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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.

I hope this month's Hinxton News finds you well and enjoying the spring weather.

It is with great sorrow that we learnt that our friend and neighbour Mildred "Milly" Keeble sadly passed away recently aged 95. Her funeral took place in Hinxton church on Tuesday, 28th April.

A touching tribute to Milly's life is included in this month's News and we send our condolences and best wishes to Milly's family. I loved reading the tribute and I hope you do too.

See you around and about.

All the best

Steph

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)



Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

FROM CUTTING TO GARDEN CENTRE

Speaker : Graham Spencer

Plants for Europe was established in 2003 to provide the first truly independent pan-European breeders' rights agency service. Graham will give us a behind-the-scenes view of how plants are grown for our gardens.

MEETING VENUE

Ickleton Village Hall, Frogge Street, Ickleton

Competition Subject : Late Spring Flower

Visitors and New Members Always Welcome



CHURCH NEWS



Local heroes

As I am writing, there may possibly be some of you who are putting the finishing touches to your nomination form for one of this year's local council elections. These forms for election are expected to be delivered by hand – you can't email them or put them in the post and forget about sending them via a WhatsApp voice note. It all sounds rather old-school. I guess most of us won't be standing for election, but we may well have stuck our polling card on the fridge, as a reminder to vote on 7 May.

Local elections are - a bit like the US mid-term elections – sometimes seen as a kind of referendum on the present government. Unlike the mid-terms, though, we are voting not for our national leaders, but for the people who will represent us at a local level, on parish councils and our district council.

We've been doing something like this in the UK for well over 100 years. Before that, local government was arranged through a slightly messy mix of civil and church authorities. The building of bridges and licensing of alehouses were for magistrates to oversee; organising care for poor people and upkeep of local roads were tasks for the ecclesiastical parish council. In the nineteenth century, as towns and cities grew, it became clear that things needed to change. So, towards the end of the 1800s, a standardised system of local government was established. While this has continued to evolve, the basic principle remains: these elections give local communities a voice in how they are governed and how certain local services are provided.

Yet turnout for these local elections is frequently quite low: perhaps only a third of voters will cast their vote on the day. But if we care about our communities, about libraries and recycling and housing and social care, then voting in these elections is just as vital as in a general election. Voting is one of the best ways of seeking the welfare of our neighbourhood.

Best wishes

Lydia

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Mildred Pearl Keeble

30th May 1930 – 31st March 2026

Milly was born in this small village into a large family. Her parents, John and Elsie Louise Page had three girls: Milly and her twin sister Sylvia (Sibie), along with their elder sister Dulcie. And then there were five brothers: Albert, Leslie, Jack, Kenneth and David. It must at times have been quite a crowded household, but there was deep affection between the siblings and they remained a closeknit family through their lives. Admittedly this was accompanied with some friendly rivalry between Milly and her brother Jack. He was born in Ickleton but the family had moved to Hinxtton before Mildred was born. Jack used to say "I have lived in Hinxtton longer than you" and Milly would reply "Yes, but you were not born here".

As a child Milly, along with all her sisters and brothers, attended the village school before going on to Sawston village college. Career options for girls at the time were still pretty limited. Milly, like her sister Sibie and so many of her generation, started her working life in service. At first the work was local, but then her employer's family moved to London and Milly went with them, a big move for her.

However, she decided that she did not like cleaning up after other people and perhaps not London either, so got a job at Spicers stationery factory at Sawston, initially cycling there every day.

Milly, her sister Sib and their friend Joan used to walk regularly to Ickleton, so met Stan Keeble and his brother Dennis. The two boys were in the church choir, so the three girls joined the congregation and sat in the front seats to be near them!

Gradually Milly and Stan became more friendly, but Stan had to finish his apprenticeship as an electrician and then do his National Service in the RAF.

After a long courtship they married in Hinxtton church on 31st March 1956, the start of over 58 years of devoted marriage. Initially they lived with Stan's sister Joyce in Ickleton, but soon moved to the (now demolished) Park Cottages in the grounds of Hinxtton Hall, where they had space to keep chickens and geese. As well as the 'day job' the occupants of the cottages were required to do a week 'on duty' every three weeks which entailed not leaving the site and going round every evening to make sure everything was safe. Milly said this could be quite frightening on dark winter evenings – she and Stan always held hands!

Before their marriage Stan had a Cyclemaster – a motorised wheel which fits into a bicycle. In those carefree days he would steer with one hand and push or pull Milly along on her pedal cycle with the other. Later they graduated to a motor scooter on which they travelled extensively.

After Stan's death in 2014, Milly stayed in the house in Duxford Road and was joined by her brother Jack until his death in 2019. She continued to enjoy her weekly knitting masterclass with Mary Ellis. In recent years as her health declined, help from kind neighbours like Rosemary and Kate enabled her to continue to live in the village she loved.

Eventually, after a fall, it was time to leave, and Milly joined her sister Sibie at Humfrey Lodge Care Home in Thaxted: the twins were together again.



Mildred 'Milly' Keeble

1930-2026

HINXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the 13th April Parish Council Meeting

Updates

Wellcome Trust Campus Development.

A ceremony was held with local Councillors when the first earth was broken for the new building. These local Councillors expressed their concerns over the New Road junction

Village Hall extension.

Storage has now been doubled from the existing plan which should now give adequate space; there is also now a cleaner's cupboard.

The colour of the shiplap was discussed at the previous meeting; this will remain as black as this fits in with existing shiplap buildings in Hinxton.

We are currently waiting for the Biodiversity Net Gain report. Toni Moses is in conversation with James Tipping from the Council Planning Dept, to see if we can put in the application now. This was not in the pre-app response and cannot be approved until it is done. It is hoped to be submitted within the next few weeks. The delay is in the region of 6 months.

An Architect will then take over from the Moses's.

We should get a cost estimate by the end of May. This will be brought to the Parish Council for approval. Construction information by the end of the summer, the work will then be put out to tender, agree on a contractor by the end of the year and then construction will begin after Christmas and finished by summer/autumn of next year. This may be earlier depending on availability of the contractor.

Playground.

There has been a problem with moles, as these are a trip hazard we were advised to close the playground and get in a Pest Control expert to remove the moles. It was unfortunately over the Easter period, but they seem to have gone now so the playground has been opened. If they return, we will have to get the pest controller out again.

Quiet Lanes.

A survey is live at the moment - <https://yourvoice.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/place-and-sustainability/duxford-and-hinxton-active-travel-survey>

There are two options we can explore to improve active travel usage on the road. Option one is to designate the road as a Quiet Lane, which could involve an advisory 20mph speed limit, soft landscaping, road surface treatments and high visibility signage. Option two is to introduce a modal filter preventing through traffic whilst still allowing pedestrians, cyclists, emergency vehicles and agricultural vehicles to pass, for example.

The closing date for replies is the 1st May.

Highways.

Clerk has applied again for 20mph speed limit in the village.

Clerk also had a meeting re the one-way system in Hunts Lane. The speed limit will be reduced to 30mph in line with the rest of the village (if we are allowed to go to 20mph through the village, then Hunts Lane will also change to 20. The direction of flow will be from the High St to the A1301. There may be problems of large lorries turning into Hunts Lane eg dustbin lorry; however they may need to use a smaller lorry. The work will probably not be done until next year as there is a backlog.

Planning Applications Received.

Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council

Proposal: Installation of a toilet inside the church vestry (permission being applied for through the Church of England faculty application process) linked to an underground waste holding tank installed within the churchyard and new external doors.

Site address: St Mary And St Johns Church Church Green Hinxton

Reference: 26/00737/FUL

Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/00737/FUL>

PC supported this application

Dates of next meetings Village Hall 7.30pm

May 11th 2026 Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm followed by Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 7.30 approx

June 8th 2026

Whittlesford & Duxford Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers

Scouts 

BEAVERS

The Whittlesford and Duxford Scout Group has two Beaver units, Wildwood meet on a Wednesday and Forest meet on a Friday. Beavers start at the age of 6 and move on to Cubs when they turn 8.

Our Beavers enjoy a varied and exciting programme: lots of games, crafts and theme nights such as Burns Night and Apple Day festival. Visitors also come to share skills, like Scottish dancing, and awareness on cycling and road safety when a police officer came to visit.

During this term the Beavers have also experienced an overnight stay at the Scout hut in Duxford, they have used the specially designed and well-equipped kitchen for baking, had campfires in the outdoor space and been on night hikes. These few examples show how valuable Beavers is for children to experience new and exciting activities that may not happen in other clubs.

In addition, traditional Scouting values are embedded right from the start; kindness, inclusivity, adventure and personal development are encouraged. These values are part of the worldwide Scouting movement and although our regular meetings are on a smaller, local scale it is heartwarming to know we are part of a such a large global family. In fact, you never know when you might bump into a fellow Scout!

We thank all of our helpers and parents for their support. If you would like to help or share a skill, get in touch. For general queries, contact Marc (marcvn.scouts@gmail.com, 07727 123684), admission to wdsout.admissions@gmail.com or for second hand uniform, contact Carmel (07939 507805). You can visit: www.wanddscouts.org.uk.

Parish Council Update

Report from Councillor Peter McDonald | April 2026

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Zero Carbon Communities (ZCC) Grant Scheme

SCDC has committed a further £152,000 to the ZCC grant scheme, raising the maximum award per project from £15,000 to £19,500. Since 2019, the scheme has supported 82 projects and awarded over £855,000 across the district for energy, conservation, cycling, food waste and community gardening initiatives.

The next application window runs from Monday 25 May to Friday 24 July 2026. Schools and parent/teacher associations are now eligible where there is wider community benefit. Free information workshops are available on Wednesday 20 May (12:30–1:30pm and 6–7pm) — register via the SCDC website.

Food Waste Collections

The food caddy collection programme is now well underway. Collection dates are included in your standard bin schedule. As a reminder, for CB22 4PN residents, the next food caddy collection is Tuesday 12 May 2026.

Postal Votes Reminder

Postal votes for 4,266 residents have been cancelled following the three-yearly renewal deadline. Affected residents will receive a letter with details on how to re-apply. New applications must be received by 5pm on 21 April 2026 to vote by post in the 7 May 2026 elections. Contact: elections@scambs.gov.uk.

Local Markets Study

A new independent report commissioned by Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils highlights the vital role of the 17 South Cambridgeshire and 3 Cambridge markets. Key findings show markets support jobs, strengthen communities and boost local character. Recommendations include embedding market policies in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan and maximising their role in sustainable food strategies.

Support is available for traders through two programmes:

- Market Traders Growth Programme — supporting 40 established traders with grants up to £1,000 and specialist consultancy.
- Future Markets Trader Programme — supporting 10 new traders with mentoring, advice and grants of £500.

Cambridgeshire County Council

New Strategic Vision

Cambridgeshire County Council launched its new strategic vision on 1 April 2026: "Healthy, Fair and Sustainable". Approved in February and informed by resident feedback, this framework sets the direction for council decisions and services through to 2028/29, including preparations for Local Government Reorganisation.

Roads & Potholes

Cllr Alex Beckett has published a detailed explanation of the current pothole situation and the council's repair programme. You can read this at notesfromalex.substack.com. South Cambridgeshire's pothole status is tracked weekly and the area's data is updated in the council's published reports.

Heating Oil Support for Low-Income Households

Government funding is now available to help low-income rural households with heating oil costs. To be eligible, applicants must live in Cambridgeshire, rely on heating oil, have 150 litres or less remaining, and be in receipt of Universal Credit, Pension Credit, or income-based ESA.

Apply online through the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation Crisis & Resilience Fund at cambscf.org.uk, or via a referral organisation. Proof of address, income and oil need will be required.



HINXTON Village Hall 2026

Hinxton Village Hall is alive and well.

It's a great space to hire for your parties, clubs, meetings and more.....Have you tried?

Next year we will close for refurbishment. So do come and enjoy the old hall before it changes. Did you know we have everything you will need, tables and chairs, glasses, cutlery and crockery, plus the fridge-freezer and oven for re-heating.

Residents have a preferential rate at £35 for the morning, afternoon or evening (and £64 for Saturday evenings). Our rates will remain the same for this year, but from now on we will be adding VAT in preparation for the new extension.

Give me a call or send an email to make a booking. Come and have a look to see if it suits your event.

Committee: Rosemary Breen, Lauren Lake, Jill Garnier, Julia Lowndes, Sue Elliott, Linda Russell, and Kate Riley.



Em: hinxtonvillagehall.booking@gmail.com

Tel Kate Riley: 07492011618

Friends and Neighbours

*Come and share your party treats.
We make tea - You bring the eats.*

meet **SUNDAY** May
Village Hall **4pm** **17th**



Please bring cake,
sandwich or
nibbles to share

You are invited
see you there!

WANTED !!

HAVE A WARDROBE CLEAROUT !!

In the absence of a summer fete this year, we are looking for contributions of nearly new and pre-loved good quality clothing, male and female, for proposed **POP UP SHOP** in the village hall.

Date to be confirmed.



ALL PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCH.

Hats , handbags & other accessories + other suggestions welcome .

Contact in the first instance

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UKRAINE COLLECTION



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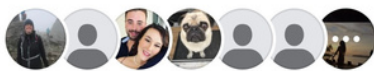
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Facebook page and
the parish council
website.
Great ways to keep
up to date with
Hinxton news and
events

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 **Friday 1st May***

Just one rule: - rounds are out of bounds,



Buy your own!





Greetings to Hinxton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn
Happy May!

Friday 1st May
Friendly Friday

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

**First May Bank Holiday Weekend is
upon us**

**Friday 1st May through to Monday 4th
May**

Steak Specials Board all weekend – see website for menu Shane, Liam & Dan will be serving up a great Steak Specials Board in celebration. Come and join us anytime over the weekend, Friday through to Monday and select the cut of your choice. (If you fancy going large with a 10oz Tomahawk we do ask for a pre-order with 24 hours notice). Otherwise of course we have our full Spring Menu at your disposal - think tacos, moules, Trio of Spring Lamb Favourite so far? - It's the Lion's Pollock.

Friday 8th May
Quiz Night

We are going to trial a run of monthly Quiz Nights so you can plan your diaries ahead. These will run on the second Friday of every month.

So dates ahead: Fridays 8th May, 12th June & 10th July.
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 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)

Save the Date
Pint of Music

Alton Wahlberg our favourite busker from Norfolk is back on Friday 19th June.
It is always a coup to get Alton back - and when better than to kick off the Fathers' Day Weekend?
Guaranteed feel-good evening of bangers that we all love.

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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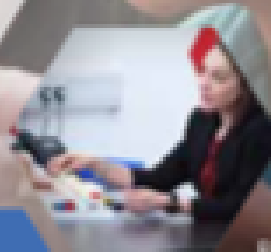
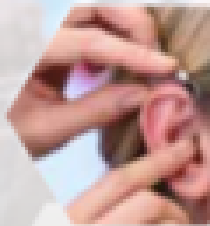


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Jon Smith

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Date	Day	Event
1	Fri	 Red Lion -   Friendly Friday - 6:00pm-7:30pm - Pop into the pub for a drink and chat
2	Sat	
3	Sun	
4	Mon	Bank Holiday
5	Tue	  Blue & Green Bin Collection,  Food Waste Caddy
6	Wed	 Insect Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge
7	Thu	 Council Elections - 7am to 10pm - Red Lion.  Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm.
8	Fri	 Hinxton Walkers - 9:30am - Village Hall - Lauren Stephenson
9	Sat	 IWM Duxford - VE Day Flying Display - All Day - Expect heavy traffic on A505  Community Café - The Lion at Ickleton - 09:30-11:15
10	Sun	 Hinxton Church - Holy Communion - 8:00am  Hinxton Water Mill Open Day - 2:30-5pm - National Mills Weekend
11	Mon	 Annual Parish Meeting 7:00pm, followed by Parish Council Meeting - 7:30pm - Village Hall
12	Tue	 Black Bin Collection.  Food Waste Caddy
13	Wed	 Coffee Morning - 10:30-12:00 - Village Hall.  General Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands  Pub Lunch Club - 12:30 - The Lion Ickleton
14	Thu	
15	Fri	
16	Sat	
17	Sun	 Hinxton Church - Parish Communion - 10:00am  Village Tea Party - 4:00pm - Village Hall
18	Mon	 AGM for The Friends of Hinxton Church - 7pm - Village Hall
19	Tue	  Blue & Green Bin Collection,  Food Waste Caddy
20	Wed	 Spring Flower Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge  Mobile Library - Church Green - 12:20-12:45pm
21	Thu	
22	Fri	
23	Sat	
24	Sun	
25	Mon	Bank Holiday
26	Tue	 Black Bin Collection.  Food Waste Caddy
27	Wed	 Butterfly Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge
28	Thu	
29	Fri	 Community Café - The Lion at Ickleton - 09:30-11:15
30	Sat	
31	Sun	

Save the date:  5th June - Red Lion   Friendly Friday - 6pm.  7th June -Water Mill Open