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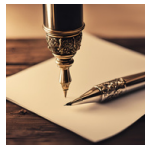
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Have you ever thought about becoming a parish councillor?

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 what a fantastic week Hinxfest was! I would like to say thanks so much to Mike Boagey and his team for giving the village such a fabulous experience. I went to a few events including the beautiful “Son et Lumière” where I took the photo that graces the front cover.

There will be a full report next month I believe but in this issue we have a lovely collage of photos from Hugh Taylor and I took the photo below of Mike and Rosemary when I went for a splendid lunch at the Art Café.

Once again, in the run up to Christmas, there's lots going on in the village this month including The Hinxton Light Up. I hope everyone will join in as it's always a lovely event.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year.

See you around and about!

All the best

Steph



CHURCH NEWS

Joy!

Number 394 in the Roud Folk Song Index is one of the oldest Christmas carols we still sing. Thought to date from the 1500s, the earliest printed text we have is from around 1760. It features in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol": near the beginning, Ebenezer Scrooge, that hater of all things Christmas, hears the song outside his office and terrorises the hapless carol singer. Have you guessed it yet? The name of the carol is of course "God rest you merry, Gentlemen"... also often known as "Comfort and Joy"... for the repeated line in the chorus: "O tidings of comfort and joy".



The word "comfort" has rather changed its meaning since the carol was first sung. When you say comfort now, you may well be thinking of a sofa or a cosy jumper or a brand of fabric softener. But joy: well that still resonates as it always did and is at the heart of the story of Christmas.

Like many other carols, "God rest you merry, Gentlemen" tells the whole Christmas story. A story fraught with uncertainty and fear, whether that's Joseph's concern about what seemed to him an unplanned baby, or the lack of a place for Mary and Joseph to stay in a crowded city or – later on - King Herod's murderous rage.

But it's also a story that really is full of great joy: the exuberant praise of the angels, the excitement of the shepherds and Mary's quiet appreciation of it all. Mary, who, after the noisy shepherds have left, treasures up the memories of that night in her heart.

There are lots of opportunities to celebrate the joyful story of Christmas in the Hinkledux churches this year – details are in our Christmas card and on our website and Facebook page. And if you're interested in exploring what the Christmas story could mean for you, a great place to start is with "The twelve joys of Christmas: meditations for Christmas and the New Year" from the Church of England. You can sign up for emails or read these via the Everyday Faith phone app (see <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/sign-joy-christmas> for details).

Wishing you a joyful Christmas

Lydia

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HINXFEST25

You are invited to join us in Hinxton for a varied week of entertainment
7th-16th November

Friday 7th On the Campus *	FIREWORKS
Sunday 9th 7pm in the church**	REMEMBRANCE TRIBUTE
Monday 10th - 14th —In the village hall—View and buy local art— 12-2 Light Lunch with a COLE'S PUDDING 2-5 Fresh Afternoon Tea	ART CAFE
Tuesday 11th 7pm in the village hall ***	FEST QUIZ
Friday 14th 6-8pm in the church	SON et LUMIÈRE
Friday 14th 8pm in the village hall	ART AUCTION
Saturday 15th 2-4.30pm in the village hall***	KID'S INDOOR PICNIC
Sunday 16th 7pm in the church**	GRAND FINALE

*Look out for EVENTBACKE or WELLCOME notifications
 ** Free Entry but booking advisable ***Ticket only
 For all enquiries email hinxfest25@gmail.com or telephone 01799 530216





LIGHT UP HINXTON

**Put up your lights for this
year's Hinxton Light Up**

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER

Switch on at 6:00pm

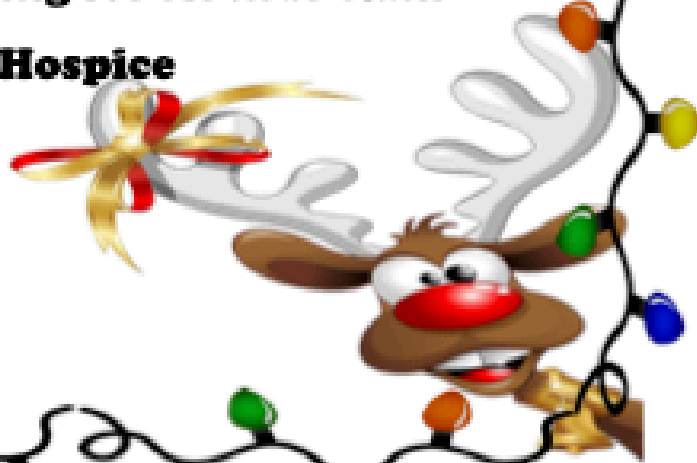
Please join in to make it special.

**Father Christmas with
Rudolph will pay a visit.**

**Come to the Village Hall and get
your glass of mulled wine and
mince pie from 6pm.**

**If you'd like to make a cash donation
we're collecting for Arthur Rank**

Hospice



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.

**If you are free
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**

Carol Singing

As last year's Carol Singing in Church Green proved very successful, we will be meeting again on

Monday 15th December from 6.00 pm

Whether you consider yourself a singer or not, please come along and join us.

To be followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies at Water Pump Corner



If you are unable to join us in Church Green and would like us to come to you, we would be very happy to do so.

Please let Ros know on 01799 532064.



You would also be very welcome at the



Carol Service

on Sunday 21st December
at 6.30 pm,
Christingle on Christmas Eve
at 4.00pm
and
Christmas morning at 9.00 am

All in Hinxton Church

Village Notices

We are not sending out cards this year but we wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and all good wishes for the new year. A donation instead to the Friends of Hinxton Church.

David and Jane Chater

Paul and Rosemary Breen will not have a landline telephone from 31st December 2025.

Their future contact numbers are:

Paul 07799 330660

Rosemary 07879 825865

Paul's only email address is paul99breen@gmail.com not the one in the Hinxton Telephone Directory.



Poppy Appeal!

Dear Hinxtonians,

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to the Poppy Appeal this year. Once again, we have raised a fantastic amount - £934.76. Wonderful!

Thanks also to Jill, Angela & Hugh for their help in Mary's absence (one of the few times she has missed collecting in over 50 years).

Ros



Parish Council News

Notes from the November Parish Council Meeting

Village Hall extension. A pre-application will be submitted for checking with Planning officers, prior to the Planning Application being submitted.

Highways. Local Highways Initiative application- Clerk will apply again for 20mph zone in the village.

River/weir report. Melanie Pankhurst and Lee Outhwaite from Wellcome Trust met with Chris Elliott to talk about a new sluice and weir to help prevent future flooding, especially with the new development. They will now go away and have discussions about these and the funding required- approx. £250,000

Hinxfest. The Remembrance concert was held at the Church on the 9th Nov, this will be going on the Hinxton Facebook website and hopefully on the Hinxton PC website, depending on permission.

Locations of speed sign. The Clerk is working with Highways to see if new posts can be erected for the speed sign. To use streetlight signs, a license has to be obtained and then the sign inspected each time it moves to a different site.

Public participation time.

It was asked if the PC would again make a donation to buy sweets for the children at the Christmas Light-up event. It would be in the region of £150; the PC said they were happy to donate, Clerk to arrange the payment.

A resident complained about the vegetation overgrowth at the New Road junction; this makes it difficult to pull out as the view is blocked, Clerk to contact Wellcome Trust as this is growing over their fence.

New Road junction. Residents and Councillors are worried that an accident is going to occur here due to the sweep being too narrow, having to pull out into oncoming traffic when turning right onto the A1301 or having to stop on the carriageway to let cars exit from New Road. When entering New Road from the roundabout coming from Saffron Walden direction, cars are too close and not expecting cars to be turning left. Residents said that often they carry on round the roundabout until there are no cars following them. Others said they won't use New Rd junction as they feel unsafe and go to the North End junction instead. A Speed survey is to be done: the sweep of the road can be determined by the speed; however the PC said this wasn't good enough. Even if speeds are lower the road is still not safe. Cllr McDonald said he would relay our fears to the County Council and Highways and ask them to drive this junction so they can see the problems.

Clapper gates on the permissive path: 2 new gates and fences have been installed which are very much an improvement. Are the other gates going to be installed as the ones there now are broken and difficult to use. Clerk will contact Bidwells.

A car has been abandoned on the Baulk road; it was in the field but now moved to the verge. Clerk asked for a photo and will then report it.

New items for discussion and correspondence.

The Budget was discussed and it was proposed that the Precept for 2026-27 would be kept the same as previous years at £16,585

A-board and sign posts to Church and Mill. The Clerk will meet with Highways to see if these are allowed and whether we can have signs made to put on the posts to direct people to the Mill and the Church

District and County Councillors report.

This can be found in full on the Hinxton Parish Council website. Topics covered include:

- Postal Voters
- 4-Day Week in the news
- Anglian Water (AW) Fen Reservoir Consultation
- OxCam Growth Corridor and Cambridge Growth Company
- Draft Local Plan – “The most important document you’ve never heard of”
- Bringing empty homes back into use
- Consultation on County Budget
- Statement by Myself as Chair of the Council after Huntingdon Attack
- Care Leavers Event

FINANCE

Bank Balances at 3rd November 2025

Current A/C : £4,791.68

Business /AC : £ 41,837.22

Village Hall sec 106 /AC: £79,607.49

Total: £126,236.39

Reverting to bi-monthly meetings. The Parish Council have historically met every other month, with the months in-between being available if anything urgent arises such as Planning applications. Meetings have been held monthly recently due to the amount of items on the Agendas relating mainly to Wellcome Trust development and the Village Hall extension. It was suggested that the PC return to holding meetings every other month. This will be put on to January’s Agenda for discussion and voting on.

Planning applications :

Appeal following refusal:

Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council

Proposal: Creation of office/R&D units (Use Class E).

Site address: Land West Of Hinxton Grange Pumping Station Cambridge Road

LPA Reference: 25/00839/FUL

The Parish Council still oppose this planning application. Previous objections that were raised to be submitted.

Dates of next meetings in the Village Hall 7.30pm

- No meeting in Dec
- 12th January 2026
- 9th February 2026

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)



PLANTS FOR PAGANS

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 8.00 p.m.

Speaker : Dr. Twigs Way

Researcher and garden history writer Dr. Twigs Way gives a new talk specially designed for those long winter nights. As always, entertaining, educational and quirky!

Followed by Seasonal Refreshments and

CHRISTMAS BULB SALE

Treat someone (or yourself!) with an ornamental pot of flowering bulbs for Christmas or the New Year

MEETING VENUE - Ickleton Village Hall, Frogge Street, Ickleton

Competition Subject : Something Festive



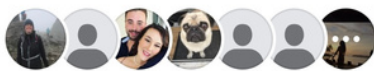
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Exchange? Offer? Here is the space to do it!



HINXTON LIFE >

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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 **Dec 5th***

Just one rule: – rounds are out of bounds,



Buy your own!





Greetings to Hinxton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

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

Thank you again for all your support – whether joining us for Halloween fun, HinxFest classic Scampi, our latest Quiz Night, a Friendly Friday drink, or some other random pop in.

We are now into our busy period – please do pop in whenever convenient, but if you are keen to eat then please do book ahead if you possibly can in case it is one of our busy ones. We will do our best either way.

Festive Bookings

Those organising Festive gatherings please get in touch. Some dates have inevitably gone but I am sure we can still find you a time and date to come and celebrate. (Christmas Day has only a couple of tables left so do get in touch if of interest).

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th December

We will be welcoming in the Christmas holiday with a Friendly Festive “Happy Hour” - 15% off all drinks 5-7pm and Shane’s Festive Bar Snack Specials Board available from 5:30pm

Boxing Day Walkers

We will be offering Survivors Revivers teas & coffees for those successfully completing the gruelling Boxing Day Walk. Please come along.

New Year’s Eve – special menus – see website for more details

Christmas Opening Times:

Christmas Day – open 10am-5pm (drinks only now – we are full for lunch); closed evening
Boxing Day – open 10am-5pm; food 12-3pm (a la carte menu, booking advised); closed evening
New Year’s Day - open 10am-5pm; food 12-3pm (a la carte menu, booking advised); closed evening
All other days – normal hours

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](https://www.instagram.com/redlionhinxton) to keep up to date.

Best wishes to all
Alex, Nikol, Shane and the teams

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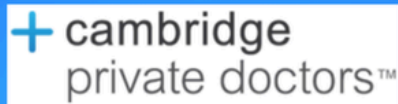


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John 'Magic Boy' Wright.

Johnny is the driving force behind one of the leading blues bands in the country - Split Whiskers. John also hosts the famous Wednesday Sessions at the Grapes pub in Cambridge, where he assembles the best musicians around to jam away to a packed crowd.

It is a coup to get John to play at an Ickle-Gig with his house band. It's not the Whiskers, but it will be something similar!

As described in one of many reviews: Johnny embraces excellence. The show is a complete experience. You will leave refreshed and invigorated by the blues he plays.

Come on Sat 13th Dec and see for yourself!

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.

🎄 December 2025 🎄

Date	Day	Event
1	Mon	
2	Tue	🟦🟢 Blue & Green Bin Collection
3	Wed	
4	Thu	🏰 Hinxtton Church - Compline - 6:00pm.
5	Fri	🚶 Hinxtton Walkers - 9:30am - Village Hall - Angela & Hugh Taylor 🦁 Red Lion - 🍷🍺 Friendly Friday - 6:00pm-7:30pm - Pop into the pub for a drink and chat
6	Sat	🌟 Light Up Hinxtton - 6pm - Santa & Mulled Wine & Mince Pies - Village Hall
7	Sun	
8	Mon	
9	Tue	🟤 Black Bin Collection.
10	Wed	☕ Coffee Morning - 10:30-12:00 - Village Hall 🦁 Pub Lunch Club - 12:30 - Red Lion Hinxtton
11	Thu	
12	Fri	
13	Sat	
14	Sun	🏰 Hinxtton Church - Holy Communion - 6:00pm.
15	Mon	🎵 Village Carol Singing - 6:00pm - At the War Memorial
16	Tue	🟦🟢 Blue & Green Bin Collection
17	Wed	🦉 Winter Wildlife Walk - 12:00-1:00pm - Wetlands Wooden Bridge 🚚 Mobile Library - Church Green - 12:20-12:45pm
18	Thu	
19	Fri	
20	Sat	
21	Sun	🏰 Hinxtton Church - Carol Service - 6:30pm
22	Mon	
23	Tue	🟤 Black Bin Collection
24	Wed	🏰 Hinxtton Church - Christingle Service - 4:00pm
25	Thu	🎄 Christmas Day. 🏰 Hinxtton Church - Christmas Communion Service- 9am
26	Fri	🎄 Boxing Day
27	Sat	
28	Sun	
29	Mon	
30	Tue	🟦🟢 Blue & Green Bin Collection
31	Wed	🥂 New Year's Eve Party - 9pm - Village Hall

Save the date: 🦁 2nd Jan - Red Lion 🍷🍺 Friendly Friday - 6pm.