

HINXTON news

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Dear Readers

Normality is gradually taking over. Hurrah!

At the end of May we can look forward to the **National Garden Scheme** opening of six village gardens (details can be seen on page 4). The village will be busy and if the weather is fine, we will enjoy the happy carnival atmosphere Hinxton is famous for.

Small private gardens spread across the village will be open to view with No.2 Hall Farm Barn and The Oak House illustrating just how different gardens can be.

Our big issue will be parking space for the visitors as we expect to have at least 100 vehicles looking for it during the course of the afternoon. Please avoid using the Red Lion car park as this will be straining to accommodate their own Lunch bookings and customers. If at all possible, please could High Street parkers find alternative off street parking by 12 noon. If you have a spare space on your forecourt, would you be good enough to offer it to your neighbour for the afternoon? This will free up the kerbside parking for the visitors. Wouldn't it be lovely to see the High Street clear of cars, even just for an hour or so?

The Village Hall will be serving teas and cakes to take away and there will also be fresh ice cream on sale. Can't wait.

Other Village favourites will soon follow such as the Fete and Garden Evening. Once the indoor restrictions are lifted, the **Bingo for Vegetables** will start again.

The Garden Centre is well underway with literally hundreds of plants coming in over the next few weeks.

This may be the last Editorial I write for a while as we will be reverting to the old Newsletter style next month. An expanded version of Hinxton News will be accessible to view online either by going to the Hinxton Parish Council web site or having an E-copy sent direct to your personal email address. A new editor (*where is he/she?*) may want to change this format back again.

Stay safe

Mike

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

We are delighted to announce that this year's Friends of Hinxton Church Garden evening will be held on Friday 16 July at 6.30 pm at The Oak House, Hinxton, by kind permission of Jane and David Chater. Further details will follow in the Hinxton News. We so look forward to seeing you at this popular event!

Andrew and Virginia Walker (p.9)

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HINXTON COFFEE MORNINGS TO RESUME!

According to the lifting of lockdown restrictions, the 'roadmap' will allow gatherings outside of more than six people after 17th May and then indoors after 21 June, so we are pleased to announce that we can resume our monthly coffee mornings on the following days:

Wednesday 9 June OUTSIDE only

Wednesday 14 July In the Village Hall or outside, weather permitting

No coffee morning in August

Wednesday 8 September In the Village Hall or outside, weather permitting

Wednesday 13 October In the Village Hall

Wednesday 10 November In the Village Hall

Wednesday 8 December In the Village Hall

For those of you who are new to the village, this is open to everyone and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible – young, old, home-workers and all the in-betweens! If held outside, we set up tables and chairs behind the Village Hall. We start at 10.30 am and finish at 12 noon.

The Village Hall Committee kindly donate the hall for no fee and the refreshments are provided by the **Ann Howsden Charity** as a community contribution, so it is a free event for all.

Please come along!

Village Hall Committee AGM

**Tuesday 18th May 2021
7pm in the Village Hall**

**Hinxton residents
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CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

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The 10am services will rotate around the parishes as follows:

Sunday 2nd May Ickleton Parish Eucharist

Sunday 9th May Duxford Parish Eucharist

Sunday 16th May Hinxton Parish Eucharist

Sunday 23rd ? Ickleton Parish Eucharist

Sunday 30th May ? Hinxton Service of the Word

Ickleton 8 am Holy Communion

COMPLINE: This is a short quiet service with time for reflection.

Julie Baillie will be leading these each Thursday evening in Hinxton church at 8 pm.

We would love to see you at any of our services. Please do join us.



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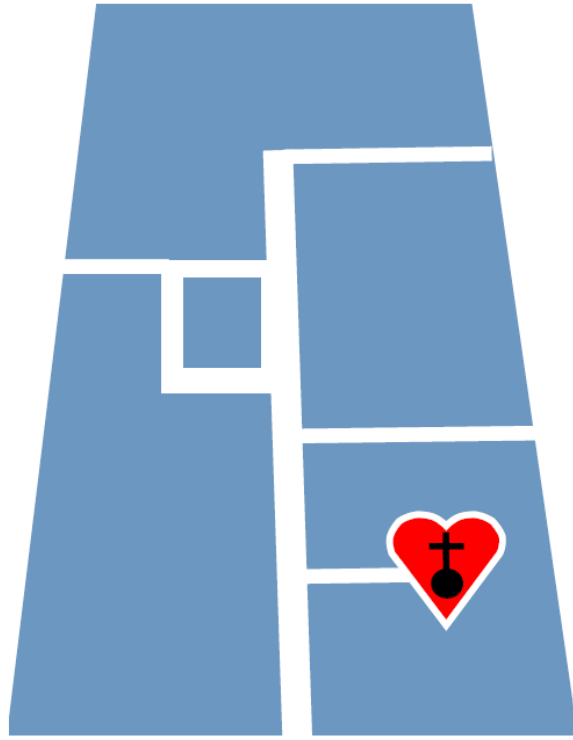
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Thank you.

Jill Garnier



THE FRIENDS OF HINXTON CHURCH

Next Meeting & AGM: 24th May 2021 at 7.30 pm.

This is most likely to be on Zoom if the village hall is still not allowed on that date. The details of the login will be sent to you if you apply to

Kate Riley rileyca@eldoret64.plus.com

Emma's Hero Arm Fund

Emma Turner from Duxford was born with Moebius Syndrome, a severe condition that affects her muscles. She is hoping to raise £10,000 to purchase a prosthetic arm.

Her Mum, Pat Turner, who many of us know from Duxford school days, has asked us all to help her by looking at Emma's Hero Arm Fund page on the GoFundMe web site.

Copy and paste this address into your browser

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Any contribution, however small, will help brave Emma to bring her closer to her dream.

Alternatively, you can contact

Pat Turner on 01223 573837

THANK YOU

Lockdown by Alex Clarke

When I was asked to record a few reflections on this past year I realised that I had already forgotten some of the extraordinary time we have all been through.

On **20th March 2020**, all our lives were thrown into disarray. 14 months later, after a few false starts, it looks as if we might be finally creeping back to a bit of normality.

Before COVID, no one would have believed what we were about to experience and in time I cannot help feeling that it will still be hard to take in what we have lived through. Like so many others, we were initially shocked and seriously concerned about our future. There have been so many lives lost in the last year, we realised that our relative inconveniences needed to be kept in perspective.

After the initial shock and panic, it became apparent that somehow, we have managed to survive and that we were going to get through this. Our business, like the country as a whole, was going to take a long time to rebuild and recoup all that was lost, but at least we would have retained our sound base, with all the team intact.

Click & Collect Fish & Chips and **Provisions** soon became the new normal and rhythm of our lives. The chat through the French doors revealed so many different stories – no two were the same, no one had been left untouched. It was a strange existence. I was working as many hours to deliver a couple of services from each pub a week as I had been working previously to deliver fourteen services from each pub. It still seemed to be mad, but also right thing to be doing.

Sometimes, I wondered whether I was doing it for the community and the community were kindly coming out to support us, but the reality was that the whole thing was a nonsense. I hope, however, that, I concluded correctly that more than anything else, it provided a bit of social contact and community glue that we were all missing desperately from our lost normal lives.

A key moment came when we had finally got the timings so well organised that customers were collecting their Fish & Chips or Provisions without crossing over with anyone else before or after them. But it became clear that this defeated the most important a key point of the exercise – a bit of (socially distanced) interaction. As we come out the other side, it has been an absolute joy to see life seeping back into the pub. It has been wonderful to see the sheer pleasure of customers being allowed to visit us again. Less anticipated was the delight of my children on their to return to school and the relief of the teams to be allowed back to work. So much that we took for granted is now so much more appreciated. The novelty value will, of course, wear off but it would be good for us all to remember those simplest of things that we missed.

Thank you all so much for your support through this. It gave us a sense of purpose and helped us retain an element of sanity. We really want to be at the heart of the village, and to provide somewhere for locals to meet up safely, so that we can all enjoy filling that much missed gap of communal company and, conversation over some good food and a welcome drink.

Fingers crossed for a continued steady opening up.

Best wishes to all

Alex and the teams





Hinxton Gardens

A group of six village gardens of varying sizes including cottage gardens, with traditional planting, a garden belonging to a 15th century Manor House with planting appropriate to the era. Millers Cottage, next to the old water mill, with narrow riverside garden and planting appropriate to its position, a barn conversion garden with tropical dry planting, and a family garden with lawns, shrubs and perennials.

Delicious teas and large selection of plants for sale

Sunday 30th May 2pm– 5pm **PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE**

For this open day you can pre-book your tickets in advance, but it is not essential.

Refreshments:

Home made teas in Hinxton Village Hall. In aid of Friends of Hinxton Church

Admission:

Adult: £5

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We appreciate that everyone wants to know when their appointment will be, and we are working as fast as possible to get through our patient lists. Please bear with us as our team continue to work incredibly hard to deliver the vaccine into our community.

COVID-19 Vaccine Safety

The UK vaccination programme has been very successful. At the time of writing, more than 30 million people have been vaccinated and it is estimated that 6,000 lives have already been saved.

There have been reports of a very rare condition involving blood clots and unusual bleeding after vaccination. This is being carefully monitored and reviewed.

Information is changing rapidly and we will keep our website as up to date as possible. If you do not have internet access, please feel free to ring us with any questions you may have.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services
Email: sandra.east@nhs.net. Direct number: 01223 627743.

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Many of us wait anxiously for the outcome of the recent public inquiry into a possible increase in the passenger cap at Stansted Airport, yet the local community's love-hate relationship with Stansted Airport is only the latest in a series of significant aviation events that have occurred within the Hundred Parishes.

In a field at Standon Green End in the parish of Thundridge, a monument marks the spot where Italian balloonist Vincenzo Lunardi landed in 1784 after completing the first manned flight in England. [He took off from London beneath a balloon filled with hydrogen.](#)

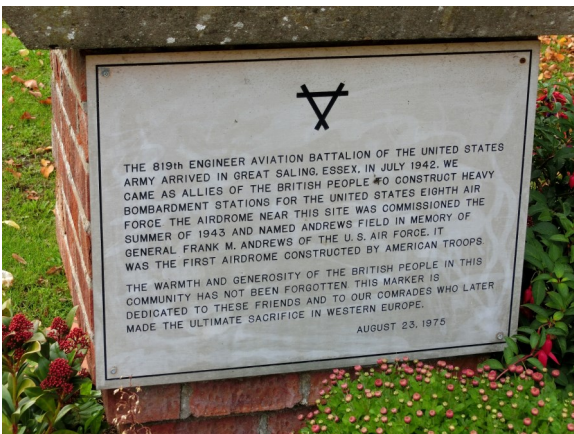
In 1913, Bentfield Hucks was the first Englishman to loop-the-loop in his Bleriot aeroplane. He was born

in 1884 in Bentfield Cottage, Stansted Mountfitchet and thus acquired his unusual forename.

Duxford airfield, now the site of Imperial War Museum, Duxford, first became operational in World War I. Some of its buildings, constructed by German prisoners-of-war, still stand. In 1938, Duxford was the first airfield to take delivery of Spitfire fighter planes. Frank Whittle flew regularly from here while he was developing ideas that eventually led to the invention of the turbojet engine just before the end of WWII.

Altogether, twelve military airfields operated within the Hundred Parishes during WWII. Andrewsfield, straddling the parish boundary between The Salings and Stebbing, was the first American-built base in Europe, becoming operational in 1943. Stansted was another American-built airfield. Thousands of Americans were based in this area; many never saw home again.

Many of us have enjoyed the relative peace that the



Great Salings



Imperial War Museum– Duxford



Bentfield Hucks



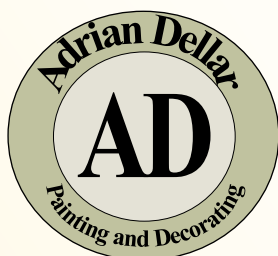
Thundridge



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BIN COLLECTION DATES

Date	Black Bin	Blue Bin	Green Bin
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Tuesday 11th May		✓	✓
Tuesday 18th May	✓		
Tuesday 25th May		✓	✓
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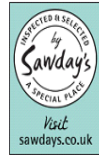


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May Greetings to Hinxton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

Thank you for joining us since re-opening – so nice to be back doing what we love.

We are still offering Click & Collect on any days we are open, if you are not yet ready to eat out.

The Pagoda Gigtent with heaters has worked a treat over this outside-only phase. It will stay up until we are allowed **back indoors on Monday 17th May**.

Thank you for **booking tables ahead** – this has been a great help in spreading bookings and keeping everyone as spaced and safe as possible.

We are delighted to have started planning again - please join us on:

Friday 14th May

a finale **private dining Event** in the Pagoda before it is struck.

This will be a re-run of our lost New Year's Eve night, with a special seasonal menu. There will be a limited number of tables of up to six or two households in the Gigtent. See website for details.

Please do sign up to our **Newsletter** to keep up to date.

Keep well and safe.

Alex, Nikol, Shane, Kris and the teams

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Whittlesford & Duxford Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

In March, face to face scouting remained suspended in line with the national lockdown; all our meetings were via zoom. We are all very much looking forward to returning to the hut from April with smaller groups and more outside activities.

Wild Wood and **Forest Beavers** (Wed and Fri, 6-8 yrs) created sensory pictures using objects including cotton wool, pasta and feathers to create art to see and feel. **Sirius** and **Javelins Cubs** (Mon and Thurs, 8-10½ yrs) used junk modelling to create animals including giraffes, crocodiles, tortoise and snakes. **Arrow Scouts** (Tues, 10½-14 yrs) recreated their own 'Antiques Roadshow' with some interesting real and fake items shared. **Hitchhiker Explorers** (Fri, 14-18 yrs) created towers and trebuchets from skewers and elastic bands - table top pioneering! They did an online escape room adventure with a group from Hereford. If you would like to get involved, do get in touch via our website www.wanddscouts.org.uk or call Carmel on 07939 507805.



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