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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 Hinxton residents.

I thought I would use this month's "Notes" to let you know how we plan to commemorate and celebrate the lives of Julie Baillie, Roy Ellis and Andrew Walker, in the Hinxton News.

Our plan is to ask for contributions and photos to celebrate their lives in the following issues:

Roy Ellis - May Julie Baillie - June Andrew Walker - July.

Please can you email me your stories and photos to Stephanie_lott@hotmail.com. If you need help with photos and editing please let me know. I'm happy to help.

Thanks and hope you are enjoying the arrival of spring and the glorious weather we are having so far this week.



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CHURCH NEWS

Egged on

Not all Easter eggs are chocolate, but – just like the seasonal delights – you may have to hunt for them. Because this is the name for those hidden clues or jokes you can find in films or games. These, too, are Easter eggs. The fabulous *Wallace and Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl*, is littered with a series of great visual puns. One of my favourites appears on a police station noticeboard. Prominently displayed is a wanted poster for the notorious criminal Feathers McGraw, but just on the edge of the shot there's a flyer featuring a small dog with a large grin. The flyer is headed *he ain't nothing but a FOUND DOG*. And the dog in question is an early version of Gromit, as designed by his creator, Nick Park.



The story of Jesus, by contrast, is not one that's hidden by the writers who put together the gospels. Rather, they make it clear from the very beginning that the direction of travel for Jesus is towards the cross and from the cross to resurrection. But the gospel writers also show how people at the time don't take this in. Everyone - from the political and religious leaders through to the ordinary bystanders - is surprised at what happens. Though Jesus warns his disciples, those closest to him, even they do not really understand what he's talking about. On that first Easter Sunday, the women who come to the tomb looking to anoint his body for burial are met by angels, saying 'Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Only then do they understand the clues, find the Easter eggs.

In solidarity with those women, we'll be remembering the events of the first Easter in our churches in the coming weeks: following Jesus' journey to the cross during Holy Week and celebrating his return to life on Easter Sunday. Through all of this, as we call to mind these events long past, we bring them into the present, allowing them to give meaning and shape to our lives today. Allowing them to bring life and hope for now and for the future.

Wishing you a joyful Easter

Lydia

ANDREW WALKER



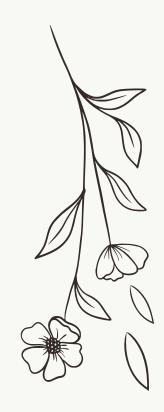
As many of you will know,
Andrew died on 21st
February, aged 82, after a
short illness in
Addenbrooke's Hospital. He
was my cherished husband
of 56 years, beloved Dad of
Matthew and Rachel and
proud Grandpa of Henry
and Alice, Thomas and
William. His life was lived to
the full, a loyal friend to
many and a devoted family
man, as well as a muchloved member of Hinxton.

Andrew digging the trench for the gas mains supply up to the church, 2015

He was a familiar figure up and down the High Street, often with his wheelbarrow walking to and fro his well-tended allotment. He was Churchwarden here from 2001 until 2022, and Lay Chair of the Deanery from 2008 until 2017, as well as being the Treasurer of The Friends of Hinxton Church for many, many years. A Thanksgiving Service will be held on Saturday 17th May at 2 pm at the church here in Hinxton when all will be welcome – please expect a tight squeeze! Donations, if desired, to The Friends of Hinxton Church, c/o Peasgood & Skeates, Funeral Directors, Duxford, CB22 4PP, telephone 01223-833463, (www.peasgoodandskeates.co.uk).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for all the wonderful love and concern shown to me and my family, for so many acts of kindness, gifts, flowers, cards, messages and 'knocks on the door', all of which have given us immense comfort and support.





Julie Baillie

Thanksgiving Service
Saturday, 5th April, 2.00 p.m.
Hinxton Church
followed by refreshments
in the Village Hall
All welcome

HINXFEST25

NOVEMBER 7th—16th 2025

This is a **Friends of Hinxton Church** event designed to raise funds to improve our fabulous St Mary and St John church.

The whole Hinkledux community, including our friends from the
Wellcome Social Club, will be invited to participate in a fun packed programme.

The Village Hall will transform into an **ARTS CAFÉ** offering light lunches and a superb afternoon tea.

On show and for sale will be a display of talented local ART.

At least one item per artist will be offered for auction.

TIMETABLE FOR THE WEEK

Friday the 7th

A free to enter Fireworks Display* hosted by the Wellcome Social Club

Sunday the 9th

Our traditional War Memorial service at 11am.

At 7pm a **Remembrance Tribute** performance to honour our village heroes who perished in WWII. A memorable and moving night of music and poetry.

Monday the 10th for five days

The **ARTS CAFÉ** will open for light lunches and afternoon teas.

An **ART and BOOK SALE** will be on display in the Café.

Tuesday the 11th

HINXTON FEST QUIZ* with Duxford, Ickleton, Wellcome Social Club and Hinxton teams competing for the inaugural HINXFEST trophy

Friday the 14th

Illuminations at the Church with the light up planned for 7pm AUCTION of ART and drinks in the Village Hall at 8pm

Saturday the 15th

KID'S INDOOR PICNIC* with a professional entertainer at 2pm

Sunday the 16th

A GRAND FINALE* with MUSIC and COMEDY in the CHURCH

*These events will be ticket only entry bookable in advance.

Details will Page er the time



FRIENDLY FRIDAY has proved a big hit with villagers over the last couple of months, so why not come along to to the Red Lion on Friday April 4 and share a glass of something and a chat with fellow villagers - pop in any time between 6pm to 7.30pm?



Don't worry if you're busy. Try to make the next one which will be on the first Friday every month at a similar time. Just come and enjoy the company in your nice village pub.

Just one rule - Rounds are out of bounds, buy your own!

Hope to see you there...

PS: Friday May 2 will be the following Friendly Friday!

The Hinxton Library



THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to Jill and Simon Garnier who had the original idea of making our defunct phone box into a library. Jill always ensures that it is well stocked and attractive to the many Hinxtonians who regularly visit and always appreciate the various choices of books and magazines.

Just a reminder that we are visited monthly by the mobile library. It stops on Church Green for 45 minutes at lunchtime and is freely available to all.

Please see your Hinxton News to find the date.

Parish Council Update

Notes from Parish Council Meeting 10th March 2025

Before the meeting began, a period of silence was held in memory of Roy Ellis, Julie Baillie and Andrew Walker who have very sadly passed away.

Village Hall extension.

The GPS survey has been carried out. This will now allow Colin and Toni Moses to get on with the design. A meeting is being held with the Moses tomorrow and a report will be given at the next meeting. Plans will be shown to the PC and then presented to the Village for their comments. Parking is an important issue; there needs to be an all-weather carpark, with spaces marked out properly and with a disabled bay. There are no deadlines for the money being released to us for the next steps, but expected to be when the first houses begin to be built; this may change.

Wetlands Committee.

Meeting held and Minutes will be posted when available. The Wetland walks continue to be held weekly and an extra walk to be held in May, details later. It was again asked that dog owners do not let their dogs go into the ponds or river as the flea treatment gets into the water and kills of many species of crustaceans and fish. Playground.

The see-saw has broken, Clerk to investigate getting this repaired asap.

Quiet Lanes.

An event for dog walkers to be held on the bonfire land in Duxford to raise awareness. Details to follow. There is a survey sheet in the next edition of the Hinxton News. If anyone who would like to do this, it would be appreciated. Please see Hinxton News for details; this can also be accessed on the Parish Council website.

Highways.

A505 report, this has been published and can be found here: <u>Agenda for Transport</u> and <u>Infrastructure Committee on Friday, 24th January, 2025, 10.00 am</u> Item 12 <u>Meeting with Urban & Civic on the 26th Feb 2025:</u>

To report on responses to questions asked.

- 1. Programme of work and any more road closures? The works on highways are coming to an end apologies for the disruption but just 2 or 3 days more of closures sometime over Easter for resurfacing after unforeseen hitch with crucial gas pipes. They will let us know in good time. Bridgework starts in late summer or autumn and buildings such as new labs and gym are hoped to be in place by 2027. The first residential comes with that too.
- 2. When will open access happen? When bridges completed but before that the fences will come down
- 3. Will the road signs into village and road markings, especially North End be rectified? Yes, all 11 road signs to be reinstated
- 4. The turn at New Rd is very sharp and tight. How or when can it be improved? The turn has been built to County Council standards and that will not change. We were told that it's within road safety audits

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- 5. Can road sweeper come into village and clear gullies? U&C will ask, but not able to promise.
- 6. Can U&C influence the clearing up of mud on the A1301; are they able to stop cars mounting kerbs and banks? The mud banks are currently being planted and are there to act as a buffer to protect pedestrians and cyclists on path.
- 7. What is happening about a dedicated cycle route to Whittlesford station and a safe cycle crossing at Whittlesford? U&C recognise that it is part of obligations under Sec 106 and it is being very seriously considered but no concrete proposals yet.
- 8. Can road markings on nearest roundabout be reconfigured as per Dutch model? This would not be possible and the idea of lighting the current cycle path to Sawston not possible either on basis CCC would not let them.
- 9. Will the road lighting be turned off at night? They do not know but will come back to us on that.
- 10. Can we have help to deal with overgrown trees? If it is only one or two. Then possibly but any more than that not possible.
- 11. When will the swimming pool open? 2027
- 12. Is anything ever going to be done to meliorate flood risk from river? A 59 page report has been done on this and a re-commitment to have a meeting with relevant authorities and us. They are opposed to an automatic sluice but there are alternatives, cost could be £200-£250 thousand.
- 13.Can we have ANPR data to help with 20 mph speed limit application(s)? It's coming soon as posts have been picked out etc but they need to check out a concern raised by lckleton over placing of a post before giving a concrete date. The contract is with Vivacity. They are going to check who has the right to the data and permission to give it to us data belongs to CCC but we would only need the figures, not number plate details

<u>Installing another dog poo bin at northern end of the Village.</u>

It was agreed to purchase 3 new bins which can take both dog poo and litter. One to replace the bin near the mill, one to be installed at the parking spot near the Ford and one at the bus stop in North End- these to be checked to ensure space for them. It will cost for these to be emptied by the Council but agreed it was worth the cost. Clerk to investigate.

Applying to make the Red Lion an Asset of Community Value.

Chris Elliott has spoken to the Landlord who agreed that we could do this, Clerk to follow up.

<u>Inviting our new MP to come to the village to meet residents and have a chance to ask questions</u>

She is tied up Mon to Thursdays but will try to find a date which is convenient. Clerk to see if she could maybe attend the litter pick or the fete.

Road cleaning- gutters need clearing.

Could U & C help with this? This has been done by them which the Council was grateful for; however it is difficult to clear all the gullies due to parking. If we knew when they were coming, then maybe the roads could be cleared?

FINANCE

Bank Balances at 4th March 2025

Current A/C : 4220.66 Business /AC : 41,620.54

Village Hall sec 106 /AC £4711.49

Total: £52,010.47

Dates of next meetings at the Village Hall

April 14th 2025 at 7.30

May 12th Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm

followed by Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 7.30 approx.

Note from the Editor

In previous editions of the Hinxton News I have been reproducing Peter McDonald's notes from the District Council meeting.

Following feedback from readers, it has been decided not to include these in Hinxton News going forward. They are however available here:

https://www.hinxton-pc.gov.uk

Please do let me know however if you were enjoying reading them and would like them back in! I'm always happy to hear your feedback.

Come and Join the Aras

Planning is well underway for this year's circus-themed Hinxton Fete on Saturday 14 June from 2-5pm at the Village Hall and Recreation Ground.

If you fancy volunteering to help us bring the circus to life by helping to set up or manning a stall (or both!) please email

Jenny Goodwin (jennygoodwin95@gmail.com)

The more the merrier!

We would also welcome donations of the following - either delivered to the Hall on the morning of the 14th or for collection in advance:

Plants

Books

Raffle Prizes

Cakes and other contributions for the Hinxton Homemade stall

Costume or similar jewellery that you no longer wear

Do you have a gazebo that you would be happy to loan for the day?

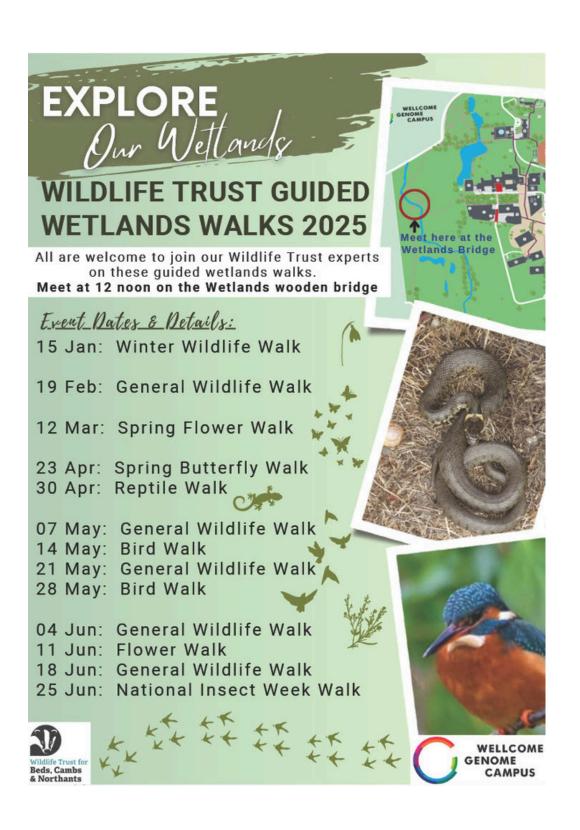
Let Jenny Goodwin know.

Even if you can't help with any of the above, we are looking forward to seeing you there.





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THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk



Ponds

Late 19th-century Ordnance Survey maps record the location of numerous ponds in farmland across lowland England, but since then farming practices have changed and many have disappeared.

Well-maintained ponds are hot spots for biodiversity, supporting special plants and animals. Responding to concerns about the loss of such habitats, researchers at the Pond Restoration Research Group at University College London joined forces with others to investigate the potential for restoring such lost ponds and produced advice about the best ways to create new ones.





Following on from this, Essex Wildlife Trust identified 17,200 Essex farmland ponds on these old maps but noted that 10,400 had since disappeared. A few have been restored, and the team is working with the Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group to secure funding to help more farmers reinstate their lost ponds - https://www.fwageast.org.uk/ponds

However, pond restoration can be challenging - as evidenced by the difficulties faced during the project to resolve problems with Doctor's Pond in Great Dunmow. In recent years it has been polluted by toxic blue green algal growth. Ambitious and costly plans were drawn up to desilt the pond which necessitated the safe removal of fish so they could be returned in due course. Work commenced last October with the installation of safety fencing and the draining of water so that a digger could be used to help remove over 1,900 tons of contaminated silt. Heavy rains made the silt very slippery, and the digger became stranded in January. By the end of February all the silt had been removed.

Future plans include landscaping of the surrounding area and replanting with suitable vegetation once the pond is refilled. It is anticipated that in the coming months this attractive pond will once again provide a great habitat for ducks, fish and dragonflies.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee.



Hinxton Classifieds

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

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





HINXTON LIFE >

Private group · 142 members



Scouting!

Scouts are still looking for adult helpers for our Explorer Scouts aged 14-18. They meet on Friday nights at the Duxford Scout Hut between 19.30 – 21.30 (but you can commit whatever time you have available).

If you're interested in having a chat to find out a bit more, email marcvn.scouts@gmail.com.









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Greetings to Hinxton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

Jazz Night Returns!

Nick Antoniou Quartet Friday 11th April sets 8-10pm Fish Dishes Specials Board

A local four piece ensemble newly formed, playing a cool mix of jazz standards. Piano, vocals, trumpet, double base and drums.

We set out our tables for a jazz club atmosphere - so please book a table in advance, stating whether dining or just drinking.

We will be holding off charging entry fees or cover charges for as long as we can so get in there for free while you can:)

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

info@redlionhinxton.co.uk

Best wishes to all

Alex, Nikol, Shane, James and the teams

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We're Looking for Contributions



Got a craft project on the go? A place you travelled to? A book you've read? An interesting plant in your garden? Have you ever thought about writing an article about it because we'd like to read about it!

Drop me a line to discuss if you'd like to have a go. Photos and drawings are also very welcome!

April 2025

Date	Day	Event
1	Tue	Black Bin Collection
2	Wed	
3	Thu	Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm
4	Fri	Hinxton Walkers - 9:30am - Village Hall - Julia Lowndes Hinxton Church - A Prayerful Lent (Zoom) - 12:00-12:30pm Red Lion - Friendly Friday - 6:00pm-7:30pm
59	at	Hinxton Church - Julie Baillie Thanksgiving Service - 2:00pm - Followed by refreshments in Village Hall
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	lon	
81	ue	Blue & Green Bin Collection. Pub Lunch Club - 12:30 - Red Lion Hinxton
9	Wed	Coffee Morning - 10:30-12:00 - Village Hall - All Welcome
10	Thu	Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm
11	Fri	Hinxton Church - A Prayerful Lent (Zoom) - 12:00-12:30pm
12	Sat	
13	Sun	Alinxton Church - Palm Sunday - Parish Communion - 10:00-11:00am
14	Mon	₽ Parish Council Meeting - 7:30pm - Village Hall
15	Tue	Black Bin Collection
16	Wed	♦ Wetlands Wildlife Winter Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wooden Bridge ■ Mobile Library - Church Green - 12:20-12:45pm ■ Hinxton Church - Easter Compline (Joint) - 7:00pm
17	Thu	Duxford Church - Joint Maundy Thursday 'Tenebrae' - 7:30pm
18	Fri	Hinxton Church - Good Friday Joint Service (An Hour at the Cross) - 11:00am
19	Sat	
20	Sun	Hinxton Church - Easter Sunday Communion - 9:00am
21	Mon	Bank Holiday - Easter Monday
22	Tue	Blue & Green Bin Collection
23	Wed	
24	Thu	Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm
25	Fri	
26	Sat	Clean Up Hinxton - Annual Litter Picking - 9:00-11:00am Village Hall - Refreshments Afterwards
27	Sun	
28	Mon	1 The Village Hall Committee AGM - 7:00pm - Village Hall
29	Tue	Black Bin Collection
30	Wed	Page 24

Notices: Save the date: Page 24
-June 14th - Village Fete. July 18th - Garden Evening with Friends of Hinxton Church
-Sept 13th - Supper On The Run