

Saturday 5th December

at 6pm

The Amazing Hinxtan Village

Christmas Lights

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CUT HERE

Please wait until 6pm to
switch on your Christmas lights.

Marvel at your neighbours'
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Collect a soft drink or a glass of mulled
wine as you walk past the porch outside
the Village Hall

Clap when Santa in his sleigh passes down
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who it is.

Santa is _____

My name is _____

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sleigh with your name

Christmas Greetings from St Mary and St John Hinxton

You won't be surprised to read that at the time of Hinxton News going to press we are still in the dark about what restrictions the Government will be placing on all of us over the Christmas period – and therefore making definite plans for church events is impossible. We would very much like to have some kind of a gathering to celebrate together but it certainly won't be the usual Carol Service, Carol singing round the village and Christingle.

The actual message of Christmas of course remains the same as ever and the church Christmas card which will be delivered through your door has a poem inside which was written by 'Tricia Newland from Ickleton. 'Tricia died very recently and the poem perfectly expresses why we celebrate Christmas and her own faith which shone through her throughout her long debilitating illness. Do be sure to read it.

We can very nearly be certain that there will be a service in church on Christmas morning at 10am, and we hope to have some kind of Christingle event on Christmas Eve.

Notices will be on the church notice board by mid December, and there will be posters displayed around the village advertising any events which are happening, so please look out for them.

Churchwardens



A poem by

The Rev'd. Tricia Newland 1935-2020

H ear the message of the
A ngels.
P erfect
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C hrist was born at Christmas,
H ope for all the world.
R escues us from all our sins
I nspires us with his love.
S eek in him a manger,
T rust him with your life.
M ake this your Christmas Offering:
A ccept the peace he brings,
S ing to this Lord Jesus,
our Saviour and our King.

HINXTON COFFEE MORNING

Weather and lockdown permitting, we shall hold
the coffee morning again behind the Village
Hall in December on

Wednesday 9th from 10.30 am to 12 noon

Andrew and Virginia wish all their friends and
neighbours in Hinxton a very Happy Christmas!

May 2021 be a much better year for us all!

Dear Readers

Please forgive the unusual layout of this edition. The brilliant idea to coordinate the switching of all our Christmas lights, **Light Up Hinxton** then walking the High Street with a cup of mulled wine whilst taking in the displays on show, will raise our spirits once more. A 'not very mysterious' Santa will ride the road in a reindeer drawn sleigh complete with seasonal music, so apologies to anyone having an early night.

It is so important to observe the current distancing rules but this may be our one chance to come together as a community this Christmas. **Dan Jones** had this idea to make people smile and it most certainly will.

In amongst our junk mail recently was a card from **Openreach** delivered to every doorstep, relating to the Government funded rural Gigabit broadband scheme. Under this scheme each household is eligible for a **£1500** voucher to go towards the installation of fibre broadband. Now individually that amount would not go very far, but if the majority of Hinxton households sign up, suddenly there is **£100,000** plus fund and commercial installation companies start to take an interest in carrying out the work.

All we need to do is sign up using the link on the card, even if you are not that bothered, it would help to reach the target to upgrade the service in the village. Many thanks to **Jeremy Coleman** for drawing our attention to this important issue.

You can sign up using the contact details on page 7.

PLEASE HELP WITH ACHIEVING THE TARGET

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL



Huge thank-you again to our very generous village on a fantastic total for this years

Poppy Appeal

£918.04

we have beaten last years total !

I would also like to thank Mary, Ros & Deborah for their help & support as always

Sarah-Jane Pearson

As a rather disturbing 2020 draws to a close, we should reflect on our good fortune living here in Hinxton. All through this awful pandemic there has always been a strong sense of community with many unreported acts of kindness and generosity.

We will remember Kelvin Hurst and Betty Clarke who passed away this year leaving a little hole in our lives.

Have a Happy Christmas.

Mike

An expanded version of the December edition is available on the Hinxton Parish Council website

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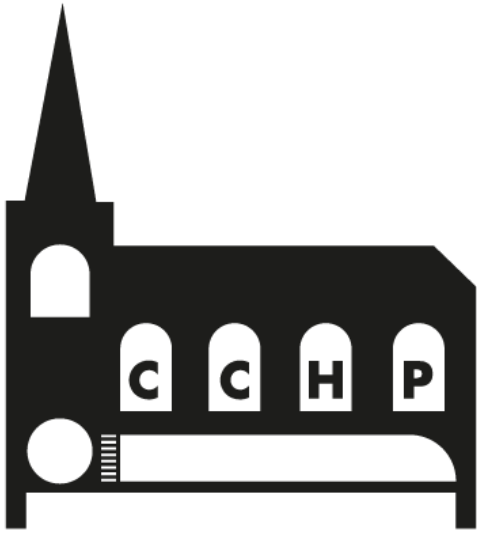
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By Kate Riley

For the last few years I have helped prepare evening meals over winter at one of the churches for

The Cambridge Churches Homeless Project

Hinxton has kindly donated from the village carol singing collection.

This winter CCHP will not be running as a night shelter due to the Pandemic and the consequent decision of the Government to fund 'Room Only' accommodation for rough sleepers. However, we will continue to support with meals, and to find **Bed and Breakfast** for those that are not eligible on the Government scheme. Further to this, CCHP agreed to purchase a laptop and mobile phone for the use of rough sleepers, so that they had access to internet communication. These items are held by staff and utilised when required by rough sleepers, for instance to communicate with Benefit Offices that are currently closed to anything other than internet or phone communication.

These are challenging times and being adaptable to the circumstances with which we are confronted is essential if we are to be of service. So the nature of the service offered will be different, but we intend it to be no less relevant, and we continue to rely on your support.

Many thanks,
Kate Riley

There are multiple ways to donate,

with the most common being:

via CCHP Virgin **Money Giving Page**
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Account Number: 00031018

Sort Code: 40 52 40

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Gift Aid forms can be found on the website as well as information on how to donate anonymously: <https://www.cchp.org.uk/donate-now>

CCHP is registered with the Charity Commission under number 1174768.

If you want to contact us about any of the above, please respond to Stephen, the treasurer, at Stephen@cchp.org.uk and/or to me at; 01799 530350.



By Linda Russell

The response to the **Hinxton Foodbank** has been humbling, and overwhelming. Hinxton is known for its warm-hearted, generous folk, but you really have exceeded all expectations! To recap, the Foodbank box is located just inside the church door, ready for non-perishable food items, toiletries, household items and baby/children's items such as nappies, packs of felt tips etc.

The church is open 9am - 4pm every day. All contributions are collected and delivered to **The John Huntingdon Society** in Sawston on a weekly basis. The Society provides for those in real need in the local area, and is currently also helping and supporting a number of

women and families who are sadly suffering domestic abuse. There is an informative website if you wish to know more. If you feel able to donate in December, the Society would love to receive the usual donations, and also Christmassy items - mince pies, chocolate Santas, Christmas card packs, whatever takes your fancy - in order to make up special boxes to help spread a little Christmas cheer.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to give me a ring on **01799 530848**, or email **mervandlinda@btinternet.com**.

Thank you so much,
and a

Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year to all.



A note of thanks to Hinxton Residents from Clare Driver

I wanted to say a special thank you for the generous donations for the foodbank and to Linda for helping organise this and for helping me load into my car for delivery. The foodbank is a way we can share our food with those who don't have quite enough.

The collection is taken to **John Huntingdon Centre** <https://johnhuntingdon.org.uk/> in Sawston who arrange deliveries and collections for those who need it in the local area including in Ickleton and Hinxton. The charity was started in 1500 by John Huntingdon after he witnessed a woman being punished for stealing peas to feed her children. He made land available (allotments of their day and still active today). In 500 years the small donation has raised enough money to provide the centre and provide houses to support that community. The foodbank request this month will focus on Xmas items so that the centre can distribute over 100 Christmas hampers to those in food poverty. Please leave at the church in Ickleton or Hinxton or call me for collection

- thank you for your generosity.

Clare Driver

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Anthony Browne MP

Keeping in touch with South Cambridgeshire

Many of you will have been following the events of the last two weeks closely and will already know how I voted last Wednesday: for the lockdown.

I share the anger and frustration felt by many at the announcement of a new lockdown, and at the impact it has on our livelihoods and liberties. It is particularly unfair on South Cambs, which has had just two deaths from Covid in the last 5 months. I have argued strongly against it behind the scenes, with MPs, ministers, cabinet ministers and Number 10.

But there are many counter arguments. It is absolutely clear that the epidemic is taking off nationally at a very rapid pace (but less rapid than the first peak). Across the UK, NHS hospitals are terrified of soon being overwhelmed by COVID patients, and having to limit treatment to the extent of deciding which patients to save and which to let die. Addenbrooke's is probably in the best position of any hospital in the country, but it will end up taking overflow from other hospitals elsewhere that cannot cope. I also spoke with a large number of constituents, and also asked them what they think in a survey. Over 700 people replied, and although it is entirely unscientific, it is pretty conclusive: 60% are in favour of a second national lockdown. This public opinion was a big factor in my thinking.

It is most important now to focus on what happens next. As this lockdown continues, I want to urge everyone to stick to the rules and stay safe, and I give the firmest possible commitment that I will use the next four weeks to campaign with other MPs to ensure the lockdown ends at the beginning of December, that we move back to a tailored localised system, and then lift all restrictions as quickly as possible.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who took the time to write to me on the subject over the past week. It is very important to me that you are heard, and I can assure you that I have taken on board all my constituents' comments.

If you have any further questions, I have released a detailed public statement setting out my reasons for voting for this measure on my website (www.anthonybrowne.org), which I would urge you to read if you have not already.



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Step 4

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getting started

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Mink the carnivore



Water vole the vegetarian



Vince Lea the trapper

Vince Lea of the Countryside Restoration Trust (CRT) has been trapping the elusive, invasive non-native North American mink for many years, starting in the Bourn Brook and extending into the Upper Cam Valley. They have all descended from escapees from mink farms. Clear evidence of his success has been some return of the water vole population on which they predate. The trouble is that mink can travel long distances through water, or overland, so eradication requires a broad regional strategy. Vince has therefore joined forces with East Anglian **Waterlife Recovery East** <https://waterliferecoveryeast.org.uk/> which has the further advantage of additional clout when applying for grants.

The photograph above shows the traditional trap on a raft with a clay tray to record the spoor of any passer-by. Now, **smart traps are available**. These send a signal to a distant receiver when the trap has sprung. A raft, trap, and alarm unit **cost £250** and Cam Valley Forum is making £750 available for the purchase of three such kits.

However, volunteers are needed to form a **network of**

smart trap responders. To reduce the mink population to zero requires a network of smart traps operating for several years while similar eradication programmes are in operation across East Anglia. Having a network of responders means that these traps can operate 365 days a year, whereas now, whenever Vince takes a holiday or has work trips outside the county, he has to close all the traps.

Responders will need to be able to get to trap locations at short notice, preferably within 2 hours of the alarm (or at first light if traps are triggered during the night). **Animal welfare regulations require 24 hours maximum but we aim for a 12 hours response time at the longest**. Bear in mind that traps can catch non-target species such as water voles and moorhens, and the sooner they are released the better. Furthermore, during the breeding season, catching and dispatching a female mink can quickly lead to a succession of 'following' males – some have been caught in traps within 2 hours of resetting them when the pheromones are flowing.

If anyone would like to get involved they would need to be able to travel to remote river locations and work safely, reporting directly to Vince Lea on arrival at the site and on completion of the mission. **Volunteers will be trained in the despatch method**. A pair of combs is used to keep the mink motionless inside the cage to ensure that there is a clean shot. Volunteers can be provided with an air pistol. Pellets are of tungsten, not lead.

Incidentally, 17 million farmed Danish mink are currently being culled because some are infected with a mutation of Covid-19. Travellers from Denmark to the UK must quarantine.

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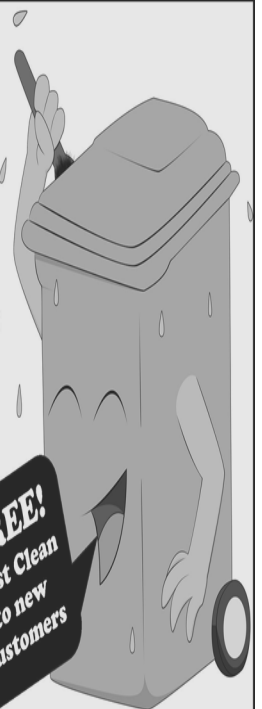
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BOXING DAY WALK

This year will be dictated by the Government's prevailing instructions, but until we hear differently, we plan to meet at the bus shelter opposite the war memorial at the earlier time of 10.30.

The route will also be finalised on the day but, in all probability, we will follow the traditional path through the
Wetlands to Ickleton.

Alex at the Red Lion has invited us again to relax with a glass of mulled wine after the walk.

It would be good to meet new arrivals in the village



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With Christmas just around the corner we are thinking of calling friends and family but not, I suspect, from a red telephone box.

In 1924 the Royal Fine Art Commission invited three architects to submit designs for new telephone kiosks. The winner was Sir Giles Gilbert Scott who also designed Liverpool Cathedral where he is buried. Scott was at the time a trustee of Sir John Soane's Museum and he topped his kiosk with a dome similar to that on the mausoleum Soane had designed for himself. It was produced in cast iron as GPO model K2, replacing the K1 concrete kiosk.

Later designs had a similar appearance. The most common, the somewhat smaller K6, was introduced for King George V's silver jubilee in 1935.

The colour red was chosen to make them easy to spot, although Scott had suggested silver. These robust and iconic survivors of the 20th century, found in almost every town and village, are worth preserving. At the last count, 51 within the Hundred Parishes had been listed.

Most red phone boxes have now been decommissioned although a few, like the one in Anstey, still operate as a pay phone. Many villages have used the box to house a defibrillator; others have inventively turned them into informal book exchanges and information points.

Some villages have been even more imaginative: the box in Standon has been transformed into a greenhouse full of colourful plants.

With Christmas in mind, the Society still has a limited supply of its book *The Hundred Parishes: an Introduction*. The 400-page hardback with a thousand photos is available for £25 from tourist information centres and good book shops, or by arrangement with me – 01279 813226.

The Society's trustees wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

Editor's Note

Our thanks go to Ken McDonald and his team for their outstanding contributions throughout the year.

This article was submitted before he knew about our nasty experience losing the library. The good news is that the insurance will finance a new box in Hinxton. For 2021.

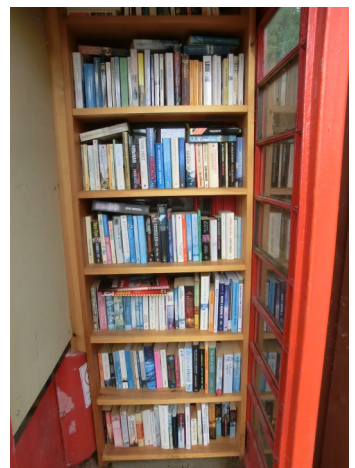
Standon

listed phone box / greenhouse



Hildersham

phone box / library



Westmill





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

Thank you to for your support over Lockdown#2 with our extended Click& Collect offerings. Good to see that the take-aways can work well if required. If anyone needs to isolate after 3 December and could do with a take-away pick-me-up, do get in touch.

As we go to Press we are very much hoping to be back to Tier 1 or better from 3 December, so back to happily welcoming multiple household tables up to six.

Anticipated Opening Times: Monday to Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday lunch.

Our Christmas Party and Christmas Day Lunch menus are live on our website – please do book in early if there are specific dates that are important. We will be open New Year's Eve this year too for a nice dinner and anticipating seeing the Moscow New Year in (9pm for a 10pm close).

Hopefully we might see a few Boxing Day walkers – whether for a distanced mulled wine under the magnolia or on booked tables of six remains to be seen.

We are so looking forward to picking up where we left off - the teams were continuing to pick up great feedback – congratulations due: (<https://tableagent.com/dashboard/red-lion-hinxton/feedback/>).

Please continue to book online from the website or drop us an email or phone message if you are planning to visit – with as much notice as possible.

This really helps us space and distance everyone.

Keep well and safe.

Alex, Nikol, Shane, Kris and the teams

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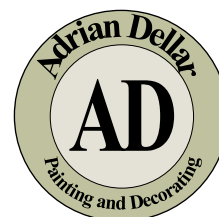
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