





HINXTON NEWS AUGUST 2024 ISSUE NO 463

Greetings to our fellow Hinxton neighbours!

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the people who have submitted their responses to our survey! We were not sure how this would be received, but we had an overwhelming number of responses! I have also extended the online submission form for another month, and included the survey again in this issue, should additional members of your household wish to have their voices heard. The more we get to know our community, and what matters to you, the more we can continue to uplift and support each other.

As a result of your feedback, we are going to feature a 'spotlight' for Steph and myself in due course, allowing you to get to know us. We would also love to get to know you! Especially as I am new to the village. Please do get in touch if you would like to submit your own spotlight, or just anything you would like to see in the Hinxton News, be it a lovely flower you saw or progress on a craft project. Feel free to be as creative as you like, there is no word limit, or minimum for a submission.

I hope you enjoy this month's front cover. I went for a little stroll around the allotments and by the river, snapping all the lovely flowers and some fluffy bees!

All the best

Katie and Steph

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Please make sure that any articles, photographs and diary entries actually reach us by the 20th each month

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Our mission is to inform residents of local issues and to maintain and promote community spirit.

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Church News

A message from Lydia

Staycation

The UK's most popular holiday destination is... the UK, according to the YouGov Destination Index 2024, with 17% of respondents saying that they planned breaks in their home country (just higher than Spain at 15%).

Apparently, lots of us prefer a staycation, an expression which gained in currency in the noughties, reaching a peak in the pandemic years, when (owing to the restrictions on foreign travel) domestic trips were the only option.

All this has led the tourism departments of many a local area to promote their district's staycation usp. Various surveys suggest that Bakewell is great for dining out with your dog, Harrogate, with its generous supply of car charging points and parking spaces is best for drivers and Tenby offers the most fun you can have at the seaside.

But it's likely that the word's earliest meaning was about staying even more locally - in your neighbourhood. The Oxford English Dictionary cites a piece from the Cincinnati Post in 1944, extolling the delights of fishing in the nearby Ohio river as a way of enjoying the pleasures of home.

One of the psalm poets in the Bible may have this in mind when they write:

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

Boundary lines refers to the way that land was apportioned. Perhaps the land the poet has been assigned is particularly good, but maybe it's simply that they love the place they're in.

August, when our diaries often empty out, is a great time to experience our neighbourhood in a different way. Perhaps you could call in at the café you've often walked past, check out the wealth of museums in the area, or explore the eerie beauty of the fenland landscape. Here's a chance to see the places where we live as a visitor might and to relearn how to treasure our home territory.

Happy holidays

Lydia



THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

The 19th century was a period of great railway development.



Ashdon Halt on the Saffron Walden line

Several railways in The Hundred Parishes no longer exist although they played an important role during their hundred-year lifetime.

The Saffron Walden Railway was constructed in 1865. It branched off the London-Cambridge main line and ran from Audley End Station to Saffron Walden.

In 1866 it was extended to Bartlow, to link up with the Stour Valley Railway. Following loss of passengers and freight from rail onto road, a report in 1964 by Sir Richard Beeching identified many lines that were now deemed uneconomic; many stations and miles of track were decommissioned, including the Saffron Walden line.



Bartlow's former station



Buntingford's former station

In Hertfordshire, a line ran from St. Margarets to Buntingford, including stations at Braughing, Hadham, Standon and West Mill. The Buntingford Line was closed to passengers in 1964 and goods trains a year later. Buntingford Station, off Aspenden Road, is now a private residence.



Braughing Station on the Buntingford Line

Braughing station opened in 1863 and closed in 1964. It too is now a private residence but retains many of the original features including the platform, signal box and signals.



Dunmow Cutting on the Flitch Way



Takeley Station on the Flitch Way

Another line ran from Bishop's Stortford via Dunmow to Braintree. Much of this is now the Flitch Way Country Park, a 15 mile route that was opened in 1994 and is largely maintained by a group of volunteers, Friends of the Flitch Way. It is used by walkers, horse riders and cyclists and is part of National Cycle Network Route 16. The demise of the original rail line can't be blamed on Beeching - it closed in 1952 for financial reasons.

Our website www.hundredparishes.org.uk includes a fuller exploration of local railways under the Articles section, while the Walks section includes routes from current railway stations – plus a new series of Quiet Lane walks that do not use footpaths.



Ken McDonald, Secretary

Notes from the July Parish Council meeting

Wellcome Trust Campus Development

The Community Forum was held as a drop-in session, this seemed to work better than a presentation.

ANPR cameras should be installed imminently in Hinxton, Duxford and Ickleton. Whittlesford and Gt Chesterford are keen to have them as well.

There is approx. £300,000 in the sec 106 for Highways improvement- this is in addition to the money for the Village Hall.

Highways will look into making Hunt's Lane one way and ban HGV traffic as part of the s106 money and also look into if it's possible to make Duxford Road a quiet lane, which would make it access only.

In the original application, there was a requirement to remove Campus car park D nearest Hinxton gravel and return it to green space. They have now revisited this and are aiming to retain it to reduce impact on the village.

It is proposed that the Macdonald's roundabout will have traffic lights with pedestrian/cycling crossing which will improve safety. Re the modelling: this was done in 2018 and repeated in 2023. The outcome was that signalising the roundabout will increase capacity, so that by 2036 the traffic will be back at the levels it is today i.e. a major improvement in between. There will also be new lanes. At present, cars are stacked approx. 20-30 each way, by 2036 it is expected this will increase to more than 200 cars waiting each direction. There are 2 groups working on this project, one with traffic lights and extra lanes, another group with different solutions. Urban and Civic have said that this doesn't make sense and both groups should be working together. Re the new roundabout, the message was that with the new roundabout and reduced speed limits, "it will be easier to get out of the road. "

Village Hall extension

Andy Brown is continuing talking to residents to get their views on the Village Hall extension, hopes to draft an outcome for the next PC meeting

Playground

Following the recent safety report, Kompan were approached to quote for the work that needed to be done. The cost was much more than expected, so it was agreed that Sarah and Andy would go through this to see what were the main items that needed to be done and look for other ways to reduce the costs- other companies?

Strip of land behind Hall

This comes under the sec 106 agreement. May be worth getting someone from the village to take on the role of finding out what people's views on this are? However it will be some while before anything will be done here, so it was decided to defer this to a later date. It was more important to sort out the Village Hall first.

Website domain name

It was agreed to change to a gov.uk domain name, the name of the new domain: hinxton-pc.gov.uk and to continue to own the current domain. Approved Registrar – it was agreed to appoint an Approved Registrar: CloudNext

Recruitment of new Councillor

There has been no interest as yet. If anyone would like to join the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk for more details.

Other village matters

The steps at the new Iron Bridge are becoming loose and need repairing, Clerk to contact Bidwells. Cows and sheep getting loose- fences are in bad state of repair in certain places, However there have been occasions when the wire has been deliberately cut, if anyone sees this happening, please contact the Police or let Clerk know. Drainage at North End/High St. There are still problems with this. There are plans to deal with this by Highways, Environmental Agency and Wellcome. CG has asked Urban and Civic for their help as it is still flooding on occasions. Hinxton village residential Parking. It was discussed whether to investigate getting residents parking permits in the village, however this may cause more problems especially for workmen/contractors. It was agreed to leave this as it at present. "No swimming" signs for the river near iron bridge: these have been purchased and will be put on the iron bridge.

FINANCE

Bank Balances at 1st July 2024
Current A/C : 14,342.83
Business /AC : 41,326.60
Village Hall sec 106 /AC £5406.49
Total: £61,075.92

Planning Applications

Proposal: Reserved Matters Approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of Parcel A

(as defined in the approved Wellcome Genome Campus Strategic Design Guide) for the development of 83 residential units and associated and ancillary floorspace, including plant, consisting of 4,744 sqm. (GEA) mixed use floor space including a health and leisure facility (4,164 sqm. (GEA)) Use Class E, a cafe (580 sqm. (GEA)) Use Class E and ancillary floorspace including plant, courtyard garden, details of landscaping for part of the A1301 terraces, details of the continuation and eastern landing of the northern bridge, architectural marker, lighting, hard and soft landscaping works, pedestrian and cycle access, servicing access, drainage infrastructure, roof mounted solar array, associated engineering, and ground remodelling works, and part discharge of Condition 17.

Proposal: To facilitate the installation of the new sewer main it is necessary to remove 9m of hedgerow between grid references TL 49334 46709 and TL 49343 46712 (W3W: regress.sparks.moon and clumped.staples.paints). This removal will enable access along the working strip for both enabling (archaeology investigation) and main construction works.

Proposal: Remove existing Holly bushes (12.5 metres) and replace them with a new dwarf Red Robin hedge or something similar

Allotment Space Available!

Fancy trying your hand at growing food?

There is one allotment plot available to rent for Hinxton residents. These are situated behind the village hall and the yearly rental is currently £10. Please contact the Parish Clerk for more information: clerk@hinxtonpc.org.uk

From the Editor, Katie

Soon after I moved into the village, I signed up for an allotment! At £10 a year, I thought this was a steal, so off I went to choose one. Having discovered joy and peace in gardening during Lockdown, I wanted to develop my skills and try growing some food, not least to keep the grocery bills down! After deep-diving into permaculture and all things veg, I decided to (try) and create a 'no dig' plot.

Then I encountered my first problem... SLUGS! Despite them eating most of my veg, I have still really enjoyed my first few months. I met some residents of Hinxton, who all gave me such a warm welcome, and plenty of tips!

If you're thinking about getting into veg, or flower growing, I really recommend signing up for a plot, it's been so beneficial for my mental health too!

If you already have a plot, and want to share tips, tricks, trials and tribulations, please get in touch! I would love to start a gardening corner within Hinxton News.

HINXTON PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Main purpose: Representing the views of all residents within your Parish.

Secondary purpose: As part of a local council, you will have responsibility for running local services which may include: open spaces, play areas, village halls, community car schemes and potentially much more.

- You report back to residents on issues affecting the parish.
- Attend meetings and correspond with the parish clerk- meetings held every 2 months on the second Monday of the month.
- Decide on how much to raise through the council tax in order to deliver your council's services.
- Influence and shape the long-term development policy for the parish, and as part of the planning process, comment on planning applications in the parish.
- Improve the quality of life and the environment in their local area.
- Working to identify issues which are important to the lives of the residents you represent.
- Working to bring about improvements through local projects, lobbying other service providers and working in partnership with other parishes and agencies

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY, PLEASE SEND A LETTER OR EMAIL OF APPLICATION TELLING THE COUNCIL ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR REASONS FOR WANTING TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR.

To: The Clerk, Mrs Anne Charteris, 10 Duxford Road, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1RB Email: clerk@hinxton-pc.org.uk

Full details can be found on the Noticeboard section on the website:

<https://www.hinxton-pc.org.uk/community/hinxton-parish-council-7847/notice-board/>



District Council Updates

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme

Funded holiday scheme places for any child receiving benefit-related free school meals is eligible for the programme, which will run between 23 July and 30 August. Further information can be found at HAF Provider Directory | Cambridgeshire County Council <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/support-with-the-cost-of-living/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/haf-provider-directory>

Having a quick look—there are some activities in Sawston and Linton, however, it appears the Duxford offering is fully booked. If you have any questions, please contact the HAF holiday scheme directly or the HAF Team:

HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Market Trader Support and Youth Engagement Programme

The council is jointly organising two initiatives funded by the government's Shared Prosperity Fund:

- 20 traders in South Cambridgeshire will be able to access advice and support to enhance their current business operations, and may be eligible to apply for £1,000, grants to help develop their business.
- A Youth Enterprise Support Programme will support young people who want to start their own business. The programme will work with people aged 16–25 to develop essential skills, knowledge and will include opportunities to gain real market experience. Candidates will also have the opportunity to apply for £1,000 grants to transform their business ideas into local market ventures.

Candidates can register for the programme

here <https://nxgconnect.co.uk/youth-enterprise-programme/>



Coffee Pod Re-Cycling

This week, we've introduced coffee pod recycling at all nine of our Household Recycling Centres. The new coffee pod bins offer residents an environmentally friendly way to separately dispose of both aluminium and plastic coffee pods. www.podback.org

Did you know?

You can recycle a huge variety of items at our Household Recycling Centres from aerosols, batteries, and cooking oil, to mobile phones, soil and vapes.

Life can be a piece of cake!!...

if you support the next fundraiser for Hinxton Watermill.



If you enjoy baking - or eating - delicious teatime treats, this is a must for the diary. On Sunday September 1st, volunteers will be laying out a spread at the Village Hall in aid of the historic working museum.

The mill, owned by Cambridge Past Present and Future, dates back before the Domesday Book. When it was threatened with demolition in the

1980s, residents led by Hinxton Parish Council fought to save it and got it running again. The restoration won accolades from South Cambridge District Council and the Europa Nostra award for conservation. It opens to the public on selected dates from May to October and is now the only working watermill up river on the Cam. But it needs a list of maintenance jobs to stay open and keep it weatherproof. Last year the Annual Mill Tea raised nearly £500 to help pay the bills.

Come along and **see it working from 2:30pm-5pm on September 1st**, entry is £3 for adults and just £1 for children. If you have visited the mill recently you can still play an important role by enjoying homemade cakes and savouries, along with free refills of tea and coffee. The Village Hall Committee has generously offered to provide waitress service. Please contact Sue Elliott at Miller's Cottage next to the mill if you can help by baking, serving, or washing up. Ring 01799531885 or email sellio@live.com by August 17th.

FRIENDS OF HINXTON CHURCH

A huge thank you to all who came along to the Oak House for our Garden Evening on 12th July to raise funds for Hinxton church building and maintenance.

Thank you to the Chaters for their hospitality, to those who helped set-up and take away all the furniture, and to the many who generously brought food to share.



The total raised for the **Friends of Hinxton Church was £955.**

The raffle raised for **The East of England Ambulance was £250.**

For more information and to become a member please contact: friendsofhinxtonchurch@gmail.com

Hinxton News demographic survey

Why am I being asked for this information?

Have you ever wished the village newsletter felt a little more... you?

We're reaching out to our residents to **understand what matters to you most!**

By sharing some basic demographic information (age range, interests, etc.), you'll help us **tailor the newsletter** to reflect the vibrant tapestry of our community.

Imagine articles that resonate with your needs, highlight local events you care about, and spark conversations with your neighbours.

Your voice matters!

Together, we can make the newsletter a hub for everything that makes our village special.

Please share your thoughts!

Share as much or as little as you like!

Please **do not** include your name, address, or any contact information

Please **return the slip** to either the **Village Hall**, or **post** to either **24** or **26 High Street**

We have intentionally left out any categories or tick boxes, to avoid being too reductionist.

Please only share what you are comfortable with.

If you want to elaborate, or run out of space, please attach additional pages



You can also fill in the survey online via the QR code or the web address.

The online survey is only active for 14 days, so please get your answers in ASAP!

<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/3FRUSFL8>

You can email in your responses, but depending on your email address, you may be identifiable.

Age (please add a range if you prefer)	
Gender identity	
Ethnicity	
Do you consider yourself a member of the LGBTQIA2S+* community? (feel free to specify)	
Do you consider yourself disabled? (feel free to specify)	
Do you have any accessibility needs/barriers? (e.g use of pushchairs, mobility aids, large text, no internet/computer access, Deaf/hard of hearing, Blind, use AAC**, immunocompromised... etc.). This is so we can be as inclusive as possible in our communications.	
When, if at all, would you be available for face-to-face meetings/events?	
When, if at all, would you be available for virtual meetings/events?	

* Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Two Spirit

** Augmentative and alternative communication



What does a strong community mean to you?	
What are your hobbies and interests?	
What is your favorite thing about living in Hinxton?	
What is your least favorite thing about living in Hinxton?	
What do you wish to see in the Hinxton News?	
What would you not want to see in the Hinxton News?	
How would you like to interact with Hinxton News? (e.g post in responses, email in responses, social media)	
Is there anything else you would like to share?	

Please **return the slip to** either the **Village Hall (survey results box)**
or **post** to either **24 or 26 High Street**



Polite Notice

I think we would all agree that we live in a lovely village and it's an absolute pleasure to walk around the lanes and fields and take in the skies and views. However recently there has been an increase in the amount of dog poo and fag butts that are littering the paths, roads and scenic spots in the village.

- If you own or walk a dog, please can you pick up after it. As well as the risk of treading in poo, cyclists have reported that they are having to weave all over the road to avoid cycling through it!
- Smokers – if you fancy having a smoke whilst out and about in the village, please take your fag ends home with you. Dropping cigarette ends is a deliberate act of littering and the fine for this is at least £150. Please remember that it can take up to 10 years for a filter to decay. Keep Britain Tidy are running a campaign about this at the moment.

Thank you in advance. Let's work together to keep this lovely village of ours beautiful and free of litter.



Introducing 'How Are You South Cambs'

Connecting with others, getting active, learning a new skill, being creative, seeking professional support, exploring the outdoors, volunteering – all these things (and more) can improve wellbeing...but it isn't always easy to know what is on your doorstep or to feel comfortable trying something new!

[How Are You South Cambs](http://www.haysouthcambs.co.uk) (www.haysouthcambs.co.uk) is a website that brings together everything local in the district (including Royston) that boosts mental wellbeing. Just like our physical health, we all have mental health and we all need to look after it – what that looks like for each of us is unique. The How Are You South Cambs website gives you the factual information you need to find a wellbeing boost, alongside videos, photos, quotes and a description of what to expect when you go for the first time. If you are on Facebook, give the How Are You South Cambs Facebook page a follow too [@HowAreYouSouthCambs](https://www.facebook.com/HowAreYouSouthCambs)

We're also keen to discover, share and support what is good for wellbeing in South Cambs and Royston –

what it is you value for your health and wellbeing. If you know about something that we should know about, please contact Charity Green (the How Are You South Cambs Coordinator) on HowAreYou@cpft.nhs.uk – she'd love to hear from you.

H.A.Y. Cambridgeshire & Peterborough is brought to you by Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust.





Greetings to Hinxton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

Happy August to all from us all at
The Red Lion.

Thank you to those who managed
to make our Tapas night and/or our
Annual Pub Anniversary Garden
Party last month. It was lovely to
see you and celebrate being back
on full throttle after such a
rollercoaster of the last few years.
Thank you again for all your
support.

We will be starting up again our
events in September – standby for
the next Tapas date. Do send in
any requests for any particular
favourite cuisines from around the
world – Shane likes to be
stretched!

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

Best wishes to all

Alex, Nikol, Shane, James
and the teams

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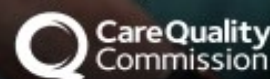
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Date	Day	Event
1	Thu	 Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm
2	Fri	 Hinxton Walkers - Meet 9.30am Village Hall - Kate Riley  Hinxton Church - Prayers for our World in Conflict 12:00-12:30pm
3	Sat	
4	Sun	 Hinxton Water Mill Open Day - 2:30pm-5:00pm (last entry at 4:30pm)
5	Mon	
6	Tue	 Black Bin Collection.
7	Wed	
8	Thu	 Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm
9	Fri	 Hinxton Church - Prayers for our World in Conflict 12:00-12:30pm
10	Sat	
11	Sun	
12	Mon	
13	Tue	  Blue & Green Bin Collection.  Pub Lunch Club - 12:30 - Red Lion Hinxton
14	Wed	 Coffee Morning - 10:30-12:00 - Village Hall.
15	Thu	 Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm
16	Fri	 Hinxton Church - Prayers for our World in Conflict 12:00-12:30pm
17	Sat	 IWM Duxford - Flying Evening (Flying & Pyrotechnics) 5:30pm-9:30pm - Expect heavy traffic on A505
18	Sun	 Hinxton Church - Parish Communion - 10:00-11:00am
19	Mon	
20	Tue	 Black Bin Collection.
21	Wed	 Wetlands Wildlife Summer Walk - 12-1pm - Wooden Bridge  Mobile Library - Church Green - 12:20-12:45pm
22	Thu	 Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm
23	Fri	 Hinxton Church - Prayers for our World in Conflict 12:00-12:30pm
24	Sat	
25	Sun	
26	Mon	Summer Bank Holiday
27	Tue	  Blue & Green Bin Collection
28	Wed	
29	Thu	 Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm
30	Fri	 Hinxton Church - Prayers for our World in Conflict 12:00-12:30pm
31	Sat	 IWM Duxford - Flying Day (19 Squadron) 10:00am-6:00pm - Expect heavy traffic on A505

Notices: Save the date:

Sept.1st - Mill Open Day - Tea in the Village Hall

Sept.28th - Wine Tasting in the Village Hall