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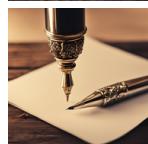
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From January 2025, Parish Council Meetings will be held every month in the Village Hall, generally on the **2nd Monday of the month**.

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Notes from the Editor

Greetings to my fellow Hinxtonians. I hope that you had a wonderful festive Christmas and New Year and are surviving the weather so far in January. The cover photo was one I took of the Wolf Moon when out on a walk with Elsie. It's been so bright you don't really need a torch.

I'm sorry that January's Hinxton News is so late. The printers were shut from 19th December until 5th January and then I have been laid low with a virus which has delayed matters further. Please accept my apologies.

Sadly we lost another Hinxtonian on 12th December 2025. We send our best wishes and condolences to his wife Jane, his family and friends.

Stay safe and warm as we hunker down through the winter, and see you around and about.

All the best

Steph



Hinxton is publishing a new village telephone directory for 2026.

If you wish to be included, please fill in the form below and deliver it to

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By making this entry you are giving permission to be included
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Village Notices

David Chater

It is with great sadness that we report the death of our dear friend and neighbour David, after many weeks in Addenbrookes' Hospital, on 12th December.

We send our deepest sympathy to Jane, Jenny and all the family at this difficult time.

CHURCH NEWS

Know your ABCs

The role began in 597, with Augustine of Canterbury, sent by Pope Gregory the Great to bring Christianity to the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms of England. In between then and now there have been 105 Archbishops of Canterbury.

Randall Davidson, in post from 1903 to 1928 was the longest serving archbishop since the Reformation and the first to retire (rather than die in post). The shortest office holder was Thomas Bradwardine, who, in 1349 served just over a month before succumbing to the plague. There are quite a few others who, though chosen, didn't quite make it. Ralph Neville was elected but turned down by Pope Gregory IX, while the election of Walter d'Eynsham was set aside by King Henry II and the same Pope. Not to mention those, like John de Ufford who died of plague before he could take up office. Or William Edington, who simply refused the role.

Over the years there have been quite a few other Williams, Thomases, Henrys and Johns as well as the occasional Wulfhelm and Stigand, but the latest name on the list is distinctive. Sarah Mullally has been elected 106th Archbishop of Canterbury and, in a ceremony called Confirmation of Election on 28 January, she will become the first woman in the office's long history. This legal affirmation is followed some months later by her installation in Canterbury Cathedral, a service to mark the beginning of her ministry. While installation sounds like what you do with central heating, it's really about being placed in a seat: stall in this sense means your proper seat in the Cathedral. In fact, Archbishop Sarah will be installed in two seats: the Cathedral Chair, for her role as Diocesan Bishop of Canterbury and the Chair of St Augustine, to show that she is Primate of All England, which also symbolises her role in the Anglican Communion. In this, she is not so much leader as first amongst equals with the leaders of the different Anglican churches across the world.

That's a serious amount of responsibility. Archbishop Sarah may not have to face such challenging times as some of her predecessors, but it's not an easy job, as it involves respecting and balancing the concerns of Christian communities in hugely diverse circumstances, with a similarly wide spectrum of views. As she gets ready for this new role we pray for her:

Gracious God, we give thanks for the election of Sarah Mullally as the next Archbishop of Canterbury. Recognising the weight of the ministry she will undertake, we ask that you strengthen and guide her in all things. May she be upheld by your grace and surrounded by the prayers of your people, as she leads with wisdom, courage and compassion.

Best wishes

Lydia

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HINXFEST25

Dear Readers

Thanks to everyone associated with Hinxfest, from the concert singers to the Art Café helpers, from the generous sponsors to our wonderful band of supporters - you were all bloomin' marvellous and deserve a pat on the back. The idea of having a Hinxton week filled with different events, has now been realised. We raised some money for the **Friends of Hinxton Church**, but just as important, it helped bring us, and our near neighbours in Ickleton and Duxford, closer together.

We started with a **Remembrance Tribute** in the church, to honour our fallen men from World War II. Derek Munday opened with wise words. Ros Smith spent hours compiling the fascinating individual tributes. Poems were beautifully read by Sara Varey and Viv Ellis gave us a witty and informative talk about the war years in Hinxton. We enjoyed two lovely harmonious pieces from the Hinxton Songbirds, Julie Boagey, Jenny Goodwin and Sarah Steele, accompanied by the ever present, John Williams on piano.

The Inaugural **FestQuiz** was tremendous fun. Andy Brown, wrote and asked all the questions. Sue Brown was our glamorous scoreboard assistant. Emma kept the busy bar ticking over.

This was something of a first as the unusual format had a watching audience supporting their teams, rather like University Challenge. As the contest progressed the supporters became more involved as it concluded with an exciting twist.

What a delight to see the Wellcome Social Club competing so well and congratulations to the Ickleton team for squeezing a last ditch victory over Hinxton. We appreciated the Red Lion for their enthusiastic support. And thank you, Alex - the **Scampi & Chips** were a thing of beauty!

The big triumph was the '**Son et Lumière**', masterminded by Alex Lake with his impeccable taste and timing. We were generously supported by The Wellcome Genome Campus in acquiring all the lighting equipment that will now be added to and used again and again in future productions.

Emily Torrens and Angela Taylor set up a truly amazing **Kid's Indoor Picnic**. The show was sponsored by the Ann Howsden Charity which meant that a professional entertainer could be hired. He was simply brilliant, keeping all those children laughing for so long.

The **Grand Finale** concert in the church included performances from talent drawn from Ickleton, Duxford and Hinxton. Chloe Brown was our immaculate host, introducing performances from Bernie Lee on guitar, Peter Howarth, The Songbirds, John Williams (tenor), Hugh & Lizzie Molloy (cello/flute) with Colin Durrant (piano) and an entertaining Toby Brown. Geoff Creek and Mike Boagey were the Leprechauns.

The **Art Café** served Sausage Roll lunch with Coles Puddings for afters then offered Posh Afternoon teas. Our sincere thanks go to Mark Jackson at Cole's Puddings for supplying the luxurious desserts. The marvellous local art on display was available to buy at affordable prices.

An **Auction of Art** (all donated by the individual artists) was hosted by the affable Henry Rowe that raised a remarkable £1000 in just over an hour.

Events like this *cannot* happen without considerable help, both financial and physical. Here are a few more helpers and sponsors—

Hugh Taylor, David and Lesley Mills, Rosemary and Paul Breen, Delma Fenton, Lauren Stevenson, Kate Riley, Margaret Malcom, Mo Jackson, Graham Smith, Deb Harris, Mary Munday, Merv and Linda Russell, Joan Roberts, Jane Chater, Paul Coulson, Paul Andrews, Robert Woodward, the SW Community Shedders, 'Bidwells', Hinxton Parish Council and, not least, our Vicar, Lydia Smith and my lovely wife, Julie.

Mike

Boxing Day Walk 2025

A group of about 25 of us and half a dozen dogs gathered at the bus shelter in the High Street at 10 o'clock to enjoy an invigorating walk and see off the excesses of the previous day.

As in other years we wandered through the grounds of Hinxton Hall and the wetlands and into Ickleton. Some took the shorter route home whilst others continued to do the full walk before returning to Hinxton.

We then all met up and enjoyed some fine hospitality at the Red Lion thanks to the generosity of Alex Clarke, who, as in previous years supplied copious quantities of tea, coffee and mince pies. Many thanks to you and your team Alex, this is very greatly appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you all next year.



A Community Shed in South Cambridgeshire? by Mike Boagey

I have been a member of the **Saffron Walden Community Shed** (affiliated to Essex Men's Shed) for some years and can talk from experience of the benefits, not just for older people struggling with loneliness and lack of purpose, but also the fit and able, who need another interest or a new challenge.

The Audley End SHED project has been a resounding success, establishing a safe working environment for thirty or more retired men and women. A place where the members can meet socially and work together on small practical projects, making, mending, or refurbishing items for other charities or members of the public.

We also drink a lot of tea and stand about talking about anything and everything.

Unfortunately, the demand for places is far outstrips availability with a long waiting list.

Recently, a small group of us, from Ickleton and Hinxton, met to explore the possibilities of setting up a similar facility in South Cambridgeshire...to be precise, within the Hinxton, Ickleton and Duxford boundary. The demand is definitely there and, if suitable accommodation can be found, funds are available to apply for.

"We need a rent-free building with long term tenure, mains water and an electricity supply with a car park and a loading bay, please"

— Fat Chance! —

OK.... But it could simply be an old industrial unit or a barn in a field. We could even start with a small derelict hut or create something new on a plot of available land. Building the workshop would be a project all of its own but the skills required would probably be found amongst the members.

You cannot imagine the sense of pride and satisfaction felt by everyone at the SHED in Walden when we sat down for our first Christmas dinner in the new Mess Room made from donated materials and repurposed wood.

An opportunity to join, what is essentially, a social club with a real community purpose, would bring a great deal of joy to many people and reinforce local ties.

We are open to suggestions and would welcome help to make this all a reality.

Thanks for reading

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Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 8.00 p.m.

Speaker : John Little – The Brownfield Gardening Guru

As featured in the January 2026 issue of The Garden, John's pioneering interest is in green roofs and public space gardening, which led him to explore the ecological potential of brownfield sites. Today, he's a crusading campaigner for biodiverse gardens, and is one of the most influential figures in contemporary horticulture

MEETING VENUE - Ickleton Village Hall, Frogge Street, Ickleton

Competition Subject : Flowering Bulb

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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 **Jan 16th 2026**.*

Just one rule: - rounds are out of bounds,



Buy your own!





Greetings to Hinxton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

Happy New Year to all from us all at The Red Lion.

Thank you for all your support over the busy Christmas period – whether a Friendly Friday, Boxing Day walk reviver or a Christmas party or random pop in. It is always a fun time of year with the bar and restaurant being enjoyed to the full.

Looking ahead to 2026

Stand by for more Tapas, Jazz and Quiz nights in particular – all of which have built a strong following.

Our recent Quiz Master, Mark, has had to stand down for now due to excessive commitments so if anyone is willing to host a night, or knows someone who might, please get in touch.

Any other requests for alternative cuisines on special or other forms of entertainment are welcome - please drop me a line.

Our next jazz night with the Nick Antoniou Quartet is being finalised. These nights are really flying with a very special atmosphere. We will reveal the date and Specials Board theme for the night as soon as available – stand by.

Friday 16th January Friendly Friday

As a one off change from the usual first Friday of the month, this month is Fri 16th Village drinks and Happy Hour 6-7pm. Come and join the party 😊

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 [redlionhinxton](#)** to keep up to date.

Best wishes to all
Alex, Nikol, Shane and the teams

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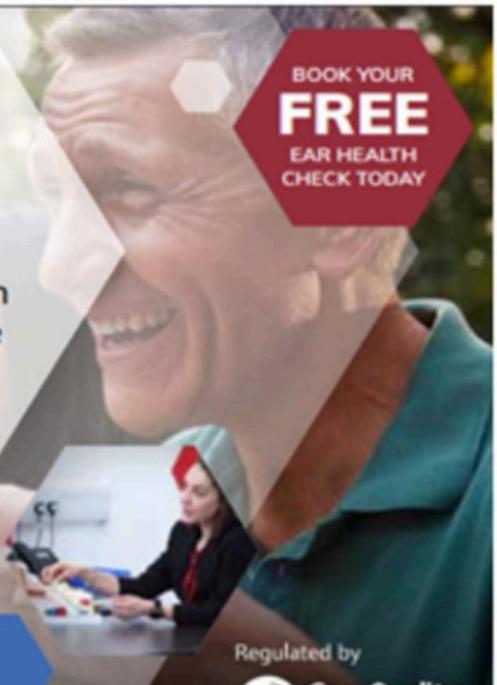


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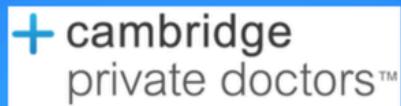
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Saturday 10th January 7.30pm.

Colonial Haithi Band.

Once again Ickle-Gigs goes the extra mile, this time bringing one of the top Ska bands in the land to Ickleton Social Club.

Colonial Haithi, will bring a full sound of Ska, including a horn section that is instrumental to the ska beat, along with the unique upbeat offbeat signature bounce ska guitar, driving drum and walking bass sound.

Fronted by Gary Brown, a singer who will engage with small talk with the band and audience to bring a happy joyous atmosphere to the Ickle-Gig; with some sing-a-long hooklines to remember.

Colonial Haithi band have headlined at the Shelford Feast, and Cambridge Junction, as well as playing many major festivals in their time. To get them at the Ickleton Social Club for an Ickle-Gig is a major coup. We're gaining attention thanks to you! Please support us.

Keep Music Live. Support Grassroots Venues. Support Ickle-Gigs!

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

January 2026

Date	Day	Event
1	Thu	New Year's Day Holiday
2	Fri	
3	Sat	
4	Sun	
5	Mon	
6	Tue	● Black Bin Collection
7	Wed	
8	Thu	⛪ Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm.
9	Fri	📌 Red Lion - 🍷🍺 Friendly Friday - 6:00pm-7:30pm - Pop into the pub for a drink and chat
10	Sat	
11	Sun	⛪ Hinxton Church - Holy Communion - 8:00am
12	Mon	👥 Parish Council Meeting - 7:30pm - Village Hall
13	Tue	● ● Blue & Green Bin Collection (this is the only Green bin collection in January)
14	Wed	☕ Coffee Morning - 10:30-12:00 - Village Hall 📌 Pub Lunch Club - 12:30 - The Lion Ickleton
15	Thu	
16	Fri	🚶 Hinxton Walkers - 9:30am - Village Hall - Joan Roberts
17	Sat	
18	Sun	⛪ Hinxton Church - Parish Communion - 10:00am
19	Mon	
20	Tue	● Black Bin Collection
21	Wed	🦆 Winter Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge 🚌 Mobile Library - Church Green - 12:20-12:45pm
22	Thu	
23	Fri	
24	Sat	
25	Sun	
26	Mon	
27	Tue	● Blue Bin Collection (No Green Bin Collection) :white_circle: New Food Waste Caddy - Start of Weekly Collection
28	Wed	
29	Thu	
30	Fri	☕ Community Café - The Lion at Ickleton - 09:30-11:15
31	Sat	

Save the date: 📌 6th Feb - Red Lion 🍷🍺 Friendly Friday - 6pm.