

The background is a dark, atmospheric scene featuring several glowing jack-o'-lanterns. One large jack-o'-lantern in the foreground has a classic triangular-eyed, toothy-mouthed face. Behind it, another jack-o'-lantern has a more menacing, jagged-toothed grin. To the right, a smaller jack-o'-lantern with a simple triangular face is visible. The scene is decorated with floating purple and yellow stars, a black bat silhouette, and a small witch hat icon. The overall lighting is warm and orange, emanating from the pumpkins.

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October 2026



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Happy Hour from 6–7pm



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➤ NEXT FRIENDLY FRIDAY ➤

2nd October 2026





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September seemed to pass in a blink. We've had some lovely late sunshine, but the cooler mornings and changing leaves are a sure sign that autumn is here. There's something comforting about this time of year: getting out for a walk while there's still warmth in the afternoon, then coming home as the evenings draw in.

It's been lovely to see so much happening in and around Hinxton over the past month. In this issue, you'll find news from village events, plenty of photographs and a look at what's coming up in October. Thank you, as always, to everyone who has sent in a story, shared a photo or helped bring people together. Put the kettle on, settle in and enjoy this month's Hinxton News.



Submissions

Please send photos, questions, and comments to:

hinxttonnews@gmail.com

Please ensure all submissions are received by the **15th of each month.**



About Hinxton News

Hinxton News is an independent village newsletter, run by volunteers and distributed free to approximately 160 households in Hinxton.

Our aim is to share local news and information, while encouraging inclusion and strengthening community spirit.



Aim

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



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to everyone who baked, donated,
bought tickets and supported our day!

TOGETHER FOR
A BRIGHTER
TOMORROW





What a fantastic evening
at our recent Bingo Night!

Villagers came together for a fun-
filled night of numbers, laughter
and great company.

A big thank you to everyone who
helped organise the event,
donated the vegetables and
supported the evening. It was
wonderful to see so many people
there – from keen players to first-
timers – all enjoying the friendly
atmosphere.

*Thanks to all who
made it happen!*



*Good
Company
Great
Prizes!*



Same again next time?

Ps. Happy 80th Birthday Graham



A Sweet Autumn Treat

A Mary Berry recipe

Simple
Delicious for
Perfect
Season apple

This Mary Berry recipe is a firm favourite with our family. So easy to make and is great for using up excess apples that we often find at this time of year.

Ingredients

225g	self-raising flour
1 level tsp	baking powder
225g	caster sugar
2	large eggs
½ tsp	almond extract
150g	butter, melted
250g	cooking apples, peeled and cored
25g	flaked almonds

Serves 6



A little
slice of
autumn

- 1 Preheat the oven to 160c/fan 140C. Lightly grease a deep 20cm loose-bottomed cake tin.
- 2 Measure the flour, baking powder, sugar, eggs, almond extract and melted butter into a bowl. Mix well until blended and then beat for a minute.
- 3 Spread half this mixture into the prepared tin. Thickly slice the apples and lay on top of the mixture in the tin, piling mostly towards the centre.
- 4 Using 2 dessert spoons, roughly spoon the remaining mixture over the apples, making sure that the mixture covers the centre well as it will spread out in the oven. Sprinkle with the flaked almonds.
- 5 Bake in the preheated oven for 1¼–1½ hours until golden and coming away from the sides of the tin. Dust with icing sugar before serving.

PREPARING AHEAD

Best made to serve warm but can be made the day before. And, once cooked and cold, you can wrap and freeze it for a maximum of 3 months.



For AGA users

With the grid shelf on the floor of the roasting oven and the cold plan shelf on the second set of runners, cook the cake for about 20 minutes or until pale golden brown, watching carefully. Transfer the plain shelf (which is very hot) to the middle of the oven, then lift the cake gently onto the top and bake for another 30–40 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean when inserted into the centre of the cake.



Tip

Chopped dried apricots and sultanas can also be added to give an extra fruity taste.



We like it with...

Crème Fraîche, Ice cream or cream (or all three!).



perfect for autumn





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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.**

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



Our village, our community



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE:

14th Sept 26



VENUE:

Village Hall

Wellcome Trust Campus Development:

Two planning applications have been received. Regular informal meetings with WT will be scheduled in. The sign pointing to Hinxton and Ickleton on the A1301 will be replaced with a larger sign.

Village Hall Extension: Planning permission has been granted, a few small changes are needed. Detailed Plans are being drawn up, these to be sent to surveyor for an update on costs. A draft design for the kitchen is being drawn up, this will be up to commercial standard eg stainless steel sinks etc but with domestic equipment. This has been sent to the Architects and expected to cost in the region of £16k including the equipment.

Air con- originally the heat source would provide some cooling during the hot weather, however it has been agreed to have air conditioners installed which would make the Hall more user friendly.

This has gone back to the engineers. The original idea for underfloor heating has been rejected, this is not suitable for a hall with intermittent use. Now looking at standard air-con units costs. We need to make sure that heating is sufficient for winter, hopefully it will be remote control to avoid having to make special journeys to the hall to switch on and off.

Wetlands Committee: Himalayan balsam found. Asking for dogs to be kept out of the river and lakes. The Trout Club are putting in ledges to help with the trout spawning. The temperature of the river is up 1 degree. Tree works are planned. It has been noted that carp have gone missing from the area.

Playground: Repairs have now been completed. The new seesaw has been ordered.

Quiet Lanes: The recent airshow resulted in heavy and fast traffic along Duxford Rd into the village.

FINANCE SUMMARY



Current A/C:	£	4,442.30
Business A/C:	£	41,021.60
Village Hall sec 106 A/C:	£	55,394.06
TOTAL:	£	100,536.36

NEXT MEETINGS



Meeting Date:	12th October 26
Meeting Date:	9th November 2026
Meeting Date:	



Update from Cambridge County Council:

"We are starting the legal designation process. As part of this process, there will be at least one public meeting held where we will present our proposed designs for the road to local residents. We will discuss the best location and date to hold the meeting(s) with yourselves and ensure there's plenty of notice for residents to make sure they're able to attend. There will also be opportunities for yourselves to comment and shape the design before it's presented to the public, we don't anticipate having any designs ready until Autumn. We would like to deliver this scheme by the end of this financial year so as soon as we have some designs ready, we'll schedule a meeting in with yourselves to review them."

Highways: Clerk has paid deposit for sign posts for speed signs

Hinxton News: The new look has been well received, thanks given to Jade Sharp

Public participation time: Concern raised regarding power cuts and low water pressure. We have lost supply several times this year, the power cuts trip out the boosters on the water supply, which need engineers to come out and reboot.

When reported, a UKPN advisor agreed that this is not acceptable and is escalating it to the Area Manager and the "Proactive Team" will look into it and hopefully we will get some feedback in due course. We also get times when the power drops for a brief second (called "brown outs" I think) which is often enough to re-set clocks, thermostats etc but she says this is unavoidable due to "network shifting when there are faults or work being done on areas of the network".

If others in the village share the same frustrations it would be good if they could call both Cambridge Water and particularly UKPN on the numbers below, which will hopefully make them keener to resolve the issue:

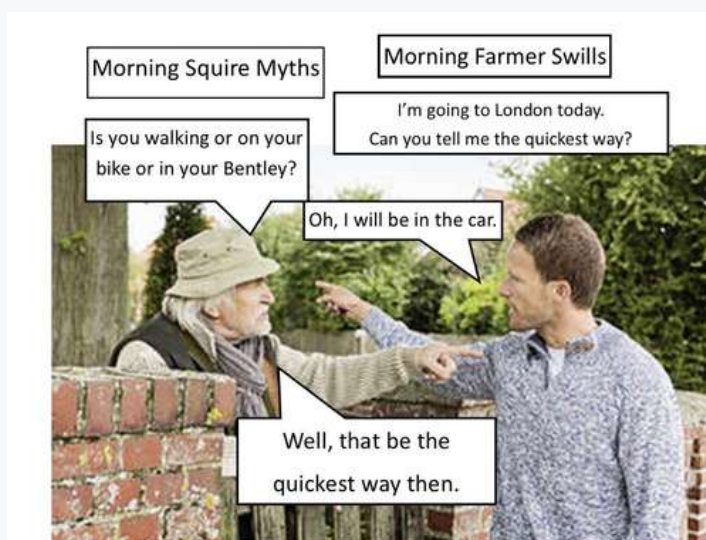
Cambridge Water – 01223 706050, option 2 then 3

UKPN call 105 (or you may need to call 0800 316 3105 from a mobile)

Clerk to write to both Cambridge Water Co and UKPN to complain.

AUDIT 2025-2026

The documents have now been reviewed by the External Auditor and have been approved.



A PIECE OF HINXTON'S HISTORY

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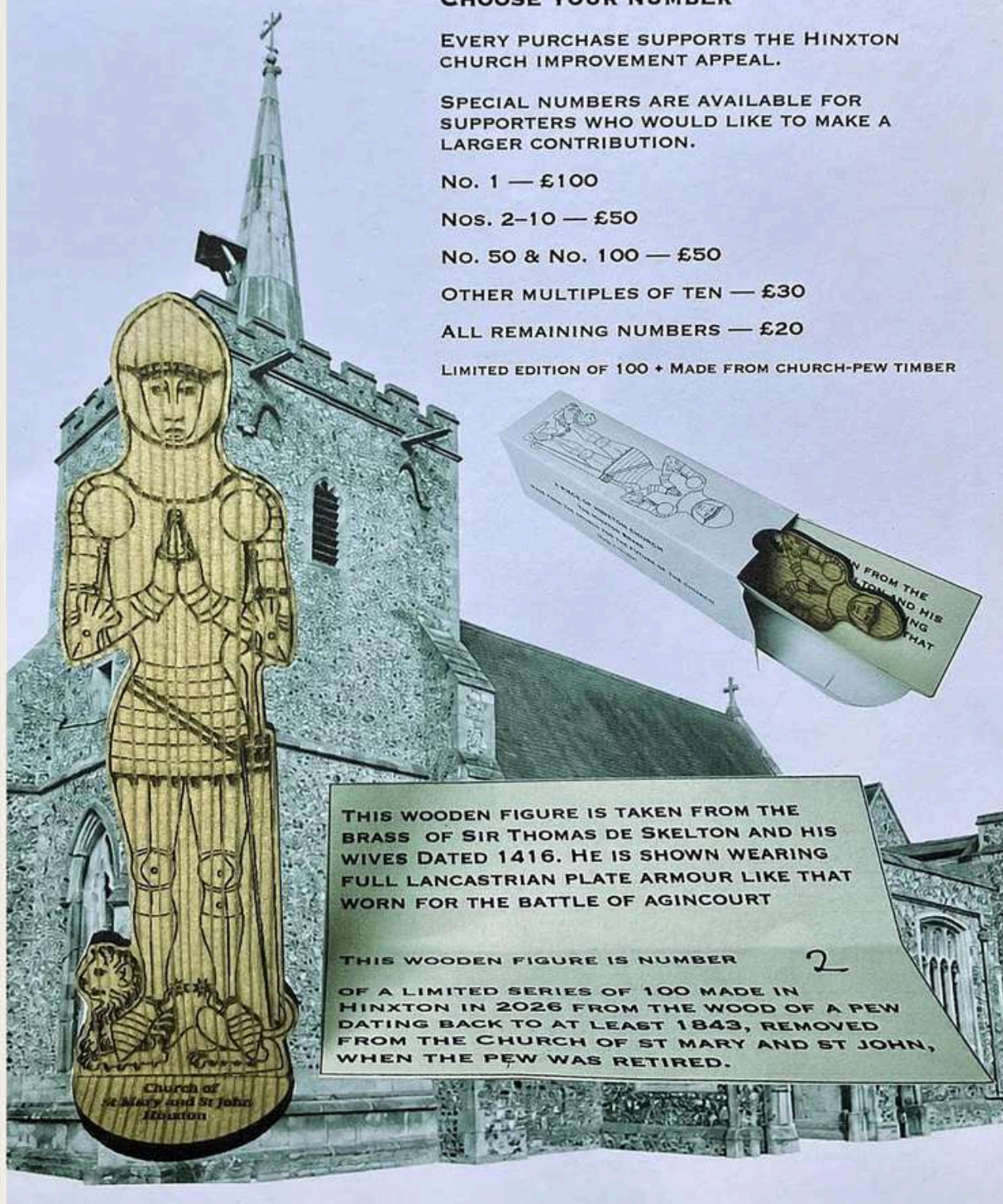
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ALL REMAINING NUMBERS — £20

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THIS WOODEN FIGURE IS TAKEN FROM THE BRASS OF SIR THOMAS DE SKELTON AND HIS WIVES DATED 1416. HE IS SHOWN WEARING FULL LANCASTRIAN PLATE ARMOUR LIKE THAT WORN FOR THE BATTLE OF AGINCOURT

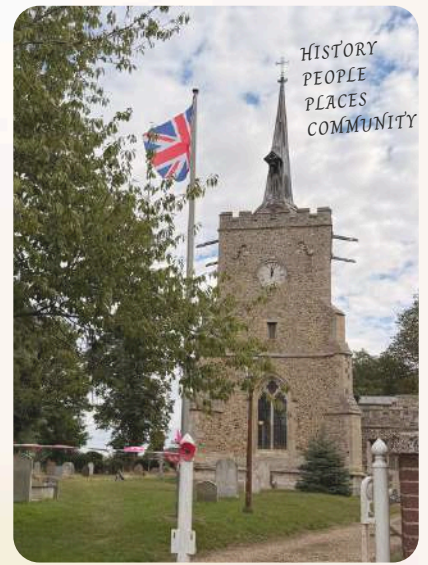
THIS WOODEN FIGURE IS NUMBER **2** OF A LIMITED SERIES OF 100 MADE IN HINXTON IN 2026 FROM THE WOOD OF A PEW DATING BACK TO AT LEAST 1843, REMOVED FROM THE CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ST JOHN, WHEN THE PEW WAS RETIRED.

To support our village church improvement appeal and place an order, please contact any member of the Friends of Hinxton Church or the churchwarden on 07825 871938.

HERITAGE OPEN DAY

A look back at a wonderful day...

Our churches opened their doors once again for Heritage Open Day, welcoming villagers and visitors to explore, learn and enjoy the rich history.



*Highlights
of the
day...*



*"Special buildings,
strong connections,
brighter tomorrows."*





THE RED LION INN — HINXTON —

*Greetings to Hinxton Villagers
from all at The Red Lion Inn*



Happy October from us all at The Red Lion. Thank you to those who joined us last month .



Christmas Menus & Booking

We have posted our Christmas Party and Christmas Day Menus on our website. We would love to host you, your family and friends over this period. The key days do get booked up early, so if you are interested in the more popular dates or you have a larger party then please do get in touch soon to secure a date that will work for you.



HINXTONIAN AUTUMN OFFER

Over the Autumn our village offer is

10% OFF FOOD

to all Hinxtonian 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.

SEPTEMBER WILL SEE THE RETURN OF SOME OF OUR MORE POPULAR EVENTS:



FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER

FRIENDLY FRIDAY

First Friday of the month

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



FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

QUIZ NIGHTS RETURN

Our monthly Quiz Night programme returns.
So next few dates ahead:

Fridays 16th October, 13th November

THE FORMAT:

5:30 - 9pm	Kitchen open
7pm	Quiz starts
Short interval	
9:30pm	Quiz finishes and voucher prize giving

The entry fee of £5/entrant will all go towards Hinxton'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 :)

Please book a Team via the website: **Book a "Table"** (5:30-7pm), stating "Quiz" + team name, no. of team members (max 6) - standby for confirmation (limited numbers)

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

Best wishes to all

Alex, Nikol, Shane, Richard, Matt and the teams

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AT SAFFRON WALDEN
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2026



LEST WE FORGET



Villagers and their friends and family are invited to gather
at the War Memorial on

Sunday November the 8th at 11 am

for the annual Act of Remembrance for those who gave their lives
in the First and Second World Wars (and other conflicts)
as well for their families and those who supported their efforts on
the Home Front.



Advent in Ickleton
A calendar of community events for everyone

ICKLETON UNWRAPPED

A weekend of art, books, craft, food & community

21 & 22 NOVEMBER 2026

Raising funds for charities and local organisations



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THE SOCIAL CLUB ART & LITERATURE FAIR

Meet local artists and authors, browse original artwork and books, discover new talent and find something special to take home. Enjoy a bite to eat at Trevor's Cafe



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Browse beautiful handmade and original pieces from local makers and artisans. Discover one-of-a-kind gifts, and get a head start on your Christmas shopping



THE LION FOOD FESTIVAL

Browse tempting treats from local food producers, then come in from the cold and cosy up by the fire. Enjoy The Lion's special festive menu with a warming glass of mulled wine or a pint of local beer



THE CHURCH HERITAGE, FOOD & ART

Explore one of Ickleton's treasures and discover more about the church's remarkable medieval wall paintings. Prepare for Christmas in one of our bookable festive workshops



➡ Refreshments will be available at all four venues ⬅

WANT TO BE PART OF ICKLETON UNWRAPPED?

We're looking for local artists, authors, makers, craftspeople and food producers to join us. Whether you'd like to exhibit at the Art & Literature Fair, take a stall at the Craft Market, or be part of the food offering, we'd love to hear from you. We would also really appreciate some help on the day.

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ICKLETON ADVENT WINDOWS 2026

They're back... if we can find 24 windows!

We need 24 households to create a display, with one new window revealed each day from 1-24 December - bringing light, cheer and a little Advent magic to Ickleton.

Could your window be one of the 24?

For inspiration, take a look at some of our previous Advent Windows:

<https://www.ickleton.org.uk/ipsgallery2/index.php?a=AdventWindows2024>

To take part, email molloyhtb@gmail.com
with your address by 15 November.

Let's see if we can get every road in Ickleton represented!

Follow for updates: facebook.com/adventinickleton Look out for more information in November's Icene.

Hinxton Walk

Friday 4th September 2026

Good Walks
Great Company
Brighter Days

As if celebrating the return to 'normal' temperatures after a torrid summer, a large group of us met on 4th September for the first monthly walk of the autumn. The day had started with a little rain, cooling the air to perfect walking temperature, and was kind enough to remain dry for the duration of our outing.

We began our walk at Strethall church, passing through Cattiere End and across the fields to Littleville Green, where we stopped to look at St Peter's church, a delightful 'tin tabernacle' dating from 1885. A little farther along the road, we turned westwards, through a tunnel of trees and across open fields towards Elmdon. This is 'big sky' country, with just the rustle of wind through the hedgerows and the occasional buzzard for company. A loop around Free Wood, through the now abandoned farm, then past some stunning views northwards towards Cambridge, and it was just a short walk back to our starting point, where we took the opportunity to look in St Mary's church, a simple but beautiful Grade I listed building of Saxon origin. Back down Copley Hill to Ickleton, we enjoyed an excellent lunch and wonderful service at the Lion, the village community pub now in its second year.

Perfect weather, inspirational countryside, two beautiful little churches, an enjoyable lunch, and great company! What more could one wish for!



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Peace, Shalom Aleichem, As-Salaam Alaikum

Jon Smith



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Harvest

FOR THE WORLD



Community
Faith
Together



In our community singing group, Come along and sing*, we have sung our way through plenty of great music from the 1970s, from (Is this the way to) Amarillo to Waterloo. But we've not yet attempted the Isley Brothers' 1976 hit Harvest for the world. Its words came into my mind as I sat at my computer to write this message. The song reflects on the turbulent geopolitics of the late 1960s and 1970s, longing for a harvest of peace and prosperity for the world.

It's the tradition in churches to celebrate the gathering in of the harvest in early autumn. This year, however, we may wonder whether harvest can be cause for celebration. Figures from the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board suggest that we've had some of the UK's worst arable yields since records began. And those of us who grow vegetables know all too well how difficult a year it's been for other crops (tomatoes excepted). Rather than celebrate, we could be left asking the Isley Brothers' question: when will there be a harvest for the world?

And perhaps that's not wrong: I don't think the Isley Brothers are asking simply in despair but, rather, hope. The penultimate verse of the song goes like this:



Gather everyman, gather everywoman
Celebrate your lives, give thanks for your children
Gather everyone, gather all together
Overlooking none, hoping life gets better for the world.



It's a message about facing challenges positively and (as far as we can) gratefully for what we have.

In that spirit, we're celebrating harvest at Hinxton church on 18 October: check our website for details and come and join the celebration. And I think we'll be joining with the Isley Brothers in Harvest for the World sometime soon in Come along and sing*

Best wishes

Lydia

P.S. Come along and sing* happens at St Peter's Church, Duxford twice a month on Wednesday evenings: Check the Hinkledux website for details.

Give
Thanks

18

WINE EVENING



You don't
have to
spit the
wine out!
really!

Hosted by

Andy & Alex



**SATURDAY
17th OCTOBER**



7PM



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Village Hall

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or water
problems?

Village Utilities

HELP IMPROVE RESPONSE TIMES

Following on from the recent problems with our
village power and water supply, it has been suggested
that if more people ring to report the issue, it may
improve the response time.

So for information, the numbers to call are:



Cambridge Water

01223 706050

Option 2 then 3



UKPN (UK Power Network)

Call 105

(or you may need to call
0800 316 3105 from a mobile)



Power
cut or
electricity
issues?

Many thanks for reporting issues
and helping to keep our village running smoothly.



The Ann Howsden Charity

NOW AND THEN

Supporting
our community,
past, present
and future



**ANN HOWSDEN
CHARITY**
HINXTON

As many of you will know, the Ann Howsden Charity now serves to help individuals in Hinxton in time of need, hardship or distress and also to provide facilities that improve the quality of life of Hinxton residents in general. We hope you like our new logo that Hinxton resident Alex Lake was kind enough to develop for us.

Nowadays we keep minutes of our meetings and accounts in a digital format on a shared drive; however, in the past minutes and accounts were recorded in a leather-bound book in beautiful copperplate handwriting. The photo shows the first pages of the last such book, which was opened in 1910. We still use this book to record the appointment of trustees.



*The Accounts of the Ann Howsden Charity, Hinxton
– book opened in 1910*

The origins of the Charity

The initial text in the book recounts the origins of the Charity:

"In the year of our Lord 1631, Mrs Ann Howsden of Hinxton, in the county of Cambridge, spinster, by a deed bearing date July 1st in the same year, did give unto the poor of Hinxton aforesaid a certain estate in the parish of Blunham in the county of Bedford, which was then let at eighteen pounds per annum, only out of it was to be paid two pounds per annum to the parish church of St Chesterford in the county of Essex, and two pounds per annum to the parish church of Hinxton aforesaid; likewise 3 pounds per annum to Richard Howsden and Thomas Ellis, the Executors of the said Ann Howsden, and also two pounds per annum to the Revd. Mr John Conway then Vicar of Hinxton."

The Charity still gives money towards the heating and upkeep of the church and churchyard in Hinxton, including a symbolic £2 per year to reflect the original payment for the de-brambling of Ann Howsden's grave, but also supports a much wider range of causes.



Find out more

More information on the Charity, a list of the current Trustees and Officers, and forms to apply for funding for individuals or organisations can be found on the Hinxton Parish Council website.

Hinxton
A STRONGER COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The Hundred Parishes Society

At the beginning of September, The Hundred Parishes Society held its twelfth Annual General Meeting. Each year we have chosen a different venue so that we can introduce members to another location they may not have visited before. Last year, for example, we went to the museum in Saffron Walden where we were given an informative guided tour.

In 2026, it was the turn of Great Waltham, one of our largest parishes and in the far south-east corner of The Hundred Parishes. Before the meeting, I took some of our members on a short walk around the centre of Great Waltham village, pointing out a few of its many ancient buildings.

We passed the fascinating 16th-century private house called Badyghams, with four spectacular original chimney stacks, and then the war memorial when the 36 men from the parish who died in the First World War and nine in WWII are remembered.

We moved on for a brief excursion into the Langleys estate, enjoying a view from the footpath of its magnificent Grade I listed Georgian mansion, built in 1719 by the Tufnell family who still own it today.

We then made our way to the parish's Norman church, dedicated to St. Mary and St. Lawrence. Churchwarden David Williams introduced the group to some fascinating features, especially the splendid Everard memorial which is 400 years old. Church historian Peter Wells was unable to join us but several members purchased copies of his excellent book about Great Waltham and its church, published within the last year.

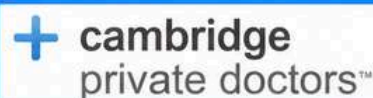
Just a short walk took us back to the village hall for refreshments and the formal part of the AGM where I and our chairman Douglas Kent were re-appointed.

Where do you think we should go next year?

Ken McDonald, Secretary

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MARTIN FORDHAMS TRIBUTE PARTY

Hinxton Watermill hosted a celebration in August to honour the contribution of some of its most dedicated champions over the last 40 years.

Mike Hakata, the newly appointed CEO of Cambridge Past Present and Future (CPPF), which owns the mill and restored it in the mid 1980s, when the charity was the Cambridge Preservation Society, paid tribute to all the volunteers who make it possible to open such historic sites to the public.

Martin Fordham, the miller, his wife Joyce, Sylvia Nicolson and Jim Greig, all of whom were on the Parish Council, with Sylvia's late husband David, successfully fought to save the mill from demolition in the 1970s.

The mill is regularly opened in the summer to show visitors what is believed to be the last working watermill open to the public on the Cam, an authentic example of how renewable energy has been working for hundreds of years.

Volunteers, their families and close friends came to the Miller's Cottage garden to raise a glass along with mill supporters, Carolin Göhler, a former CEO of the preservation society, and Graham Black, the architect for RH Partnership, which supervised the restoration work.

Sue Elliott



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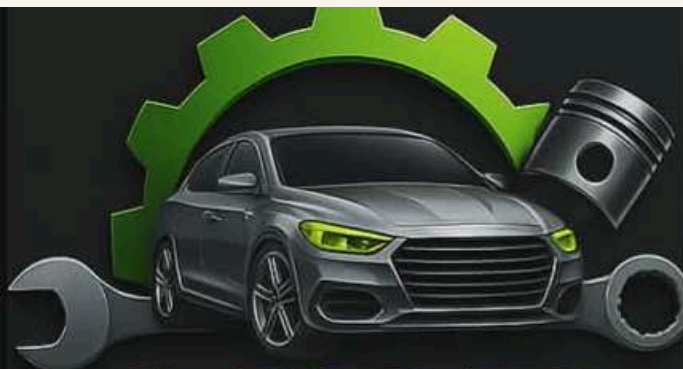
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October 2026

Date	Day	Event
1	Thu	
2	Fri	Hinxton Walkers - 9:30am - Village Hall Red Lion - Friendly Friday - 6:00pm-7:30pm - Pop into the pub for a drink and chat
3	Sat	IWM Duxford - Flying Finale - All Day - Expect heavy traffic on A505
4	Sun	Hinxton Water Mill Open - 2:30-5:00pm - Afternoon Tea in Village Hall
5	Mon	
6	Tue	Blue & Green Bin Collection, Food Waste Caddy
7	Wed	
8	Thu	Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm.
9	Fri	
10	Sat	Community Café - The Lion at Ickleton - 10:00-12:00
11	Sun	Hinxton Church - Holy Communion - 8:00am
12	Mon	Parish Council Meeting - 7:30pm - Village Hall
13	Tue	Black Bin Collection. Food Waste Caddy
14	Wed	Coffee Morning - 10:30-12:00 - Village Hall Autumn Nature Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge Pub Lunch Club - 12:30 - Hinxton Lion
15	Thu	
16	Fri	
17	Sat	Wine Evening - 7:00pm - Village Hall - Andy & Alex
18	Sun	Hinxton Church - Harvest Festival - 11:00am - Followed by Lunch in Village Hall
19	Mon	
20	Tue	Blue & Green Bin Collection, Food Waste Caddy
21	Wed	Mobile Library - Church Green - 12:30-12:45pm
22	Thu	
23	Fri	Community Café - The Lion at Ickleton - 10:00-12:00
24	Sat	
25	Sun	End of British Summertime - Clocks go back 1 hour at 2am
26	Mon	
27	Tue	Black Bin Collection. Food Waste Caddy
28	Wed	
29	Thu	
30	Fri	
31	Sat	Hallowe'en, Allhalloween, All Hallows' Eve, All Saints' Eve

Save the date: 6th November - Red Lion Friendly Friday - 6pm