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Hello! I'm Jade, the new Editor of Hinxtton News.

Although I moved to Hinxtton almost a year ago, it's only in recent months that I've really thrown myself into village life. I've loved spending my first summer as a proud Hinxtonian, getting to know the village, its wonderful community, and everything that makes it such a special place to call home.

You may well spot me out and about with my two very enthusiastic Spaniels, Olive and Luna, who are always happy to make new friends (and usually eager to say hello before I do!). If you see us around the village, please do stop and say hello – I'd love to meet more of you.

As Editor, I hope Hinxtton News continues to reflect the heart of our community. Whether you have news to share, an event to promote, a story to tell, or photos from village life, I'd love to hear from you. This newsletter belongs to all of us

I look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming months!



Submissions

Please send photos, questions, and comments to:

hinxttonnews@gmail.com

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



About Hinxtton News

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

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 Hinxtton of local news and issues whilst promoting inclusion and fostering a strong spirit of community.



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H I N X T O N

THANK YOU

from our village community ♥



♥

On behalf of the Hinxtton community,
we would like to extend our sincere
thanks to Steph Lott for her dedication
and hard work in writing the Hinxtton
News over the last couple of years. Your
time, commitment, and effort have
helped keep everyone informed and
connected, and your contribution has
been greatly appreciated. Thank you for
all that you have done.

♥



Thank You

POP UP SHOP
27TH JUNE



Many thanks to everyone who supported our Pop
Up Shop in the Village Hall on 27th June.

Particular thanks go to Delma for having the idea
for a Newly New Sale and for collecting all the
amazing good quality clothing and displaying it
so professionally.

Thanks also go to those who donated so many
delicious cakes.

Despite the very hot day, those that came along
stayed for tea and spent very generously.

Deborah's plant stall raised £111, helping us to
achieve a total of £560 which will go towards the
appeal to install toilet facilities in the Church.



BINGO *for vegetables*



Its Back !

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Village Newbies will be shocked and
amazed at the array of
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Friday 18th September
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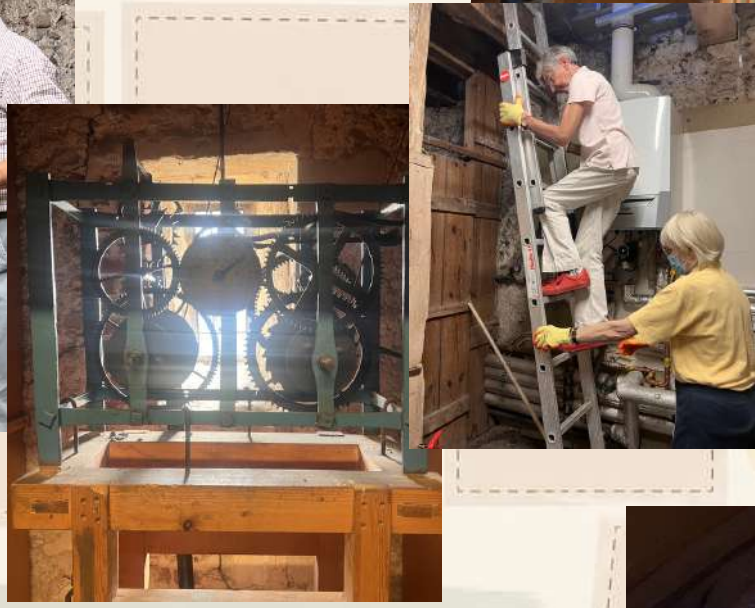
LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER.





Sundays AT CHURCH

On Sunday, July the 5th a small group of villagers met at the village church for a trial guided tour of the clock and the bells in the tower (under supervision and within the constraints imposed by an up-to-date risk assessment)



The villagers looked at the clock machinery and to see the bells, as well as sounding each bell (*softly!*)

It is hoped to offer others interested in seeing the clock and bells 'in situ' at a similar visit under the auspices of the Friends of Hinxton Church with a view to raising funds for the church toilet & glass doors project.





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**Village Hall Bookings**

c/o Kate Riley

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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.hinxtton-pc.gov.uk>




Our village, our community



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE:

13th July 2026



VENUE:

Village Hall

Clerk has received notice that Chris Elliott will be resigning from the Parish Council. Co-option will now be held at the next meeting as there will then be 2 vacancies on the council. An Extraordinary meeting will be held on the 3rd August.

Wellcome Trust Campus Development

Andy Brown attended the Community Liaison Group meeting on the 23rd June. James Tipping has left his position in the Greater Cambridge Planning Dept, replaced by Michael Sexton. Emma Hardwick remains our point of contact at Wellcome.

3 main contractors have been appointed to carry out the development; they are working with local communities. The bridges are under construction and it is expected they will be placed in their positions in November; roads will be closed over the weekend whilst this is being carried out.

There will be an opening ceremony to follow. Open access- plans have been submitted, this will result in the whole campus being open to everyone, buildings will have security at the entrances to each one, expected to be opened up in April 2028. Restaurants will have a wider menu and the current security building will be a farm shop/ convenience store. A gym, 25m swimming pool, bowling and children's play area will be open to all, there will be a tiered costs with local villagers having a discount. They are tendering for bus services, may be a possibility for villagers to use this service.

Parking in the village: Wellcome cannot legally stop workers parking in the village and walking to the Campus. There will be parking on the new site but it was questioned whether this will be enough, will there be parking for the new housing units? Possible solution may be residents parking permits in the village. ANPR will monitor traffic coming through villages.

FINANCE SUMMARY

Current A/C: £ 8,015.97

Business A/C: £ 40,986.79

Village Hall sec 106 A/C: £ 71,952.82

TOTAL: £ 120,955.58

NEXT MEETINGS



Extraordinary meeting:

3rd August 2026 @ 7:30pm



Parish Council meeting:

14th Sept 2026 @ 7:30pm



Parish Council meeting:

TBD

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Village Hall extension

The Planning application has now been submitted. The bat survey has been done and there are no bats in the building. The report has been sent in, decision expected end of August

Quiet Lanes-

Response from Active Travel Dept

We have discussed the results as a team and would like to propose a Quiet Lane for Hinxton Road. A Quiet Lane is a designated minor rural road, usually between two villages, intended to prioritise walking, wheeling, cycling, horse riding, and other non- motorised users to enjoy using rural roads. They do this by improving safety and encouraging motor vehicles to slow down.

This could involve an advisory 20mph speed limit, soft landscaping, road surface treatments and high visibility signage. For more information, you can visit our Quiet Lane webpage - - Quiet Lanes | Cambridgeshire County Council. The process for designating the Quiet Lane would include consultation with local residents, councillors and stakeholders. We would hold an in-person engagement session locally to provide residents with more details on our proposal and an opportunity to raise questions and concerns. We would seek to work with yourselves throughout the process for your support and insight. Thanks were given to Mike Boagey for his work on this. Clerk has finally heard back from highways re putting up speed signs, an application has been submitted to install 3 posts to site the speed sign.

Additional speed signs. It was agreed to buy 2 new speed signs once posts have been installed The report from Peter McDonald can be found on the Hinxton PC website:

District & County Reports - Hinxton Parish Council - Hinxton Parish Council, Saffron Walden

The Parish Council have been awarded £2000 from the Ann Howsden Trust to help pay for a replacement Seesaw, thanks given to the Trust. It was agreed to replace the seesaw with a metal beam rather than wood which rots. Clerk to contact Kompan to install this new piece of equipment.

Hinxton News

Jade Sharp has taken over the position of editor of the Hinxton News. Thanks were given to Steph Lotte for her work over the past few years editing the News.

We are waiting to hear if Wellcome will continue funding the News.

AUDIT 2025-2026

The Internal Audit has been completed by Auditing Solutions. Documents have now been posted on the website and Noticeboard. Clerk draws the Parish Councils attention to the Hinxton Report by the Auditor, this has been circulated to the PC and also on the website. The documents required have now been sent to the External Auditor for their review.

Other new items

State of the permissive paths in Hinxton. This was brought up at the Community Liaison Group and will be asked again at the Community Forum on Thursday. The paths have now been cut, but there are a lot of overhanging branches and the path leading to the railway is impassable. New gates have been installed on the first section from the Ford.

We pay Bidwells £1000 per year for the upkeep and this is not up to standard. Community forum to be held at the Village Hall on the 16 th July. Details will be available soon. It was agreed to print some flyers to let those in the village know that this is happening, MB to print and SR and MB to it has been advertised on the PC website and Facebook, but may not have been seen by everyone.

Planning Applications Received

Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council

Proposal: Reserved Matters Approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of an Energy Farm (Sui Generis use class) positioned on Parcel Q (as defined in the approved Wellcome Genome Campus Strategic Design Guide).

Consisting of: erection of plant and welfare building (up to 105m² GEA), associated parking, servicing area, supporting facilities, sub-surface boreholes (located beneath Parcel S) and connections to and provision of ambient loop infrastructure, primary substation, drainage infrastructure, hard and soft landscaping including lighting, access improvements from Commercial Loop, associated engineering, earthworks and utilities works and part discharge of condition 17.

Site address: Land At Parcels Q And S Wellcome Trust Genome Campus Cambridge Road
Reference: 26/02312/REM

Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/02312/REM>

Consultation period expires: 22/07/2026

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>

Comments by 21 July 2026

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• Find the church mouse!



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AUGUST

Reflections

FINDING PEACE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

*"Be still,
and know that
I am God."*

Psalm 46:10



*What will the weather be
like on the big day?*

THE WEATHER BEFORE D-DAY

The recent film *Pressure*, released in May, tells the story about the decision-making behind D-Day. In the war room, senior figures – Generals Eisenhower and Montgomery amongst them – gather around the usual wartime map-covered table, to discuss the key question: what will the weather be like on the big day?

The movie has had mixed reviews. One reviewer suggested it was like watching someone update the weather app on their phone in hope of a better forecast. Others warmed to the behind the scenes view of wartime, the way the film provided a different angle on famous events.

The film's perspective, as it shines a light on the hours before the historic scene, has good precedent in art. Think Michaelangelo's statue of David, the untried hero contemplating battle with the giant Goliath, armed only with a stone and a sling. In *Pressure*, as in the Renaissance artist's take on the biblical character before he's king, there's a sense of jeopardy and expectation: what will happen if they act? What will happen if they delay? The world holds its breath.

WAITING & WONDERING

That sense of holding your breath in anticipation may be familiar from the past few months. Perhaps it's because of a shared concern, like the war in the middle east, the leadership of the UK or England's progress in the World Cup. Perhaps our feeling stems from a more personal matter, something known only to ourselves. How can we deal well with that kind of pressure in our lives?

"The world holds its breath."

FINDING STILLNESS

For some people, stillness of mind is best achieved through activity: going for a run or a walk outside. For others, it might be music – whether that's listening to something calming or playing an instrument.

You'll not be surprised to find that praying does it for me. Often when I read through the words of the church's daily prayers, that have become deeply familiar to me over the years, I find my muscles relax, my breathing deepens and I am more at peace.

It's so easy to get caught up in the action, but finding time for stillness of mind is important. It can enable us to reflect and make better choices and to flourish.

Have a peaceful August if you can

Lydia ♥



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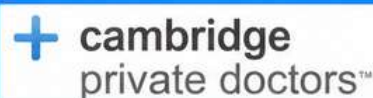
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Proceeds towards the Village Church Toilet & Doors Appeal...

Timings - drinks and supper (please order from the Red Lion) available from 5.30 pm, pre-film talk starts at 7.30 pm in pub garden (dining room if inclement), film showing at 8 pm, Q&A finishes by 9 pm.

Tickets - £10pp from either rileyca@eldoret64.plus.com or hugh.taylor@icloud.com NB: Max 50 tickets available- First come first served

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August 2026

Date	Day	Event
1	Sat	 David Catton Tribute Bowls Match at Duxford Bowls Club - All invited BBQ and Bar.
2	Sun	 Hinxton Water Mill Open Day - 2:30-5:00pm
3	Mon	 Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting - 7:30pm - Village Hall
4	Tue	 Black Bin Collection.  Food Waste Caddy
5	Wed	
6	Thu	 Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm.
7	Fri	 Hinxton Walkers - 9:30am - Village Hall  Red Lion -   Friendly Friday - 6:00pm-7:30pm - Pop into the pub for a drink and chat
8	Sat	
9	Sun	
10	Mon	
11	Tue	  Blue & Green Bin Collection,  Food Waste Caddy
12	Wed	 Coffee Morning - 10:30-12:00 - Village Hall.  Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge  Pub Lunch Club - 12:30 - Red Lion Hinxton
13	Thu	
14	Fri	
15	Sat	 Community Café - The Lion at Ickleton - 10:00-12:00
16	Sun	 Hinxton Church - Parish Communion - 10:00am
17	Mon	
18	Tue	 Black Bin Collection.  Food Waste Caddy
19	Wed	 Mobile Library - Church Green - 12:20-12:45pm
20	Thu	
21	Fri	
22	Sat	 IWM Duxford - Flying Evening - 5pm to 9:30pm - Expect heavy traffic on A505
23	Sun	
24	Mon	
25	Tue	  Blue & Green Bin Collection,  Food Waste Caddy
26	Wed	
27	Thu	
28	Fri	 Community Café - The Lion at Ickleton - 10:00-12:00
29	Sat	
30	Sun	
31	Mon	Bank Holiday

Save the date:

 4th September - Red Lion   Friendly Friday - 6pm

 6th September -Water Mill Open - 2:30-5:00pm