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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.

Well where is the year going? It's November already and Hinxfest is upon us! Please ensure that this fantastic and important event gets our full support.

There's lots going on in the village this month and in the run up to Christmas, including fireworks at the Wellcome Trust Campus and the third quiz night at the Red Lion. The last one was enormous fun and I plan to get my team there again this time!

Take care and see you around and about



Hinkledux Pub Lunch Club

12.30 every 2nd Wednesday of the month.
Even no. months @ the Red Lion, Hinxton
Odd no. months @ the Lion, Ickleton.
Pre orders to cjjonsmith@hotmail.co.uk by the Sunday before please.

Peace, Shalom Aleichem, As-Salaam Alaikum

Jon Smith

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CHURCH NEWS

Thanks for the memory

Late autumn – the end of October and the start of November – is the season of remembering. We remember riotously with Halloween and Bonfire Night: flickering from candles in carved pumpkins, blazing from bonfires and fireworks, the light is a kind of protection against the encroaching darkness of winter.

And more solemnly, we remember those who've gone before us. All Souls' Day – two days after Halloween – is the time in the church calendar when we remember and give thanks for those we've loved whom we see no longer, who are separated from us by death. In churches across the country people gather to light candles and think back over the months and years.*

Many centuries ago, at the very edge of the Roman empire, the great philosopher and theologian, Augustine - searching for God – looks in all the usual places. He focuses at first on the world around him, from fish at the bottom of the sea to the stars and planets in the sky above. It's only as his search turns inwards, towards his own mind, that he begins to see the light. Not in the outside world, he says, but in "the fields and spacious palaces of my memory" is God perceived and experienced. Memory for Augustine is a storehouse of treasures, a gift from God that binds us in loving relationship to God and to each other, even those we've lost.

Memory has another role, however, that's more often ignored, as poet Steve Turner observed succinctly in his poem "History Lesson":

"History repeats itself. Has to. No-one listens".

On Remembrance Sunday, as we recall the horrors of war and honour those who've died in conflict, we also pledge ourselves to work for peace. Those lessons from the past that memory gives us are perhaps needed now more than ever. As we meet for services on Sunday 9^{th} November, we look back to the past, but also look forward in hope. And at the end of the Remembrance Sunday service, we make this our prayer:

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer. Amen

Best wishes Lydia

* An All Souls Service of Remembering and Thanksgiving, to which you are warmly invited, takes place at St John's Church, Duxford at 5pm on Sunday 2 November. If there's someone you'd like remembered at this service, please get in touch with Lydia on 01223690211 or by email at revlydiasmith@gmail.com.

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HINXFEST25

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Dear Readers

Suddenly, HINXFEST25 is a week away. We have Central to the whole week will be the ART CAFÉ. been planning this for months and months.

Here you can see a range of wonderful creative

It started because Joan Roberts announced that her smashing biannual **Art Exhibition** was going to finish. I loved this show, if only because it brought our local communities together in a way that only **Art** can do. The weekend of the **Remembrance Day** on November 11th is such an important date, as is **Guy Fawkes** night on the 5th. These celebrations will be permanently woven into our **HINXFEST**.

It has always been my hope that having such an event, spanning a whole week and centred around the village hall transformation into an ART CAFÉ, would become the blueprint for future years with different people running it, always bringing fresh ideas.

It is likely that parts of our programme will be popular and other bits not so, but the whole concept can be seen as an experiment and only be judged a success after it is over. The success will firstly be measured by the pleasure it brings us all, then by the financial result. The income will fund the drive to have a washroom and toilet installed in the church. This may take some time as it is going to be horrendously expensive but our church is a special treasure to be cherished and cared for as our only village asset with such a long history. The next project will be the a glass entrance to the South porch.

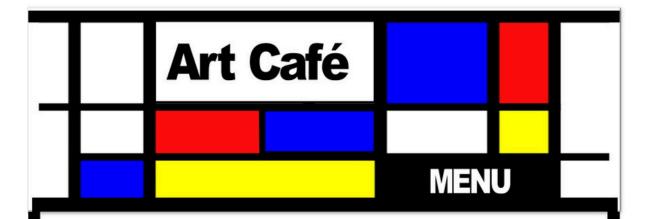
Central to the whole week will be the ART CAFÉ Here you can see a range of wonderful creative talent drawn from the surrounding area. We will have paintings, pottery, woodware, cards, lithographs, and a selection of craftwork all on sale or biddable at our AUCTION. The café menu is displayed but, at the moment of writing, the bookings are coming in quite well. You are welcome to drop in but because space is at a premium—BOOK NOW to avoid disappointment.

Probably the most ambitious project is the SON ET LUMIERE inside the church. The trials were exciting and you can be sure the event is well worth a visit. Starting at 6pm will allow the kids to come along. You can spend ten minutes or an hour and not be bored. The village hall will be open for a quick drink before the AUCTION of ART. There will be bargains and you may even find a unique Christmas present for the Person Who Has Everything.

Please come along and support this. Most of the individual events are free to enter but seeking a modest donation on exit.

Thank you all and see you there,

Mike Boagey



Light Lunch

every day from 12noon-2pm

Only £5 per person

Jumbo Hot Sausage Rolls (pork or veggie)

served with a green salad

Cole's Pudding

Lemon-Tiptree Strawberry Jam-Golden Syrup- Spotted Dick Served with fresh cream or custard

Tea-Coffee-Soft Drink

Posh Afternoon Tea

only on Monday10th, Wednesday12th and Thursday13th
Only £10 per person

Sittings at 2pm or 3.30pm.

Fresh Scone with Delma's Jam with butter or cream

-Sandwiches-

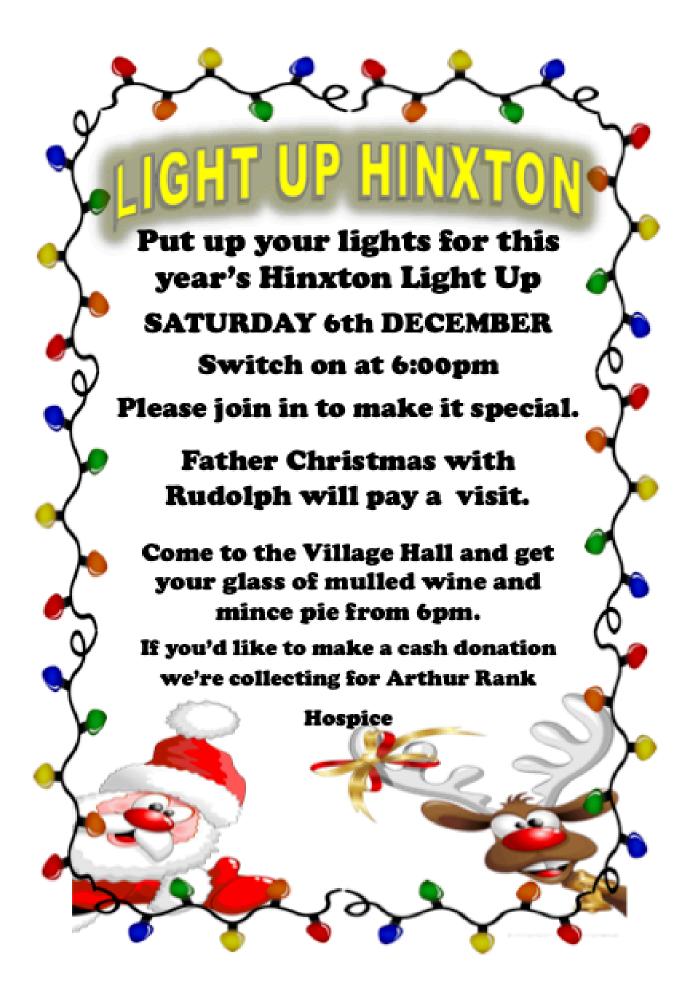
-Egg Mayonnaise & Cress-

-Butcher's Cut Ham & Mustard-

-Smoked Salmon and Cream Cheese-

Cakes from the Trolley

*pre booking the Posh Afternoon Tea is recommended. by calling 01799 530216 or email hinxfest25@gmail.com



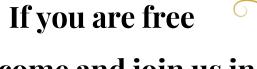
Light Up

Those people who are new to the village may like to know about Light Up.

It started 5 years ago with the aim of bringing the village together and having some fun.

Please join in by putting up lights outside your house and switching them on at 6pm on Saturday 6th December.

See the poster for more information.



Please come and join us in the

Village Hall

to

welcome in the

New Year

9pm onwards



Bring some drinks and a plate of nibbles to share.

Everyone is welcome

Parish Council News

Notes from the Oct 13th Hinxton Parish Council Meeting.

<u>Wellcome Trust Campus Development.</u> There have been queries regarding the large pile of earth on the site. Noise, dust and movements are closer to the village than expected. There is a Community Liaison Group meeting on the 15th where these issues will be raised.

<u>Village Hall extension.</u> The next amount of Sec 106 money has now been received. Results of the survey re the cladding were given- most people preferred the horizontal cladding. Councillors are looking at other funding grants such as Green Heat and renewable energy options.

<u>Playground.</u> Seesaw replacement or repair? Quotes received in the region of £5,000 to £7,000 to replace the seesaw which needs some repairs, nothing urgent so this will be revisited next year where it may be better to go with a repair which will be in the region of £2000 to replace the timber beam with steel.

<u>Quiet Lanes.</u> Our interest in Duxford Road becoming a Quiet Lane has been registered, awaiting further information.

<u>Highways.</u> It appears that we have at last been successful in making Hunts Lane a one way system from the High Street to the A1301, with speed limit reduced to 20 mph. This has taken many years to finally get approved! We did not get funding for 20mph in the rest of the village but will soon be putting up speed signs which we hope will help to slow traffic down.

Re junctions at New Road and North End Rd: We have received this from the County Council:

"I am aware of the concerns expressed by the Parish Council and some local residents re the design of the above junction.

The matter has also been identified as a potential problem within the ongoing Stage 3 Road Safety Audit.

In order to ensure that the design meets current standards for truck roads (Design Manual for Roads and Bridges) the developer U&C have commissioned a speed survey along the A1301 in the vicinity of the junction to ascertain the actual speeds that domestic vehicles are traversing the road at. The new survey will be undertaken as quickly as possible.

This 85% speed is one of the prime design criteria for junctions of minor roads onto 'trunk roads' which while the A1301 does not have that official status for all intention purposes it operates as one. The original speed survey to design the junction was undertaken when the traffic management for the roundabout works was in place and as such may have skewed the data. The new survey will provide a more robust set of information"

<u>River/weir report.</u> Chris Elliott has been approached as a private resident by Melanie Pankhurst and Lee Outhwaite for a meeting to gain greater understanding of the Weir and flooding prevention in the future. He will report back on what is discussed.

<u>Hinxfest.</u> Plans are going well and organisers are optimistic. This has been advertised on the HPC website and in the Hinxton News with regards to dates, events and booking information.

<u>Locations of speed sign</u> to be decided: a walk round the village to be arranged. Clerk to confirm date.

Public participation time.

Gritting at the top of Duxford Road: can this be added to the gritting scheme as vehicles coming from the Ford make the road very slippery in cold weather?

The date of the next meeting was queried as it is on the same day as the Hinxfest café. This was confirmed as the 10th Nov; even though the art and tables would be set out, there will still be room for the meeting to be held.

FINANCE

Bank Balances at 6th Oct 2025

Current A/C : £7,668.25 Business /AC : £ 41,816.60

Village Hall sec 106 /AC: £79,607.49

Total: £129,092.34

Dates of next meetings

- Village Hall 7.30pm 10th November 2025
- No meeting in Dec
- 12th January 2026

Looking Up and Out - Funding Success!

We're delighted to share that St Mary Magdalene Church, Ickleton, has been awarded £244,684 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to conserve its remarkable medieval wall paintings and involve our wider community in celebrating them.



It's taken many years of planning, fundraising and partnership to reach this point, with wonderful support from across Whittlesford, Duxford and Hinxton and beyond. Events, donations, and encouragement from so many people have helped to show just how much this heritage means to us all.

The wall paintings — described by Historic England as "outstanding" — are among the most complete Passion Cycle frescoes in England and a rare survival of their kind. Thanks to this grant, they will be carefully conserved for future generations.

The Looking Up and Out project will begin later this year with a programme of community activities, followed by repair and conservation works in 2026. There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved — from workshops and talks to family events and tours.

A huge thank you to everyone who has played a part in getting us here. This has been a true team effort, and we look forward to sharing the next stage of the journey with you.

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk





Patmore Heath near Albury

On a fine September day, I caught an early train to Ware before tackling the longest walk on the Society's website. Station Walk number 18 covers 17 miles (28 kilometres) between Ware Station and Stansted Mountfitchet Station. Although I walk regularly, it was some years since I last covered that distance in a day so I carried a mobile phone just in case.

An advantage of this route is that it heads north for several miles and then turns east, so for much of the way the sun is behind to give the best views.

After leaving Ware, the route is all in lovely countryside, passing through eight of our hundred parishes: Wareside, Standon, Thundridge, Braughing and Albury in Hertfordshire and then Farnham, Manuden and Stansted Mountfitchet in Essex. Through these parishes, only Standon and Stansted contributed much more than the occasional farmhouse. They, along with Gravesend in Albury, also offered opportunities for refreshment.

The route follows a series of good paths and tracks, rising and falling between river valleys. It passes over the River Lea just after the start, spends several miles along the Rib valley, and crosses the Ash and the Stort.

The journey crosses the Greenwich Meridian, the original route of Roman Stane Street and the former Buntingford railway line. It passes beside Barwick Ford, Standon Lordship, Patmore Heath and Stansted Windmill and there are sightings of distant churches, water towers and much more. But the best views are of unspoilt, rolling countryside and occasional wildlife.

I completed the walk, accompanied for the last 6 miles by my wife Janice after lunch in Gravesend. Altogether, a most enjoyable day – and the legs only ached a bit for the next few days! Having completed this challenge, I can return to the many shorter routes on our website.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

Hinxton Classifieds

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



HINXTON LIFE >

Private group · 142 members



Check out
Hinxton's
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 **November 7th**

Just one rule: - rounds are out of bounds,



Buy your own!





Greetings to Hinxton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

Thank you again for all your support – whether joining us for our latest Tapas Night, a Friendly Friday drink, our October burger / fish & chip offer or some other random pop in.

Below are some future events to look forward to:

Friday 7th November

Friendly Friday

Village drinks and Happy Hour 6-7pm. Come and join the party 😊 It is also Genome Fireworks Night And we will be putting on a winter warming Stews Specials Board

Friday 28th November

Quiz Night #3

Quiz Starts 7pm Food served 5:30-9pm

Teams of up to six welcome.

£5 entry per person which covers the cash prize money and charity donation to the church glass door appeal.

Book a Table online in usual way – stating Quiz in the notes + dining or drinking.

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).

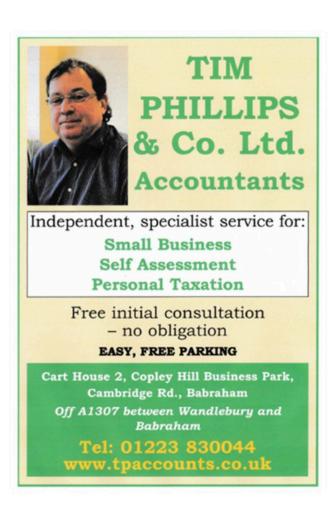
Please register when booking online or on arrival with your name, house number and email address.

Do sign up to our Newsletter and/or follow our Instagram redlionhinxton to keep up to date.

Best wishes to all

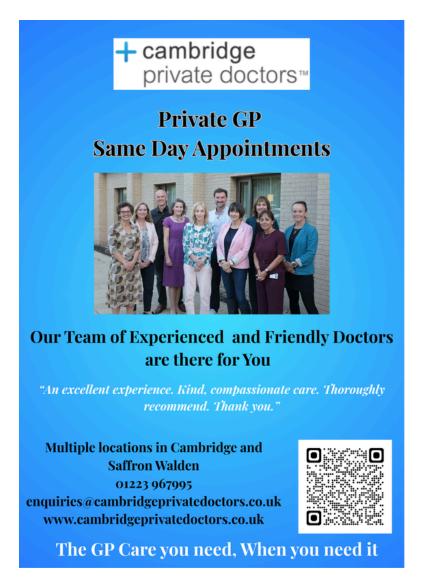
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Ickle-Gigs

LIVE at the ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday 15th November 7.30pm. Kobayashi Bookstore, – From Cambridge, the Kobayashi Bookstore formed at the Edinburgh fringe in 2023. A melodic six piece band making original tunes that cannot easily be boxed into a single genre. With a nod towards Squeeze the Kobayashi Bookstore make listening easy, with sing-a-long choruses and lyrics well crafted poignant their (thekobayashibookstore.bandcamp.com)

Wild Hope - A happy poppy style of music, with an edge not unlike the better side of Suede. This four piece band have had Radio 6 airplay with their single 43 degrees being played a couple of times on Tom Robinsons show. Perfect Kobayashi Bookstore. This complement to will be good gig! (www.wildhope.com).

Keep Music Live. Support Grassroots Venues. Support Ickle-Gigs!

For more Ickle-Gig information look up Ickle-gigs on Facebook, or message Liz on 07377068736.

Just before you go....



We still have allotments available We still need another parish councillor

November 2025

Date	Day	Event
1	Sat	
2	Sun	
3	Mon	
4	Tue	Blue & Green Bin Collection
5	Wed	
6	Thu	Hinxton Church - Compline - 6:00pm.
7	Fri	Hinxton Walkers - 9:30am - Village Hall - Virginia Walker Red Lion - Friendly Friday - 6:00pm-7:30pm - Pop into the pub for a drink and chat Wellcome Fireworks Display - 7pm - Booking required
8	Sat	
9	Sun	Hinxton Church - Remembrance Service - 10am. Followed by War Memorial - 11am Remembrance Tribute - 7pm - Hinxton Church
10	Mon	Art Cafe - Lunch/Tea - 12-5pm - Village Hall. 1 Parish Council Meeting - 7:30pm - Village Hall
11	Tue	Art Cafe - Lunch/Tea - 12-3pm. Black Bin Collection. Fest Quiz - 7pm - Village Hall
12	Wed	Art Cafe - Lunch/Tea - 12-5pm - Village Hall. Pub Lunch Club - 12:30 - The Red Lion Hinxton
13	Thu	Art Cafe - Lunch/Tea - 12-5pm - Village Hall.
14	Fri	Art Cafe - Lunch/Tea - 12-3pm - Village Hall. Son et Lumière - Light & Music - 6-8pm - Church. Auction of Art - 8pm - Village Hall
15	Sat	Kid's Indoor Picnic - 2-4:30pm - Village Hall
16	Sun	Hinxton Church - Holy Communion - 8am. March Grand Finale Concert - 7pm - Hinxton Church
17	Mon	
18	Tue	Blue & Green Bin Collection
19	Wed	♣ Autumn Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm. ♣ Mobile Library - Church Green - 12:20-12:45pm
20	Thu	
21	Fri	
22	Sat	
23	Sun	
24	Mon	
25	Tue	Black Bin Collection
26	Wed	
27	Thu	
28	Fri	
29	Sat	
30	Sun	

Save the date:

🔻 5th Dec - Friendly Friday - 6pm. 🦙 6th Dec - Light Up Hinxton

💊 31st Dec - New Year's Eve Party.