannot be combined with any other offer available).

Please register when booking online or on arrival with your name, house number and email address.

Do sign up to our **Newsletter** and/or follow our Instagram [redlionhinxtton](#) to keep up to date.

Best wishes to all

Alex, Nikol, Shane and the teams

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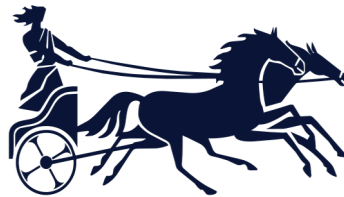
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LIVE at the ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday 20th September 7.30pm

Beans and Biscuits

Beans & Biscuits are well known for their lively performances, filling venues with a fun country/hillbilly repertoire.

Fronted by Martin (Fat Man) Spencer, the band features a soaring fiddle, double bass, twanging guitar and drums creating a rockin' rhythm of Beans & Biscuits tunes.

Be prepared for an evening of fun and frivolity, with banter between the scintillating songs.

For more Ickle-Gig information look up Ickle-gigs on Facebook, or message Liz on 07377068736.

Just before you go....



*We still have allotments available
We still need another parish councillor*

September 2025

Date	Day	Event
1	Mon	
2	Tue	● Black Bin Collection
3	Wed	
4	Thu	🏰 Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm
5	Fri	🚶 Hinxton Walkers - 9:30am - Village Hall - Barbara & Graham Fagg 🍷 Red Lion - 🍷🍷 Friendly Friday - 6:00pm-7:30pm - Pop into the pub for a drink and chat
6	Sat	✈️ IWM Duxford - Battle of Britain Air Show - All Day - Prepare for heavy traffic on A505
7	Sun	⚙️ Hinxton Water Mill - 2:30-5:00pm. 🍰 Mill Fund Raising - 2:30pm - Tea and cakes in Village Hall ✈️ IWM Duxford - Battle of Britain Air Show - All Day - Prepare for heavy traffic on A505
8	Mon	👥 Parish Council Meeting - 7:00pm - Village Hall (7pm start for Village Hall Plans Presentation)
9	Tue	🟦🟢 Blue & Green Bin Collection 🍷 Pub Lunch Club - 12:30 - Red Lion Hinxton
10	Wed	☕ Coffee Morning - 10:30-12:00 - Village Hall. 👥 Urban & Civic Community Forum - Wellcome Trust - 6pm - Village Hall.
11	Thu	
12	Fri	
13	Sat	🍽️ Supper On The Run
14	Sun	🏰 Hinxton Church - Holy Communion - 8:00am
15	Mon	
16	Tue	● Black Bin Collection
17	Wed	🐦 Bird Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge
18	Thu	
19	Fri	
20	Sat	
21	Sun	🏰 Hinxton Church - Parish Communion - 10:00am
22	Mon	
23	Tue	🟦🟢 Blue & Green Bin Collection
24	Wed	📖 Mobile Library - Church Green - 12:20-12:45pm
25	Thu	
26	Fri	🍷 Red Lion - Quiz Night
27	Sat	
28	Sun	
29	Mon	
30	Tue	● Black Bin Collection

Save the date: 🍷 3rd Oct - Friendly Friday - 6pm. 🍷 4th Oct - Wine Tasting - 7pm - Village Hall
⚙️ 5th Oct - Hinxton Water Mill - Open Day. 🎪 Nov 7th-16th - HinxFest25