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**We currently have a vacancy**

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# Notes from the Editor

Greetings to my fellow Hinxton residents. I hope you are managing to keep cool and enjoy the best of the weather.

Yet again we have a busy issue. This month we have news about, amongst other things, a choir, some poetry, two gigs in Ickleton and a report on the Fete.

There is a revised offer at the Red Lion for all Hinxtonians; please check it out. Sue Elliott has given us another delicious recipe for us to try.

To note also is that there are allotments available if anyone would like to try their hand at gardening.

Finally, we have a special feature on our dear Andrew Walker, written by his wife Virginia. Rest in peace, Andrew.

*Steph*

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Making an impression

2025 is a year of Austentatious celebration: 250 years ago, on 16 December 1775, the author Jane Austen was born. In an all-too-brief life, through a handful of much-loved novels, she changed the face of English fiction.

Jane Austen died aged 41 and was buried in Winchester Cathedral. Visiting the city a few years ago, I went to find her grave. It was easily done – there's a modern information board that shows the location and tells you a bit more about the novelist. What it doesn't prepare you for is the modesty of the stone and the nature of the inscription. Austen was by the time of her death an established writer – only two of her complete novels – *Persuasion* and *Northanger Abbey* – were issued later. And yet her gravestone makes no mention of this: instead it tells us she was the daughter of the Revd George Austen and that she died "*after a long illness supported with the patience and the hopes of a Christian.*"



Like many female writers of the period, Austen was published anonymously, although her identity was known and her work valued amongst the aristocracy at least – *Emma* is dedicated to the Prince Regent because he (via his librarian) requested it. However, her family chose to mention not her literary success, but her character. A writer famed for her ground-breaking novels with their acute insight into human behaviour is remembered in stone for "*the benevolence of her heart, the sweetness of her temper, and the extraordinary endowments of her mind...*"

One of the regular questions asked in those celebrity Q&A columns is *how would you like to be remembered?* We don't know whether Jane would have appreciated her family's words, but perhaps they make us think about how we would like people to remember us.

We're too often focused simply on activity – when we meet someone new, we'll often ask them what they do and of course when we apply for a job we list the things we've done. Jane Austen's epitaph reminds us that we are more than the sum of our actions or of our work achievements, more than our accomplishments - that who we are is as important as what we do.

Best wishes

**Lydia**





**ANDREW WALKER**  
**(1942 - 2025)**



# Remembering Andrew Walker

Born into a farming family in rural Nottinghamshire, Andrew enjoyed 400 acres in which to roam! He went to a very unconventional prep school and then had five years of a much more traditional education at Oundle, Northamptonshire, during which time his family moved to Berkshire. He went on to Bristol University, just scraping a degree in Spanish & History of European Art! This was followed by a memorable summer crossing Canada in 1964.

His working life started with roles in aviation, first in Belfast and then back in Bristol, where he met and married his landlady's daughter (that's me!). He moved to a management trainee role in a packaging firm in Somerset, where a rural life began anew and where our two children, Matthew and Rachel, spent their early childhood. From there a burgeoning career in operations and general management first took him to Cambridgeshire (and our move to Hinxton) and then Canada for 6 ½ years, followed by 2 years in Spain. We moved to Cumbria in 1994 where his love for the Lake District fells was rekindled. On returning to Hinxton in 1997 he worked in Ilkeston, Derbyshire, and then in Thetford before hanging up his briefcase after a few consultancy roles. He disliked the 'corporate' side of his working life and was never happier than when in conversation with colleagues on the factory floor.

His retirement was hardly idle! He took on the churchwarden-ship of Hinxton Church in 2001 until 2022, was Treasurer of The Friends of Hinxton Church from 2001 for 21 years and also served as the Lay Chair of the Deanery from 2008 until 2017. There were other volunteer commitments as well, rather too numerous to describe here! We also enjoyed hosting the Friends of Hinxton Church Garden Evening for more than 15 years. Retirement proved to be a happy, busy time, working on the allotment as well as our garden, and then spending time in our Lake District cottage which he enjoyed renovating and maintaining. He was very visible up and down the High Street here with his wheelbarrow, regularly winding the church clock and overseeing major church repairs as well as mowing the churchyard. He was never happier meeting and chatting with friends and neighbours along the way and putting the world to rights!

He enjoyed immensely the company of people, young and old, and relished a good debate, expressing his strong views! He was stubborn and sometimes difficult, though kind, compassionate and generous, with a sparkling sense of humour and a strong sense of commitment. He was a loyal and steadfast friend, a wise guide, a devoted husband for almost 57 years, loving dad and proud grandpa. He loved the great outdoors but loathed paperwork! He was principled and worked tirelessly for the community. His passing leaves a huge gap in our lives but he will be remembered fondly by all those who knew him.

**Virginia** (William House)

PS I am happy to report that donations in Andrew's memory for The Friends of Hinxton Church have exceeded £2200! A huge thank-you to all those who gave so generously. I would also like to reiterate my heartfelt gratitude for all the wonderful love, care and support shown to me and the family by so many Hinxton neighbours over these last difficult months.



After a rather wet and windy morning, the sun shone, the music played and Hinxtonians and some of our neighbours from Duxford and Ickleton, enjoyed an afternoon of games, food and drink, and the chance to sit and soak up the atmosphere.

★ We made just over £2,000 .....a fantastic result. ★

"Huge thanks from the organisers (Sue, Ros, Mike, Lauren, Joan and Jenny) are due to the very many people who came to together to make this possible:"

... to all those who manned the various stalls and our two ringmasters

... the generous villagers who helped by making and donating items including plants, cakes and other homemade items, tigers, books, jewellery, lions and bees and raffle prizes

... to **Alex and James** from the **Red Lion** for running the beer tent and for their very kind donation

... to the **Saffron Walden Community Shed** for lending their brilliant games for overseeing the Arcade on the day

... to **Jonathon Boughen** and his crew for the scene-setting music

... to **Wellcome, Mary's** in Sawston and **Tesco** for the raffle prizes, **Dorringtons** in Saffron Walden for the cupcakes and **Sawston Co-op** for the "lucky leaflet hamper"

... to all those who helped with the setting up and clearing up and in particular, **Alex the Strongman**.

..and to all of you who came and enjoyed the afternoon



# Fun in the Sun

June 14th 2025



We were left with a few items of lost property at the end of the day – some round dark tortoiseshell glasses (Moscot Originals), a small child's cap featuring two very happy looking dogs and a couple of largeish plastic boxes which almost certainly contained cakes. Please call Jenny on 01799 530338 if you think any of these items might be yours.

And there is one children's raffle prize still looking for its owner – if anyone knows of an Elsa (or possibly Elisa) who was there on the day, please call the same number.





**The Friends of Hinxton Church**  
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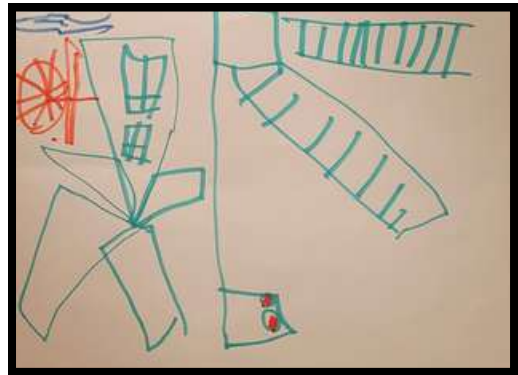
**HINXFEST 25** ★

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



## Remy Geneviev wins Ann Howsden prize

Remy Geneviev, 6, of High Street, Hinxton, has won a special prize in the Ann Howsden Trust logo competition. While the competition to create a logo for the Trust sadly didn't attract enough entries to declare a winner the trustees thought that his vibrant drawing showed imagination, capturing the essence of an historic watermill and deserved a prize. Remy was presented with his £25 prize by Chloe Brown, the chair of the Trust, watched by his mum and dad, Anna and Benoit Geneviev and sister Bella. Remy is a steam train fan and will use the money to buy a model of one of his favourite locomotives.



### A CARGO OF DREAMS

by Mike Boagey

*Imagine leaning on the old marina wall looking out over the bay just as the sun is setting.*

*Gentle waves lap quietly against the concrete bulwarks like timid pets looking for attention.*

*Only the distant sound of children's laughter as they cast their line in a vain attempt to catch a fish, disturbs the warm stillness.*

*All along the waterfront, as far as you can see, hundreds of sea craft lay at anchor.*

*Amongst them are exotic yachts with towering masts and glossy white cruisers sprouting complicated tentacles, but most are simple dinghies, bobbing and swaying to the rhythm of the water.*

*In the distance, jet black ocean liners cut across the horizon, moving slowly but steadily out of view, blurred by the evening mist and hard to see against the blinding reflections of the dying orb.*

*Imagine that each of these boats is a memory.... sometimes clear and stark and sometimes enveloped in a haze.*

*Every vessel carries a cargo of dreams and as the golden globe drops below the skyline, they vanish into the inky darkness.*



# PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

## Notes from the Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Village Hall Extension. The structural engineer has surveyed the hall, costs have been verified and consultation with Village Hall Committee, Parish Council and members of public carried out.

If the proposal is approved then the next stage can be started: detailed planning and the release of the next sum of money from the sec106 agreement. The cost of the sec106 is index linked. The cost of the build now stands at approx. £700,000 excluding VAT. Advice is being sought from a VAT consultant but it seems that we may be able to claim VAT back if we become VAT registered.

Current costings do not include solar panels but these may be funded by grants available for zero carbon initiatives. The new design now features an L shaped Hall and provides approx. 12 car parking spaces. The lawn area will then be opening onto the playground- fence will be removed and provide a safer area for children to play. Other plans are for a storage area at the north end of the Hall and a window put in so that the Playground can be seen from inside the Hall.

The next stage is detailed planning, a 3d model and then a presentation will be held in the Village Hall.

A design brief is available on the website under Local Developments/Wellcome Trust Building will take approx. 1 year. Whilst building work is carried out, the Playground and allotments will still be accessible but through a different entrance- to be decided.

All in favour to approve the following motion:

Hinxton Parish Council resolves to proceed to the design and pre-application planning stage of the proposed extension to the Hinxton Village Hall.

Thanks were given to Andy Brown and Toni and Colin Moses for all the hard work that has been done.

Wetlands Committee. The Trout club have been clearing the banks. There will be a big cut later in the year.

There is a problem with dog mess not being cleared up and dogs being let off leads; please abide by the rules as it would be awful if dogs were banned from this beautiful area.

Please keep dogs out of the water as the dog flea treatment can kill wildlife.

The results of the bird survey have not been released yet; however, grass snakes and orchids have been seen.

The regular Weds walks continue to be popular. Clerk asked for details of events to be sent to her so that they can be posted on the website.

Playground. Thanks given to Tim Robinson for cutting the trees by the climber. The large cherry tree needs trimming back; it was hoped that Wellcome may be able to help but no decision yet. Quotes are being obtained from tree surgeons.

Quiet Lanes. There have been a flurry of survey results coming in, however less encouraging from Duxford. There was heavy traffic last week due to a problem on the A505.

Speed restriction unit. The Parish Council voted to purchase a unit which can be moved around the village. Quotes have been obtained. It was decided to buy a unit from ElanCity. This will be able to show speeds of vehicles but more importantly collect data of numbers of vehicles using the village, Extra mounting bars will be purchased so that the unit can be moved around the village, so not permanently sited.

Hinxfest Illumination of the Church. This is planned to run up to Christmas, however it may be decided to be more permanent if its popular. The cost is quite expensive, as will be advertising the event with eg posters and flyers. The Parish Council are supportive of this but would need to know actual figures before its decided how much to donate. MB to bring the figures to the next meeting

Bridge next to the Mill which needs repairs costing over £20,000. Clerk has added the fund-raising appeal to the Hinxton website if people would like to donate. The PC can also donate to charities using the sec 137 power.

Water leaks in the village- are they connected to works being done along A505?  
Clerk to contact Cambridge Water to ask about this and to say that the pressure in the hydrants needs to be checked for use by Fire Brigade.

#### Public Participation.

Junction of A1301 and New Road. This continues to be a problem as it is much tighter than the original junction, especially difficult coming off the roundabout as cars are indicating left to leave the roundabout, then immediately having to slow down to turn left into New Road; cars following may think that the car is going straight on. The junction is being looked at and it is hoped that it may be made less tight.

The permissive footpaths. These continue to be a problem, mainly due to the state of the fences. In places the paths are blocked, as well as the public footpath being blocked with hurdles. Clerk has repeatedly contacted Bidwells about these problems, including the large willow tree that has fallen across the path and in the river. It is hoped that this will be addressed soon. The fences are the responsibility of the tenant who has the sheep in the fields. The Parish Council pay a lot of money towards the upkeep of the paths so it is very annoying when the paths cannot be used. There have also been problems with the sheep and lambs escaping. It is hoped that once the fences are fixed, then the number of escapees will be down.

#### **FINANCE**

Bank Balances at 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025  
Current A/C : £13,546.32  
Business /AC : 41,715.25  
Village Hall sec 106 /AC £3757.49  
Total: £58,999.06

#### **Results of Audit for year 2024/2025**

Report received from Auditor and distributed to Councillors and posted on website and noticeboard.  
Councillors thanked Clerk for the excellent report.

Dates of next meetings Village Hall 7.30pm:

- 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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details





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interested



# Recipe Corner!

## Speedy summer pudding

This is a little dessert which can make a big impression. Can't remember how I found it, but pretty sure it's a special from celebrity chef Nigel Slater. The quantities below are for two servings, but I have just doubled them to feed four and it seems to work fine.

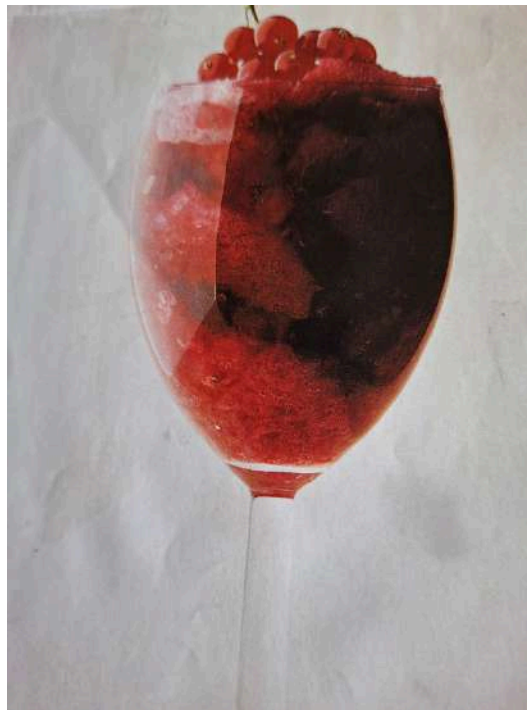
Sue Elliott

6oz (175g) redcurrants  
4oz (110g) blackcurrants  
6oz (175g) raspberries  
3oz (75g) caster sugar  
3 tablespoons water  
4 thin slices white sandwich bread or brioche

You will need two fairly large wine glasses, teaspoons and cream to serve.

- 1 Remove all stalks from fruit. Using a stainless- steel pan heat with the sugar and water till the skins of the fruit start to burst.
- 2 Remove crusts from bread or brioche and cut each slice into small triangles. Place a few triangles in the bottom of each glass and spoon in a little of the warm fruit till it soaks the bread.
- 3 Add a few triangles to cover the fruit and carry on layering until you use all the ingredients, ending with bread.
- 4 Make sure all bread is soaked in juice, then put glasses in a cold place for 10 minutes to cool slightly.

Garnish with any fresh red fruits. Can be served warm or cold.



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The topography, geology and fertile soils of the Hundred Parishes have combined to provide suitable conditions for farming. Currently, cereals cover about two-thirds of our arable fields with crops of winter or spring-sown barley, oats and wheat. 20% of fields have been planted with oil seed rape or vegetables. Grasslands make up the remainder of fields, providing forage for cattle, sheep or horses.

Inevitably the weather influences the success or otherwise of crops. This spring has been exceptionally warm, very dry and sunny so there are concerns about a possible drought, reduced crop growth and lower yields. Some farmers started earlier than usual to irrigate vulnerable crops, and all are hoping for some more rainy days ahead as plants need moisture to absorb the nutrients they require for growth.



Healthy soils will retain more moisture; some farmers are planting 'cover crops' beneath the main crop as this will help to reduce water run-off and leaching of nutrients. Leaving wildflower margins around fields encourages assorted predators that eat pests of crops.

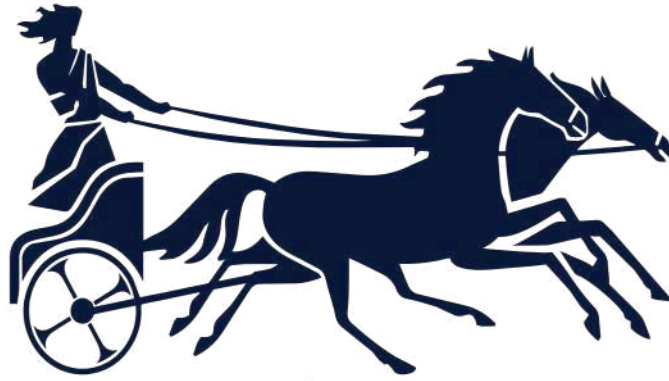
Many farmers diversify their activities to spread the risk: planting different crops, creating fishing lakes for anglers or converting barns for holiday lets or wedding venues.



In recent years, some have been able to realise the potential of their south-facing fields, conveniently located over underlying chalk, to plant grape vines. Guided by the results of detailed soil analysis, coupled with careful selection of appropriate species of grape, these winemakers are now producing first class sparkling English wines and also bottles of excellent red, white or rosé wine. Many offer tours of their vineyards as an added attraction.

Walkers following routes from [www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk) will appreciate the area's scenic beauty and rich agricultural heritage. Routes 127 and 161 pass vineyards and we should look out for other unusual crops.

**Tricia Moxey, Trustee.**



# Ickle - Gigs

## LIVE at the ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB

Friday 11th July  
Lucy Gallant

The Australian songstress Lucy is on an European tour and is stopping off at an Ickle-Gig with her blend of bohemian folk-pop. Her sound is original, experimental and avant-garde. Lucy has played major festivals, including Glastonbury, but wants to retain the joy of playing intimate gigs with an uplifting message that resonates deeply. With over 100,000 social media followers it has been a coup to get Lucy Gallant to come to Ickleton. Well done Liz.

See more at [www.lucygallant.com](http://www.lucygallant.com)

Saturday 19th July 7.30pm  
Kermode Spirit & i thought i told you

Kermode Spirit are a trio playing original indie music. They have been playing together for 10 years and have released several EPs. They can be found on Bandcamp or Facebook with a selection of their repertoire. With a big following, and their only scheduled gig this year being this Ickle-Gig, this is one not to be missed.

i thought i told you have quickly gained the must see tag. An energy not seen in most bands which comes from a leftfield unique style of a band ploughing their own lonely furrow of music that is not pop, more unpop, but incessantly infectious.

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



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website.  
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up to date with  
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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.  
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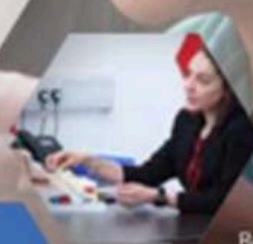


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**Happy July to all from us all at  
The Red Lion.**

Thank you again for all your support – whether a  
quiz night, or a Friendly Friday drink or some  
other random pop in.

#### **Annual Garden Party**

We have tried to find a date that does not clash  
with the very busy Hinxton social calendar:

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

Drinks, canapes, steel band, raffle, (sun?) ...

#### **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 has been going down very well  
so set to continue for the time being.

#### **Hinxtonian Special Offer**

Thank you for the feedback on our June **Special  
Offer Menu for Hinxtonians.**

We will continue to tweak this until we find  
something that works for all of us.

I will release the details of the July offer shortly.

#### **Quiz Night**

Thank you for those supporting our second Quiz  
Night. A huge and very popular success, raising  
£330 towards the Hinxton Church Glass Doors  
Fund.

Our new Quiz Master was a great find and he has  
kindly offered to compare the next one too after  
the summer break:

**SAVE THE DATE for our third Quiz Night Friday  
26<sup>th</sup> September.**

#### **Friendly Friday**

Our next **Friendly Friday** (village drinks and  
Happy Hour 6-7pm) is set for **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Come and join the party 😊**

Do sign up to our Newsletter to keep  
up to date.

Best wishes to all

**Alex, Nikol, Shane, James  
and the teams**


























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## July 2025

Date	Day	Event
1	Tue	 Blue & Green Bin Collection
2	Wed	 General Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge
3	Thu	 Hinxton Church - Compline - 8:00pm
4	Fri	 Hinxton Walkers - 9:30am - Village Hall - Lauren Stephenson  Red Lion -   Friendly Friday - 6:00pm-7:30pm - Pop into the pub for a drink and chat
5	Sat	
6	Sun	 Hinxton Water Mill - Open Day - 2:30-5:00pm
7	Mon	
8	Tue	 Black Bin Collection  Pub Lunch Club - 12:30 - Red Lion Hinxton
9	Wed	 Coffee Morning - 10:30-12:00 - Village Hall - All Welcome  General Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge  Evening Glow Worm Walk - 10:00-11:30pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge - Booking Required Places Limited
10	Thu	
11	Fri	
12	Sat	
13	Sun	 Hinxton Church - Holy Communion - 8:00am
14	Mon	 Parish Council Meeting - 7:30pm - Village Hall
15	Tue	 Blue & Green Bin Collection
16	Wed	 Summer Butterfly Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands  Mobile Library - Church Green - 12:20-12:45pm
17	Thu	
18	Fri	 Garden Evening with Friends of Hinxton Church - 6:00pm at The Oak House.
19	Sat	
20	Sun	 Hinxton Church - Parish Communion - 10:00am
21	Mon	
22	Tue	 Black Bin Collection
23	Wed	 General Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge
24	Thu	
25	Fri	 IWM Duxford - The Americans - All Day - Prepare for heavy traffic on A505 and surrounding roads
26	Sat	
27	Sun	
28	Mon	
29	Tue	 Blue & Green Bin Collection
30	Wed	 Bird Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge
31	Thu	

### Save the date:

-  Aug 10th - Strawberry Tea,  Aug 15th - Red Lion - Annual Garden Party
-  Sep 13th - Supper On The Run,  Sep 26th - Red Lion - Quiz Night
-  Oct 4th - Wine Tasting,  Nov 7th-16th - HinxFest25