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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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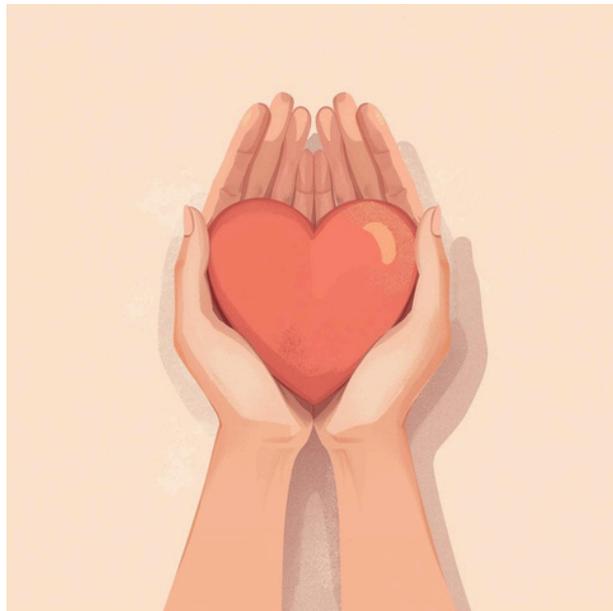
Notes from the Editor

Greetings to my fellow Hinxtonians. Signs of spring are here, despite the rain we have had in recent months. It's so nice to see the daffodils out and it feels like it won't be long until the clocks go forward and the dark months are finally behind us.

See you around and about.

All the best

Steph



Many thanks to our Parish Councillors!

Most of us villagers don't even notice the work of the Parish Council, but we certainly would notice if they didn't exist. They are our representatives ensuring that our village is looked after: functioning street lighting, adequate dog bins, cared for children's play area, grass cutting, overseeing of allotments, scrutinising of planning applications and much much more. Along with these ongoing tasks is the current project regarding the new village hall and regular liaison with the Wellcome Trust.

The current members of the council are Ceri Williams (chair), Sarah Robinson, Chris Elliott, Hugh Taylor, Andy Brown and Mike Boagey ably supported by Anne Charteris, the Parish Clerk.

The council generally meet once a month and all villagers are encouraged to attend to show support for the councillors and that we care about this lovely village. Dates of meetings can be found on the Parish Council website and in the Hinxton News.

Let's raise a glass to them all at the next Friendly Friday!

Margaret Malcolm, Rosemary and Paul Breen.

CHURCH NEWS



To infinity and beyond?

Sometime in March, it's possible that the first NASA mission to the moon in 50 years – Artemis II – will launch. This 10-day flight will take humans further from earth than ever before – a first step towards a mission to Mars.

I am old enough to remember the moon landing in 1969 and its grainy footage of a space-suited figure stepping out of the lunar module. As I've got older, though, to me the more powerful picture is the photo taken on Christmas Eve 1968 by Bill Anders, one of the Apollo 8 crew. Considered one of the defining images of the 20th century, it's a view of the world from space. And it's called Earthrise because – in a switch around of our view from here - it looks as though the earth is rising above the moon's surface.

Before that, we could look at the moon and stars, we could see other planets but not our own small blue planet. This new perspective enabled us to appreciate the richness of the world's life in the contrast between the arid moon surface and the vibrant place that we call home. With it we could also see the smallness of earth in the vastness of space.

The crew of Artemis II are about experience that vastness for themselves – the first people for half a century to venture so far. As we watch the launch unfold, we may look on with awe at the engineering achievement and the bravery of the astronauts. But we may also want to take a moment to look with tenderness on the little blue-green planet they're leaving, that's still home to all of us.

Best wishes

Lydia



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for 2026.**

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22 Apr: Spring Flower Walk

06 May: Insect Walk

13 May: General Wildlife Walk

20 May: Flower Walk

27 May: Butterfly Walk

03 Jun: General Wildlife Walk

10 Jun: Flower Walk

17 Jun: Summer Wildlife Walk

24 Jun: General Wildlife Walk



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Book your tickets on the National Open Gardens Scheme website
<https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/>



Education a Priority for a Country to Prosper

On 15th April, I am returning to Kenya to visit the **Leaders Education Complex**. This school is run by a dedicated couple, Wilcox (teacher) and Jacky (clinician) Wafula whom I met while volunteering at a hospice with Kate Riley in 2018. The school serves a rural village northwest of Nairobi where subsistence farming families struggle to make ends meet and poverty is high.



Wilcox and Jackie are people who pray, and remarkably it took only 3 months from the foundation of their first building in October 2020 to the school opening in the following January! Twenty-four children enrolled. Since then the school has steadily grown. Help has come from various friends (including some in Hinxton) and now there are more classrooms, toilets, a kitchen and bedsits for 4 teachers (who live too far away to travel daily) and, most recently a multipurpose school hall. It has been a remarkable journey but hasn't been without a multitude of difficulties along the way.



Many families cannot afford fees, making it difficult to pay teachers. In addition demands from government and the educational authorities (including various levies and exam fees) put a considerable strain on the school finances and keeping going can be a struggle..

When I first visited the school in 2022 a number of people gave me monetary gifts to take and I was able to go shopping with Jacky and Wilcox to buy various education supplies along with large saucepans, a bucket, mop and other much needed basics.



The hope is that one day the school will become self-sufficient and with that in mind they are starting to use the surrounding land. They have had tuition on regenerative farming and advice as to which crops would be most effective in the conditions there. They have made a start on planting a variety of vegetables and have very recently been planting coffee.



I would love to take donations from Hinxton to encourage Wilcox and Jackie. **100% of funds** will go directly to the school account to pay fees for orphans or improve infrastructure (such as water harvesting).

If you would like to give do please drop an envelope marked "**LEC Kenya School Project**" to 71 or 39 High Street, Hinxton

You may also like to look at the school website

<https://leaderseducationcomplex.org/>

HINXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held 9th February

Wellcome Trust Campus Development. Nothing much to report apart from some road closures between the Wellcome roundabout and Stumps Cross roundabouts.

Village Hall extension. The pre-application has now been agreed and passed, so the full application will be ready to view within the next 2 weeks.

There was an error in the original pre application, meaning there were significant errors in the response from the council. The Parish Council were informed of the issues and following a resubmission the revised response to our pre application was published.

To save any further delays, it was agreed to hold an Extraordinary meeting before the next PC Meeting March 9th, so that Councillors and residents can view the final plans. There were questions re the planned weatherboarding, as the Planning Dept thought it may intrude into the footpath too much, but measurements were taken and it was agreed that this could go ahead, with insulation between the weatherboarding and the Village Hall brickwork.

Wetlands Committee. A meeting was held in November; the next one will be in March.

A lot of work has been done on the river and clearing young trees around the lakes.

Dog poo bins will be put up around the grounds and hopefully these will encourage everyone to clear up after their dogs.

The Trout Club have been measuring spawn, and otters have been seen.

Quiet Lanes. A survey will be sent round later this year to residents in Hinxtton and Duxford, from Cambridgeshire County Council. It will be an active travel survey about Hinxtton Road, linking the villages of Duxford and Hinxtton. This route has been suggested as a good opportunity for improving active travel journeys, enabling and encouraging more people to walk, wheel and cycle local journeys more often. More details to follow.

Highways. A flyer has been circulated re the new development at the Imperial War Museum. Councillors expressed concern about the increased amount of traffic this will create. Clerk to contact Cllr Peter McDonald to find out more

River/weir report. Representatives from Wellcome came to have a look at the area in relation to the weir. It is hoped that they may have a proposal soon.

New parts are needed for the wheel at the Mill, and a platform over the small sluice is proposed to make it safer for those closing or opening the sluice. It is hoped that some work will be done before the Mill opens in the Spring.

Currently, wardens from CPPF open and close the sluices. There has been a lot of rain lately and the river levels have been very high, and it was commented on how quickly the river rose this time. CPPF contact the Highways and the Environment agencies to open the sluices and close the gates.

Hinxton News. The Feb edition was late being delivered this month, due to a problem with the Editor's computer, it should be back to normal next month.

Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald can be found on the Hinxton Parish Council website
<https://www.hinxton-pc.gov.uk/>

Dog poo/litter bin south end of village. Following a walk round, it was agreed to ask for a new dog poo/litter bin to be located on the piece of ground at the corner of High St and Ickleton Road. Clerk to contact Wellcome for permission. This may prevent the amount of rubbish left along the road between High St and the level crossing. The other proposal was for the bin at the Bus Shelter in the High St to be replaced with a combined dog poo/litter bin and remove the old dog bin on the shelter which was damaged when it was set alight some years ago.

Tree with Honey Fungus down Ancient Lane. Wellcome have been notified and their tree surgeon to look at it and remove if necessary.

Overgrowth of Vegetation New Rd junction. Clerk contacted Wellcome- some has been done, but needs more taken off. Clerk to contact Wellcome.

Broken grids along A1301 cyclepath. These have been reported to the County Council.

Biodiversity Policy: This was sent round to Councillors and approved.

Swift boxes. All Councillors agreed that these should be provided when the houses are built on the new development. Council will raise this again with Wellcome. May also be put up on the Church.

From Jo Cox | Electoral Services Officer: After investigating potential polling station replacements in Hinxton we have decided due to the facilities and access that we are going to book the pub as the polling station for 7th May.

FINANCE

Bank Balances at 5th Feb 2026

Current A/C : £1580.51

Business /AC : £ 41,900.52

Village Hall sec 106 /AC: £75,251.49

Total: £118,732.52

Dates of next meetings Village Hall 7.30pm

- 9th March 2026- cancelled. New date to be confirmed.
- 13th April 2026



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Now that Spring is on its way, the weather should encourage us to make more use of bridleways and footpaths. Around 150 walk descriptions are available to download free from our website, www.hundredparishes.org.uk. As well as saying when to turn left or right, our route descriptions aim to point out things of interest along the way. Some of these will be marked on the local Ordnance Survey map.

Ordnance Survey (“OS”) has been the UK’s official mapping body since 1791 AD, having originated for military purposes. Its activities have left various physical markers which may still be encountered, albeit that mapping techniques have moved forward in recent times with the satellite-based GPS (global positioning system).



Incised benchmark on milestone
Littlebury

The two historic OS markers that are most likely to be encountered are “triangulation pillars” and “benchmarks”. Several thousand triangulation pillars (also referred to as trig points) were installed all over the UK - solid concrete pillars about 4 feet tall, usually erected at a high point with a clear range of vision. Each has a place on top for positioning a map measurer’s tool, a theodolite. The pillar’s location and height above sea level have been precisely measured and recorded so that from here the map-maker can plot the surrounding landscape.

OS surveyors also left “benchmarks” in thousands of strategic locations. These are additional altitude reference points, a horizontal line indicating height above sea level - chiselled into a wall or milestone from around 1840 until the 1990s. The benchmark was sometimes indicated on a brass plaque attached at the appropriate height. On OS benchmarks, the horizontal line appears above an upward-pointing arrow.

Please look out for trig points and benchmarks. If they are on a Hundred Parishes walk route but not yet mentioned in the description, please let us know.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

Hinxton Classifieds

Have you got something you want to sell?
Exchange? Offer? Here is the space to do it!



HINXTON LIFE >

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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 **March 6th***

Just one rule: - rounds are out of bounds,



Buy your own!





Greetings to Hinxton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

Happy March!

Friday 6th March

Friendly Friday

First Friday of the month

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

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

This one gets very busy very quickly, so please do book well ahead if of interest. We will be offering our usual Sunday spread but right through from 11:45am to 8pm.

Saturday 28th March

Mediterranean Tapas Night – 15% off for Hinxtonians

We know which dishes are popular – standby for all the favourites (plus a few left field) – menu on the website.

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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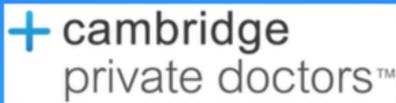
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Expect to hear classics from Otis Redding, James Brown, Martha & the Vandellas, Wilson Pickett, Temptations, Ike & Tina Turner, along with Northern Soul floor fillers. What more could you want?

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Tickets £10 (£9 SC members) from Eventbrite or on the door.**

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March 2026

Date	Day	Event
1	Sun	
2	Mon	
3	Tue	🗑️ Black Bin Collection. 🗑️ Food Waste Caddy. 🏠 Joint PCC - 7:30pm - Hinxton
4	Wed	
5	Thu	🏠 Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm.
6	Fri	🚶 Hinxton Walkers - 9:30am - Village Hall - Dick Jones 🦁 Red Lion - 🍷🍺 Friendly Friday - 6:00pm-7:30pm - Pop into the pub for a drink and chat
7	Sat	
8	Sun	🏠 Hinxton Church - Holy Communion - 8:00am
9	Mon	👥 Parish Council Meeting - 7:30pm - Village Hall - CANCELLED
10	Tue	🟦🟢 Blue & Green Bin Collection 🗑️ Food Waste Caddy
11	Wed	☕ Coffee Morning - 10:30-12:00 - Village Hall 🦁 Pub Lunch Club - 12:30 - Red Lion Hinxton
12	Thu	
13	Fri	
14	Sat	☕ Community Café - The Lion at Ickleton - 09:30-11:15
15	Sun	🏠 Hinxton Church - Parish Communion - 10:00am - Mothering Sunday
16	Mon	
17	Tue	🗑️ Black Bin Collection. 🗑️ Food Waste Caddy
18	Wed	🦉 Winter Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge 📖 Mobile Library - Church Green - 12:20-12:45pm
19	Thu	
20	Fri	
21	Sat	
22	Sun	
23	Mon	
24	Tue	🟦🟢 Blue & Green Bin Collection 🗑️ Food Waste Caddy
25	Wed	
26	Thu	
27	Fri	
28	Sat	
29	Sun	🕒 Start of British Summer Time - Clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am.
30	Mon	
31	Tue	🗑️ Black Bin Collection. 🗑️ Food Waste Caddy

Save the date: 🦁 3rd Apr - Red Lion 🍷🍺 Friendly Friday - 6pm.