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Our mission is to inform the residents of Hinxton of local news and issues, while promoting inclusion and fostering a strong spirit of community.

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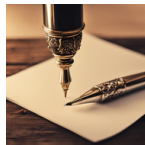
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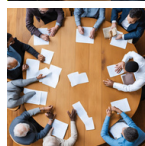
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Have you ever thought about becoming a parish councillor?

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**.

Website: <https://www.hinxtton-pc.gov.uk>

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Email: Hinxtonvillagehall.booking@gmail.com

Notes from the Editor

Greetings to my fellow Hinxtonians.

I hope you are managing to enjoy the hot weather. Last weekend I was helping a friend at the Shuttleworth Collection airshow as she is an expert in aviation history books and owns a book business. I got very badly sunburnt and have been suffering this week as a result. I should have known better. Use sunscreen folks!

The search is still on for Hinxton News' next Editor. Could that be you? Contact me for details.

See you around and about.

All the best

Steph



BINGO for vegetables

Its Back !
Bigger and Better
The happiest event of the year!
Village Newbies will be shocked and amazed at the array of Prizes on offer

Friday 18th September
SPECIAL SEASONAL EVENT
You must not miss this one
Eyes down 7.30 Village Hall
Arrive early at 7pm
Entry including Bingo Cards £5

CHURCH NEWS

Ready to fly

Looking out from my study window recently I enjoyed the sight of several young starlings in the garden along with their parent. They were nearly adult –capable of finding some good things to eat - but not yet entirely self-sufficient. As three of them started to explore the food potential on our rotary washing line, I suspected they still had a bit to learn.

It reminded me of the time when our older daughter – another not-quite adult – returned from uni and stayed with us while she searched for work.



It was lovely to have her home, but it took a bit of adjustment, and we all knew this was not ideal. Recent news reports have highlighted the increasing numbers of adult children living with their parents.

The cost of renting or buying a house has risen faster than incomes. Young adults, who are often at the lower end of the salary scale, tend to be hardest hit. Then there's the more concerning data on those young adults in the UK who are not in education, training or employment (NEET): almost 1 million young people aged 16-24 are in this situation.

So, spare a thought for those young people who this summer will be finishing their time in education and looking for their next steps. Whether you blame the rise of AI or the spread of remote working or wider economic uncertainty, it's tough out there. And young people are disproportionately affected by these changes in the jobs market, meaning they can be dependent on their parents for longer than they may prefer.

Independence is usually something highly prized in our culture: we want to be able to stand on our own two feet, whatever our age. But Christian thinking offers a rather different view of what it means to be human. Reflecting the nature of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – we affirm our interdependence with each other and our dependence upon God. So, while we rightly hope our children will eventually leave the nest, we also remember those bonds that hold us together are deeply valuable and last a lifetime.

Best wishes

Lydia

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Call for Trustees – June 2026

The Charity of Ann Howsden was set up in 1631 when Ann Howsden, who is buried in the churchyard in Hinxtton, bequeathed the income of her estate in Moggerhanger, Bedfordshire to benefit the ‘poor and needy’ of Hinxtton. This land has all been sold and the current assets of the Charity include four bungalows (numbers 2, 4, 6 and 8 Duxford Road), three of which are let out at affordable rents to people with a strong association with Hinxtton.

The Objectives of the Charity, which were updated and approved by the Charity Commission in 2020 are:

- The relief of persons resident in the Parish of Hinxtton who are in need, hardship or distress.
- To benefit the residents of Hinxtton by providing or assisting in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life of the residents.

The Ann Howsden Charity constitution states that, in addition to the ex officio Trustee (the vicar), there should be 8 Trustees who are appointed for a (renewable) term of 4 years. The Charity is currently looking for a potential Trustee to fill an immediate vacancy. There are no specific criteria other than being a resident of Hinxtton who cares about the welfare and quality of life of all Hinxttonians and who will respect the privacy of beneficiaries. It is our aim to be able collectively to represent the interests of all villagers to help the Charity meet its Objectives and it is therefore valuable to have Trustees with diverse backgrounds, experience and skills. The current trustees are Andy Brown, Chloe Brown (chair), Tim Robinson, Benoit Genevier, Jacqui Gruby, Jackie Scott, Jenny Goodwin and Lydia Smith (vicar, ex officio). In addition to the Trustees, Alison King and Nicholas Cliffe facilitate the smooth running of the Charity as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

The requirements of being a Trustee need not be particularly onerous in terms of time commitment. Meetings are held in the evening on a quarterly basis, with additional meetings/email discussions to deal with any issue requiring immediate attention. Trustees divide up tasks (e.g. drafting and updating documents, liaison with agents for the rental properties, management of investments) between them on a voluntary basis according to their interests and experience. The Charity has developed and will continue to update policies and procedures to help meet the responsibilities laid out by the Charity Commission and will ensure that new Trustees are made familiar with these.

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, please send a letter of application with information on your association with Hinxtton and the contribution you feel you could make as a Trustee by email to annhowsdncharity@outlook.com or hard copy to the Ann Howsden Trust, The Grange, 8 Hall Farm Barns, Hunts Lane, Hinxtton. Please feel free to reach out to any of the current Trustees for an informal discussion prior to submitting your application, which should be received by the 31st July 2026.

**The Friends of Hinxtton Church
invite you to our
Annual Garden Evening**



**The Oak House,
105 High Street,
Hinxtton
6pm Friday 17th
July 2026**

Tickets £10 per person (children free)

Available from:

**Eventbrite | Margaret m.07928 697 354 | Kate
m.07492 011 618 | or on the gate**

**Includes a complimentary drink; please bring finger
food to share.**



**Link to
Eventbrite Page**

HINXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the June Meeting of the Parish Council.

Updates

Village Hall extension. The planning application has now been submitted. Andy Brown is in conversation with Bidwells to confirm the actual size of the land belonging to the Village Hall, although this will not have any impact on the extension.

Wetlands Committee. Minutes have been posted on the website.

Playground. It was agreed to submit an application for funds from the Ann Howsden charity to replace the seesaw which has been reported to have cracking in the wooden beam. Following the safety report, some items in the playground will be removed. Tim Robinson has cut down some branches which were hanging over some of the equipment; thanks to him for doing this work.

Quiet Lanes. Nothing to report yet, however the recent problem with traffic through the village due to an accident on the A505 highlights the need to do something to deter cars from using the village as a rat run.

Highways. No feedback yet re the New Road junction. Clerk to continue to chase up Highways to install new posts for siting the speed sign. Thanks to Neil Davison for putting up the sign in Duxford Road. A505: South Cambs District Council, County Council officers and Wellcome Trust are in talks to discuss how much to spend on this, possibly in the region of £10 million.

Hinxton News Mike Boagey will be meeting with Emma Hardwick from Wellcome Trust to discuss the funding of the Hinxton news. Steph Lott is sadly stepping down from editing the Hinxton News; thanks given to her for all her work over the past 2 years. An expression of interest to take over the editorship of the News was received from one of the residents present, which was welcomed.

Planting of whips. The 6 whips need to be planted into their final position; sites were discussed, possibly in Ancient Lane. Clerk to contact Wellcome to see if we could do this.

Potential roadway from Wellcome Campus to Whittlesford parkway. Clerk to contact Robert Evans to ask that we be included in any discussions about this, it has been mentioned several years before to create a corridor for autonomous vehicles.

Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald.

The report can be found in full on the HPC website, but in brief:

Local Government Reorganisation Four options for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) were submitted to the government in November. The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government consulted on these in March. We are expecting a decision from the government on which option will be chosen in July.

Parish Councils will not be affected directly by the legislation, although the election cycle is likely to change and parishes will only be served by one councillor where today they are served by two.

.Energy Efficiency Award The District Council was Highly Commended in the East of England 2026 Regional Energy Efficiency Awards, based on significant energy efficiency improvements at South Cambs Hall, in our social housing stock, and at the Waterbeach Renewable Energy Network

New Cabinet appointed The Cabinet for the new District Council administration has been confirmed as:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/councillors-and-committees/our-cabinet-members>

Zero Carbon Grants

The eighth round of the Council's Zero Carbon Communities Grant is now open, offering a share of £152,000 to projects across the district that will reduce carbon emissions and foster community engagement around climate change. The scheme is open to Parish Councils and a wide range of community groups, offering grants of between £2,000 and £19,500.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/news/council-pledges-more-money-for-zero-carbon-communities-grants>

East West Rail consultation

The East West Rail company's final consultation is still open until 9 June. This will be the last opportunity for our communities to have their say on the plans and help shape the final design. <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/news/latest-stories/east-west-rail-announces-details-of-final-consultation>

Woodland Initiative

Cambridgeshire County Council is inviting communities, landowners and farmers to come forward if they have land suitable for new woodland, hedgerow creation, and nature recovery, as part of a campaign to rebuild the county's depleted tree cover.

The project delivers a wide range of benefits including climate resilience, carbon storage, flood management, improved biodiversity, cleaner air and better public health.

Priority will be given to:

- Lower-grade agricultural land
- Sites next to existing habitats such as woodland, wetlands or meadows
- Land that can help connect ecological networks across Cambridgeshire.

Those interested are encouraged to complete the secure online form by 30 June 2026 for the 2026/27 planting season. Further information about the offers to support the delivery of these woodlands will be available over the next couple of months:

[Woodland Creation | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Quality of Life Survey

Cambridgeshire County Council has launched its annual Quality of Life survey, inviting residents to share their views on life in Cambridgeshire and the issues that matter most to them and their communities.

Alongside the random sample, all residents are encouraged to take part via the council's website at: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/quality-of-life-survey.

The survey will remain open into the summer and close on 5 August 2026, after which responses will be analysed and shared with councillors and the public in the autumn.

Planning Applications Received.

Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council

Proposal: Upgrade, extension and refurbishment of Hinxton Village Hall including partial demolition.

Site address: 51 High Street Hinxton Cambridgeshire

Reference: 26/01981/FU

Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/01981/FUL>

Items to report for inclusion in next meeting:

- Purchasing 2 more speed signs
- Co-option of new Councillors

FINANCE

Bank Balances at 3rd June 2026

Current A/C : £9351.84

Business /AC : £ 40,970.51

Village Hall sec 106 /AC: £71,952.82

Total: £122.275.17

Mystery Cat



Does Anyone Know This Cat?

This cheeky little wanderer has become a frequent visitor to our house, as well as other homes in the village. We would like to make sure that it belongs to someone and is not lost. The cat appears to be healthy and well cared for, so we do not believe it is a stray.

If you are the owner, or know who is, please contact Jill on 07581542833.

If we do not hear from anyone, we will take the cat to the vet, to check if it has a microchip registered to an owner.



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For several years we have had a long waiting list, with parents having to sign their children up as soon as they started nursery! However, we will have a few spaces available at our Wednesday Wildwood and Forest Friday Beaver Colonies starting in September. For admissions email wdsout.admissions@gmail.com

For general queries, contact Marc (marcvn.scouts@gmail.com, 07727 123684), or for second hand uniform, contact Carmel (07939 507805). You can visit: www.wanddscouts.org.uk.

Scouts.org.uk/join

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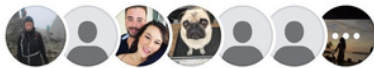
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Hinxton's
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the parish council
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events

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 3rd July 2026

Just one rule: - rounds are out of bounds,



Buy your own!





Happy July from us all at The Red Lion.

Thank you to those who joined us last month – whether for a Friendly Friday, a Quiz Night, a glorious evening listening to Alton in the garden, our steak and beer festival for Father's Day Weekend, our Village Night Hinxtion Mill fundraiser or just a random escape to escape the heat in the shade of the wisteria in the garden.

We have some fun events lined up ahead:

Friday 3rd July
Friendly Friday
First Friday of the month
Village drinks and Happy Hour 6-7pm. Come and join the party 😊

Friday 10th July
Quiz Night
Our monthly Quiz Night so you can plan your diaries ahead.
These will run on the second Friday of every month.
So dates ahead: **Fridays 10th July, 14th August, 11th September**

The format seems to be working. The genres and style will be tweaked a bit in response to your feedback - thank you.

5:30 - 9pm kitchen open
7pm quiz starts
Short interval
9:30pm quiz finishes

The entry fee of £5/entrant will go towards voucher prizes and raising more money for Hinxtion's current mission to install some glass doors for the church porch. There will be a bar snack menu on offer as well as our usual menus (but dining is optional :)

Friday 31st July
Annual Anniversary Garden Party – invites will be out shortly
Drinks, Canapes, Music
Auction & Raffle for local charities

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 redlionhinxtion** to keep up to date.

Best wishes to all

Alex, Nikol, Shane and the teams

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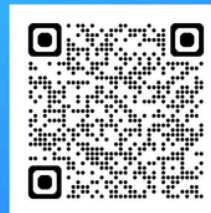
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and the surrounding
countryside.



July 2026

Date	Day	Event
1	Wed	Summer Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands. Glowworm Walk 10pm - Wetlands
2	Thu	Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm.
3	Fri	Hinxton Walkers - 9:30am - Village Hall Red Lion - Friendly Friday - 6:00pm-7:30pm - Pop into the pub for a drink and chat
4	Sat	IWM Duxford - Summer Air Show - All Day - Expect heavy traffic on A505
5	Sun	IWM Duxford - Summer Air Show - All Day - Expect heavy traffic on A505 Hinxton Water Mill Open Day - 2:30-5:00pm
6	Mon	
7	Tue	● Black Bin Collection. ● Food Waste Caddy
8	Wed	Coffee Morning - 10:30-12:00 - Village Hall. Flower Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge Pub Lunch Club - 12:30 - The Lion Ickleton
9	Thu	Glowworm Walk 10pm - Wetlands
10	Fri	Red Lion - Quiz Night + £12 Classic Pub Dishes on Special
11	Sat	Community Café - The Lion at Ickleton - 10:00-12:00
12	Sun	Hinxton Church - Holy Communion - 8:00am.
13	Mon	Parish Council Meeting - 7:30pm - Village Hall
14	Tue	●● Blue & Green Bin Collection, ● Food Waste Caddy
15	Wed	Summer Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge Mobile Library - Church Green - 12:20-12:45pm
16	Thu	
17	Fri	Garden Evening - 6:00pm - Oak House
18	Sat	
19	Sun	Hinxton Church - Parish Communion - 10:00am
20	Mon	
21	Tue	● Black Bin Collection. ● Food Waste Caddy
22	Wed	General Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge
23	Thu	
24	Fri	Community Café - The Lion at Ickleton - 10:00-12:00
25	Sat	Red Lion - Tony Black Busker 7:00pm-9:00pm Fish Night specials
26	Sun	
27	Mon	
28	Tue	●● Blue & Green Bin Collection, ● Food Waste Caddy
29	Wed	
30	Thu	
31	Fri	Red Lion - Annual Garden Party – Music, Drinks, Canapés, Raffle, Auction etc

Save the date:

7th August - Red Lion Friendly Friday - 6pm

2nd August -Water Mill Open - 2:30-5:00pm