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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 you have been enjoying the glorious weather recently. I'm just back from a lovely week away in France with old university friends. We travelled around using an Interrail pass which I would thoroughly recommend. We visited Giverny, globally famous as the home of Impressionist painter Claude Monet, who lived and painted there from 1883 until his death in 1926. We certainly had plenty of Monet for our money as we then travelled to the Musée Marmottan Monet in Paris. Plenty of French wine and cheese was consumed by all and it was a splendid break.out

In this month's edition we have a lovely article about David Catton, written by Mike Boagey which also contains information concerning **The David Catton Tribute**. More details in the article.

I'd like to offer my apologies to Rosemary Breen as I omitted to include her submission for Cooks Corner last month. It's now included in this issue and her recipe for **Braised Butter beans with fried eggs and/or bacon** looks delicious.

The search is also on for Hinxton News' next Editor. Could that be you? See details below.

See you around and about.

All the best

Steph

Hinxton Library



It's great to see that so many people are using the library.

Unfortunately, the box containing the children's books has disappeared.



*Dear Reader,
Let me tell you about David Catton.*

Born in 1986 and raised in Duxford, this talented young man followed the local path from the village primary school to Sawston Village College. He grew up in a tight-knit, loving home with his parents, Valerie and Melvyn, and his siblings, Andrew and Richard. At just 13 years old, David faced a life-threatening condition, surviving only through an urgent heart transplant at **Papworth Hospital**. Once he moved past the trauma of the surgery, he embraced life with his trademark energy. Always positive and cheerful, he lived life to the fullest in his own inimitable way.

A natural sportsman, David took up lawn bowls at his Mum's club just fifty yards from his home. This is where I first met him. **Duxford Bowls Club** warmly welcomes young players, and both David and his brother **Richard** became full members, alongside their lifelong friend, **Robert Drew**. By the age of fifteen, David was already competing at the highest level across all local leagues and won nearly every trophy the Club had to offer. My tiny claim to fame was when David partnered me in the Cambridge County Pairs competition only to lose in the Final. Usually, he could save us with his magic, but the winners were too good on the day. I still cherish that year in the limelight with David.

During his time at Duxford BC, he met **Andy Thomson MBE**, a World Champion and England Bowls legend who visited both the bowls club and the primary school. A brief practice session with him ignited David's ambition to reach the top of the sport. Andy later visited David at Papworth Hospital during his transplant recovery, even presenting him with an official England shirt.

*The highlight of this era was a "student beats the master" moment: at just 19, David skipped his team, that included his brother, Richard and Club colleague, Les Bradford, to a victory over Andy Thomson's own **Blackheath & Greenwich** trio to reach the national quarterfinals. This incredible run peaked in 2005 when David was named the **Times-Taylor Bowls Player of the Year**, a testament to his skill and the surgery he received six years prior. This prestigious award recognised not just his technical brilliance on the green, but the amazing journey he had taken since his transplant.*

Sadly, David died just three days later, leaving a hollow space in everyone's life. He became a symbol of what was possible, competing with Champions and proving that his "second



chance" at life would not be wasted. His funeral was attended by many recognisable personalities from the Bowls world including **Greg Harlow, Andy Thompson, Mark Royal and David Rhys Jones**.

His younger brother **Richard Catton** followed in his footsteps, winning the **Junior Bowler of the Year** in 2011, citing David as his primary inspiration. Both Richard Catton and Robert Drew went on to represent England as Senior National players.

David's father, Melvyn, once recalled that David "loved all the razzmatazz and being the centre of attention". This playful confidence, combined with his natural talent, made him a standout figure not just in Cambridgeshire, but in the national bowls community.

To celebrate his brief life, Duxford Bowls Club are staging the **David Catton Tribute** – bowls competition on 1st August 2026 where all the best young bowlers have been invited to attend.

**Thank you for reading,
Mike Boagey**

Duxford Bowls Club are hosting the **David Catton Tribute** event on 1st August 2026. This is an invitation triples competition that has attracted the best young bowlers from all over East Anglia. Top prizes have been donated by Mr & Mrs Catton.

In conjunction with this celebration, we are proud to announce that a fundraising Raffle has been organised, and approved, to benefit the

Royal Papworth Charity.

Tickets can be applied for

contact me

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The David Catton Tribute is supporting the **0001**
Royal Papworth Charity Raffle

1st Prize: £500 cash

2nd Prize: Luxury Food Hamper

3rd Prize: Two Tickets for the

Thursford Christmas Spectacular Show in November

The draw will take place on Saturday 1st August at 4pm

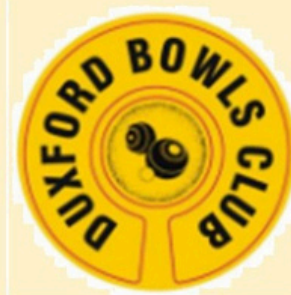
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CHURCH NEWS



A century with Marilyn

On 1 June it will be 100 years since Norma Jeane Mortenson was born – that’s Marilyn Monroe to you and me. Her mother, Gladys, worked behind the scenes in the movie industry as a film cutter, taking original camera negatives and splicing them together to make a reel. It was poorly paid work and Gladys, a single parent who had mental health difficulties, struggled to cope. Consequently, her daughter grew up largely in foster care, but from a young age held onto the ambition to be an actress.

Spotted for her modelling potential in 1944 while she was working in a munitions factory, Norma Jeane spent the next few years transforming herself. Her hair went from brown to blonde, as she crafted a new identity as Marilyn Monroe. She bagged a few small roles in film, but it wasn’t until 1953 when she starred in Niagara, that she came to wider public attention. Her next part, in Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, released the same year, contained all the elements of her trademark ditsy screen persona and with it she stole the show. She had become the Marilyn we all think of when we hear the name.

During her short life she tried to maintain control of her image, even setting up her own production company to avoid being typecast. But since her death at the age of 36, how she is represented has become - if anything – even more fixed. And from the landmark Andy Warhol screen print made soon after she’d died... through the vast supply of T-shirts and mugs... to the many personal items sold at auction, she’s rarely out of our field of vision.

Yet – although her face is everywhere - she remains as much a mystery as ever, with the uncertainty and tragedy surrounding her death contributing to that impression. In her last interview, published the day before she died, she said this:

“When you’re famous you kind of run into human nature in a raw kind of way... It stirs up envy, fame does. People you run into feel that, well, who is she—who is she, who does she think she is, Marilyn Monroe?”

Even to herself, she seems to be in some way unreal, an artefact as much as a person. Her story perhaps invites us to reflect on our own identities: how far who we are is given, how much of us is made (intentionally or otherwise) by our choices.

Best wishes

Lydia

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POP UP SHOP



in

Hinxton Village Hall

Saturday, 27th June

2.00 – 4.30 pm



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All proceeds in aid of Hinxton Church



HINXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Parish Council Meetings held 14th May 2026

Two meetings were held on the 14th May, the Annual Parish meeting where Village Groups gave a report on the previous year.

This was followed by the Parish Council Annual meeting where the following Councillors were elected:- Chair is Ceri Williams and Vice Chair is Sarah Robinson.

Audit: Annual Governance and Accountability Return. The documents were sent to Councillors for their approval before being sent to the Internal Auditors. These were duly approved and signed. These will be sent to the Internal Auditors and then to an External auditor.

Wellcome Trust Campus Development. Nothing to report, apart from 2 cranes now in position and some lane closures.

Village Hall extension. Following previous meeting, Clerk has contacted Bidwells to confirm that the land nearest the Hall, including the first allotments, are part of the Village Hall. There is some confusion over this, so Clerk to get back to Bidwells and ask to liaise with Andy Brown to look further into this.

Quiet Lanes. We received the following re the survey which was done in Hinxton and Duxford.

The survey closed with 109 responses. We can consider 3-5% for a survey such as this as a good response rate in any case.

These were the options which were given:

- Option one is to designate the road as a Quiet Lane, which could include 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 non-motorised users, emergency vehicles and agricultural vehicles to pass, for example.

Just a brief overview for you:

- 51% of responses were from Duxford, 32% from Hinxton and 17% from 'other'
- 91% supported introduction of active travel measures
- 36% would support a Quiet Lane only
- 27% would support a Modal Filter only
- 28% would support both a Quiet Lane and Modal Filter
- 9% wouldn't support either

A report will be sent to us when the figures have been fully reviewed.

River/weir update. Nothing to report. The current CEO is leaving Cambridge Past Present and Future. It is hoped that work will start on repairing the brick bridge before the next Open mill day.

New items for discussion

- Where to plant the 6 whips (young trees)? A walk round the village to be organised to see where these could go, they need transferring from the current pots- maybe place in the spare allotment?
- Poo bins- Wellcome have ordered a new bin to put at the corner of High St and Ickleto Road, Clerk to buy new bin for next to the bus shelter opposite War Memorial.

Public participation time

Thanks were given for the work being done by the Parish Council, Colin and Toni Moses and Brad Charteris for the website.

FINANCE

Bank Balances at 5th May 2026

- Current A/C £17,783.61
- Business /AC £40,952.56
- Village Hall sec 106 /AC £71,952.82

TOTAL: £130,688.99

Dates of next Meetings 7.30pm Village Hall:

- 8th June 2026
- 13th July 2026
- No meeting in August

COOK'S CORNER

Braised Butter beans with fried eggs and/or bacon

Serves 2 and cooks in 25 minutes

2 tablespoons Olive Oil
2 cloves crushed garlic
1 Small red onion
270 grams cherry tomatoes
2 sprigs oregano leaves or teaspoon dried oregano
570 gram jar of Bold Bean Company Queen Butter Beans
2 Eggs

Chilli sauce to serve



Fry the onion gently until softened and then add the garlic. After 2 minutes add the cherry tomatoes, the oregano and the butter beans with all of the liquid. Do not season as the liquid from the butter beans is quite salty.

Add 100 mls of water and gently simmer for 15 minutes until the beans are creamy and saucy and the tomatoes have collapsed.

Serve with the fried eggs and/or bacon and a drizzle of chilli sauce.

I hope you enjoy!

Rosemary

The search is on....

For Hinxton News' next Editor!

Could this be you?

Sadly after two wonderful years as the Editor of Hinxton News, I've decided the time has come to hang up my.. typewriter?

Unfortunately due to the pressure of work I simply don't have the time to devote to this wonderful institution that I would like to.

It's a lovely thing to do and you really get to learn about the village. It's been an absolute privilege.

If you think you might be interested, please get in touch. Plenty of training and support would be available during the transition.

Thanks

Steph

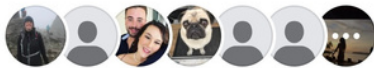
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Facebook page and
the parish council
website.
Great ways to keep
up to date with
Hinxton news and
events

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 5th June 2026.

Just one rule: - rounds are out of bounds,



Buy your own!





Greetings to Hinxtton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

Happy June from us all at The Red Lion.

Thank you to those who joined us last month – whether for a Friendly Friday, a Quiz Night, Bank Holiday Special Steak Board or just a random escape to pay your respects to Madame Wisteria. We have some fun events lined up ahead:

Friday 5th June

Friendly Friday

First Friday of the month

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

Friday 12th June

Quiz Night

Our monthly Quiz Night so you can plan your diaries ahead.

These will run on the second Friday of every month. So dates ahead: Fridays 12th June & 10th July, 14th August

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 Hinxtton'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)

Wednesday 17th June 21:00 - Croatia

Tuesday 23rd June 21:00 - Ghana

Saturday 27th June 22:00 - Panama

World Cup Football England First Rounds

We will be screening each of these first rounds in the pub. Either on our TV in the bar or projected in the restaurant, depending on crowd control requirements.

10% off all bar prices during the matches.

Friday 19th June

Pint of Music

Alton Wahlberg

Steak Specials

our favourite busker from Norfolk is back

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.

Friday 19th June - Saturday 20th June – Sunday 21st June

Fathers Weekend Mini Beer Festival

Beers from our favourite local regional brewers

BBQ Saturday afternoon

Thursday 25th June

Village Fund Raising Evening for The Hinxtton Mill

Subsidised menu and Happy Hour for Hinxttonians to meet up and support The Hinxtton Mill restoration.

Menu on the website.

Book a Table online (6-7pm) – flagging up in the notes if you would like your own table or join a larger random village table.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 31st July

Annual Anniversary Garden Party

Drinks, Canapes, Music

Auction & Raffle for local charities

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 Hinxttonians 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 [redlionhinxtton](#)** to keep up to date.

Best wishes to all

Alex, Nikol, Shane and the teams

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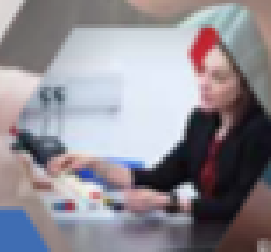
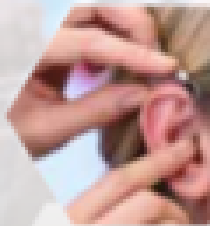


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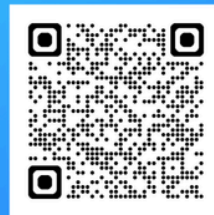
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Saturday 20th June. 7.30pm

'Summer Solstice Special celebration'
A nod to the old 60's festivals.
Celebrate the Summer Solstice with three
bands:

- The Lizard Things: performing the music of the Doors, with a Jim Morrison look-a-like!
- Mercers Row: English Folk tinged music with a 60's/70's sound. Psychedelic folk horror science fiction!
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walking around Hinxton
and the surrounding
countryside.



June 2026

Date	Day	Event
1	Mon	
2	Tue	 Blue & Green Bin Collection,  Food Waste Caddy
3	Wed	 General Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge
4	Thu	 Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm.
5	Fri	 Hinxton Walkers - 9:30am - Village Hall - Chloe Brown  Red Lion -   Friendly Friday - 6:00pm-7:30pm - Pop into the pub for a drink and chat
6	Sat	 IWM Duxford - D-Day Flying Display - All Day - Expect heavy traffic on A505
7	Sun	 Hinxton Church - Holy Communion - 8:00am  Hinxton Water Mill Open Day - 2:30-5pm
8	Mon	 Parish Council Meeting - 7:30pm - Village Hall
9	Tue	 Black Bin Collection.  Food Waste Caddy
10	Wed	 Coffee Morning - 10:30-12:00 - Village Hall.  Flower Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge  Pub Lunch Club - 12:30 - The Red Lion Hinxton
11	Thu	
12	Fri	
13	Sat	 Community Café - The Lion at Ickleton - 10:00-12:00
14	Sun	 Hinxton Church - Parish Communion - 10:00am
15	Mon	
16	Tue	 Blue & Green Bin Collection,  Food Waste Caddy
17	Wed	 Summer Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge  Mobile Library - Church Green - 12:20-12:45pm
18	Thu	
19	Fri	
20	Sat	
21	Sun	
22	Mon	
23	Tue	 Black Bin Collection.  Food Waste Caddy
24	Wed	 General Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge
25	Thu	
26	Fri	 Community Café - The Lion at Ickleton - 10:00-12:00
27	Sat	 Pop-Up Shop - Nearly New/Pre-Loved Sale - 2.00 - 4.30, Hinxton Village Hall
28	Sun	
29	Mon	
30	Tue	 Blue & Green Bin Collection,  Food Waste Caddy

Save the date:  3rd July - Red Lion   Friendly Friday - 6pm.  5th July - Water Mill Open