

Hinxton News

Photo by Jane Chater

Dear Readers

It is with great sadness that we report the death of **Betty Clarke**. She was held in high regard by those who knew her well and you can read more about her life in Hinxton on page 3.



Wasn't the **VE Day** street party a joy? It was almost like normal times again. Our centre pages include lots of photographs you can detach and keep as a souvenir.



The recent **Book Club** meeting was held on the amazing Zoom app which allows lots of people to appear and talk at the same time on the computer screen (rather like *Celebrity Squares*, but without the celebrities). This was attended in real time by Theresa Sullivan in Australia who was still in PJs sitting up in bed at 0530 in the morning.

It has been announced that, sadly, the 2020 **Hinxton Garden Evening** and the Friends of Hinxton Church AGM have been postponed until we have more certainty about the safety of this kind of event.



Hinxton Garden Centre and its sister enterprise, the aptly named barrow based **Hermitage Botanicas** (flapjacks available on certain days) have enjoyed unprecedented success during the lockdown and hope to announce extraordinary results in the next newsletter. All of the income has been by donation and Hinxtonians once again have demonstrated their generosity.

85 High Street had an unusual visitor who caused a small ripple of worry with our neighbours. A researcher from the Office of National Statistics arrived to take samples for the government survey. He dressed in his PPE on the pavement before coming in. The anxious neighbours were informed as soon as it was over. Phew!



Mike



World Bee Day is celebrated on May 20. Anton Janša, the pioneer of beekeeping, born on in 1734. The purpose of the international day is to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators for the ecosystem.

The **Hinxton News** is always available to read on the Parish Council web site hinxton-pc.org.uk. The Parish Council has agreed to fund the printing costs for the time being and we have also had generous personal offers to sponsor individual editions. Whilst restrictions are in place and until the Wellcome support returns, we may have to consider limiting a printed version to those we know do not have access to the Internet. These few copies could easily be reproduced on personal home printers within the village. Let me have your opinion. Email-mikeboagey666@gmail.com. tel 530216

MINI CHURCH SERVICE

Every Sunday you will be able to find a short on-line service for the three churches of Hinxton, Ickleton and Duxford on the Hinkledux website www.hinkledux.com

Of course not as sophisticated as those that bigger churches are able to do and of course there are many of those which you can easily access on the net.

Nevertheless it's nice to feel we're meeting with other Hinxtonians – ideally at 10am, but it is available at any time that suits you.

[Bee helpful and let the grass grow](#)

If you let the flowers bloom on your lawn, they can provide a vital source of nectar for bees and other pollinators. That's why the **National Trust** is encouraging you not to mow your lawn for the month of May to support **Plantlife's No Mow May** campaign in the run up to their **Every Flower Counts** survey at the end of the month.

So you can cross mowing the lawn off your to-do list and watch to see if more bees, butterflies and bugs visit your garden.

THE ANN HOWSDEN CHARITY

With Coronavirus still very much influencing our day-to-day lives, it is important that we remind ourselves of the significance of community. Testing times like these often bring out the best in people and we are so proud to live in the wonderful village of Hinxton with its supportive friends and neighbours.

The Ann Howsden Charity was established in 1632 for the benefit of local residents who might be in need of support. If ever there was a time that Ann Howsden would have wanted to remind us all of the importance of being supportive to each other and utilise the charity to the best of its capacity it is now.

The Trustees would like to emphasise that financial support can be provided when the need for self-isolation or furloughing places an additional burden on local households. Any requests will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Please feel free to reach out to us, using the following email address: annhowsdencharity@outlook.com or call Alison, the Secretary of the Ann Howsden Charity on 07968-560519.

If you would prefer to talk to Nicholas, the Treasurer, or a Trustee, their names and telephone numbers are as below.

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BETTY CLARKE

1937-2020

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Betty Clarke who lived at no. 3 North End Road.

The following is a warm-hearted tribute from her friend and neighbour, **Alison King**.

Betty was born in March in the Fens, on 26th October 1937 and lived with her parents and siblings. Her life was tough. She was extremely intelligent but ahead of her time. I remember her telling me that when she took her scholarship certificate home from school her father accused her of stealing someone else's and putting her own name on it. These days if Betty were to live her time again I'm sure she would have been a fabulous academic holding a leading light for women in the workplace.

She had lived in Hinxton most of her adult life, with husband Maurice and her two sons. Firstly in a house, which no longer exists, near the railway line and finally arriving in North End Road some years later. Betty was a fabulous (and fast) knitter, whipping up a blanket in a day if she set her mind to it! She was also fond of making her own cards ensuring they were bespoke and tailored to suit the recipient. Although she did not go out much I am reliably informed that she used to love to go to Cromer on coach trips and would happily potter along the promenade, sit and enjoy cups of tea on the pier and enjoy the fresh sea air. She took great joy in watching the children walk to the school bus in the mornings and kept her mind sharp by working her way through a Puzzler magazine each month. She became great friends with local bus drivers and regularly shared a joke or two with them, getting used to a chauffeur service being dropped off outside her home. Many of her friendships were formed through working at Sanger where she was a Senior Media Technician ensuring technical equipment was available to John Sulston and his team in the early days. This meticulous eye for detail continued to the end, for example, ensuring her blanket label was in the right place when sitting in her chair or having notes in her purse facing the same way.

She was incredibly bright and had a cheeky sense of humour, even joking with the paramedics who took her to the hospice. I'm sure they didn't believe she was poorly enough to go. She had a very sweet tooth, particularly enjoying blueberries and anything chocolate: biscuits, Maltesers or Heros. Betty put up an incredibly brave fight against cancer, beating it three times, but sadly on 22nd April the last battle was lost after just four days at Arthur Rank Hospice. Prior to this her fierce independence had meant she stayed at home where she felt most at ease, and from where she walked



out to the ambulance, determined not to be carried. Her friends and neighbours will miss her generosity, honesty and quick wit. She will be sadly missed.

These are a few more reminiscences from other Hinxton residents who knew Betty. **Ann Ellis** describes Betty as a wonderful neighbour, always cheerful and positive and ready to listen to Ann's troubles. Betty never failed to remember Ann's birthday with a card and gift, declaring that it was a joy to be able to give. For her 80th birthday Ann and Mary Ellis took Betty to Scotsdales for tea which all three thoroughly enjoyed. **Lesley Mills** employed Betty as a cleaner and baby-sitter when her children were young and remembers her as being very kind, a very private and shy person. She knitted for other people and possessed the skill to finish garments that other people had given up on! When they lived by the railway line, Maurice was the crossing-gate keeper and Betty took her turn too. It was a modest bungalow and the water had to be pumped every morning from a bore-hole. **Virginia Walker** has heard tell of Betty's popularity as a passenger on her rides to Sawston to do her shopping. In fact when the current bus driver heard that Betty had died he promised that either he or a colleague from the bus company would be attending Betty's funeral – what a tribute! **Julie Baillie** remembers Betty as always cheerful, in spite of pain and living on her own, there was no self-pity or complaining. Her generosity was remarkable, beautifully knitted knee blankets were given as gifts, bags of coins for charities, contributions for the china and glass stall at the Deanery Fair, books and craft materials. Julie always left Betty's doorstep smiling, and feeling better.

Those who knew Betty will remember her with affection and appreciation and be thankful for her peaceful passing and the knowledge that she is now at rest.

Linda's Recipe

This month's recipes come from Emma Senior. She sent Mike several recipes for bread made without the usual flour.

I've made the naan bread before, and was intrigued to make the oat bread, which is dense and delicious, though I think next time I might add a little salt.

We ate it with Philadelphia.

Space in Hinxton News is limited, but other recipes chosen by Emma, such as Beetroot sourdough, treacle bread and Helena's Seed and Nut Loaf can be found on the website.

Bread without flour recipe

200g oat 'flour' blitzed until fine

75g oats

2tsp baking powder

60ml oil

1 egg (or mashed banana)

4tbsp honey/sugar/syrup

220ml yogurt

Combine all ingredients and cook for 45 mins at 180C

From Jack Monroe lockdown larder

Naan bread

2 cups self-raising flour

1 cup milk or yogurt or a mixture

Mix to a soft dough, add water if needed

Roll out until thin

Dry fry in a pan for about a minute each side

The naan is so good eaten straight out of the frying pan!

Bibi Indian cookery school, Ely.



Stay safe and well everyone.

Linda



Do you currently have too much time on your hands? Would you like to learn a new skill, or even rekindle a skill that has become side-lined due to the pressures of modern life? Jonathan and Rhiannon (121 High Street) are organising a musical concert in Hinxton for the near future (September, hopefully!), performed by the residents of Hinxton. It promises to be an evening full of community spirit, and musical enjoyment!

We would love to hear from you if you are interested in participating! Whether that be as a solo musician, an ensemble, or whether there is scope to create a scratch-choir for this performance?!

Provisional details for this event are below:

Saturday 5th September 2020 (date tbc, of course!)

St Mary & St John Church, Hinxton 7pm start

Donations on door; refreshments available.

All money raised will go towards Teenage Charity Trust

Please can you register your interest in participating in this event by emailing

rhiandjonmusic@gmail.com.

Please specify your instrument and potential piece, so we can start putting together a programme.

Please save the date in your dairies!

Kind regards, Jonathan & Rhiannon



To commemorate the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe day, Rosemary Breen and Jill Garnier sent us all an invitation to the **Hinxton Street Party** on Friday 8th May.

Following the 11am salute and two minute silence, we all gradually gathered at the front of our homes to greet the passers-by.

As usual, Hinxton rose to the occasion and soon the streets were full of happy faces. Everyone took a turn to wander the High Street to share a few words and a glass of wine with friends recently distanced by the pandemic.

For a few hours we were reminded of our good fortune in sharing such a agreeable place with so many lovely people.

The following pages are full of photo contributions from Linda, Joan, Jane, Julie, Jenny and someone whose name I have forgotten.



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VE DAY







THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

One of the features of The Hundred Parishes website is a section on famous people from our area. There is a short account of each of 21 past and present celebrities, from Dick Turpin to Jamie Oliver. Gustav Holst is one of these and I make no apology for repeating text from our website here:

GUSTAV HOLST (1874-1934)

While teaching and composing in London, Gustav Holst began a love affair with Thaxted after a walking holiday in the area led to his taking a weekend cottage nearby. A great attraction must have been its cathedral-sized church with spacious, white-painted interior, where he became involved with local music-making, encouraged by the town's socialist vicar, Conrad Noel. Holst himself was an active socialist.

In 1916, Holst invited some of his London pupils to spend four days of music-making in Thaxted in the town's first Whitsuntide festival. Sadly, this was repeated for only two more years before being moved to London to avoid Holst's pupils, especially those from St Paul's School, becoming associated with Noel's controversial extremist left-wing sermons. It was 1980 before the highly successful Thaxted Festival was re-established.

Holst stayed in Thaxted for several years working, amongst other things, on his acknowledged masterpiece, The Planets. He adapted the big

melody from "Jupiter" to accompany the poem "I vow to thee, my country". This became a popular hymn and Holst named the tune "Thaxted". It has since been used for no fewer than fourteen other hymns worldwide as well as the anthem of the Rugby World Cup. Holst also composed the music for a popular Christmas carol, "In the Bleak Midwinter".

During these days of social distancing we are not able to travel and enjoy our beautiful area as much as before, but we can remind ourselves of what is out there and read about our rich local history on the Society's website.

Ken
McDonald,
Secretary



Whittlesford &
Duxford

Scouts 

**Beavers, Cubs and
Scouts**

In April, some of our groups were engaged in online activities due to the lockdown. **Forest Beavers** (Fri, 6-8 yrs) did Easter crafts and watched a RAF video detailing their activities. They made paper planes at home. **Sirius** and **Javelins Cubs** (Mon and Thurs 8-10½ yrs) designed some awesome obstacle courses in their gardens. The cubs used the obstacles to do jumping, ball games, trampolining and even swimming! They made some fabulous dens inside their homes for a sleepover. **Arrows Scouts** (Tues, 10½-14 yrs) made some inventive marble runs and celebrated St George's day by renewing their promise.

Hitchhiker Explorers (14-18 yrs Fri, 7.30-9.30pm) did a scavenger hunt and made origami with single sheets of toilet paper! 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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some fava
beans and a
nice chianti."*

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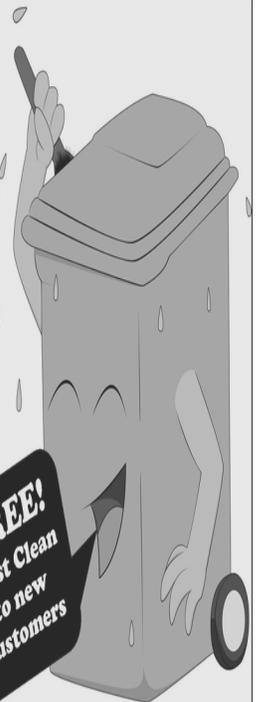
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Diseases Detectives Zone: I'm A Scientist – Stay at Home

From 20 April to 20 July, students across the UK will be able to ask questions to, and chat online with a range of staff from across the Wellcome Genome Campus and find out more about how we study DNA to understand lots of different types of diseases. 'I'm a Scientist' is an online, free to enter, STEM engagement activity for classes of school students. It provides a safe, moderated space for students to be inspired by science, which will help students stay connected with STEM and each other this summer.

If you are a teacher and would like your class to get involved: <https://bit.ly/DDzone>

New evidence-based website explaining the scientific facts behind COVID-19

To help explain the scientific facts behind the new coronavirus pandemic, Campus's EMBL-European Bioinformatics Institute has teamed up with UK Research & Innovation and research organisations from around the country to set up this new evidence-based website. 'Coronavirus: the science explained' lays out the evidence and the facts about the virus, the disease, the epidemic, and its control. Prepared by leading researchers and science writers, it features a series of short articles addressing questions of interest to individuals seeking information on the coronavirus outbreak, whether for personal or professional reasons.

Find out more: <https://coronavirusexplained.ukri.org/>

"Our cleaning lady called this week and told us she would be working from home and will send instructions on what to do."



Have you written yours yet?

A copy of the Rules can be obtained by phoning 530216

This is my second day without a round of golf. This morning I found a lady sitting on my settee. Apparently she is my wife. She seems nice.



Hinxton Yoga has moved online!

FREE 30 min class every Friday morning at 9.30am (and available on Instagram Live for 24hrs if you can't make that time)
Everyone welcome!

Just follow @zoekirbynutrition on Instagram



Please contact Zoë on

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yoga@zoekirby.com

Keep up to date on

[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/eatwellandbreathe)

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Help is at hand!

We have a team of local volunteers ready to help you!

If you are isolated by coronavirus, we can help by **delivering urgent supplies, collecting medication, dog walking or a friendly phone call** to help you through this difficult time.

email hinxtonhelp@gmail.com

or phone, text or What's App one of these numbers

To be part of the Hinxton Help please contact

emmasenior@googlemail.com

or susanj.brown@me.com

Please note that this is not an official service.

We are a group of volunteers doing our best to harness the spirit of Hinxton and keep everyone as safe & well as we can.

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

I hope this Hinxton News finds you still well and in good spirits.

As I hope you have already found out, while we have been asked to close as a pub restaurant, we have temporarily morphed into a not-for-profit Click & Collect provisions service. Thank you to all who have braved our first trials.

We are very grateful for the government support that is keeping our staff solvent until we are allowed to re-open. The business was unfortunately just ineligible for the grants being offered, but there are at least loans available to hopefully keep it from going under. We are hugely grateful for this support and so those staff who are able to have kindly agreed to volunteer their services to help our community where we can.

The objective is to give something back locally. We hope to cover our costs and will be donating any surplus to Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust.

We are taking each week as it comes and adapting as best we can as advice and instruction gets released. Currently we are running a Click & Collect Fish & Chip night on Fridays and a Click & Collect limited provisions service on Saturday afternoons.

If you are interested in either of these or any other future services please email me at alex@redlionhinxton.co.uk and I will add you to the circulation list for order forms that I send out each week once I know what we can offer that week.

Keep safe.

Alex, Nikol, Shane, Kris and the teams 01799 530 601 info@redlionhinxton.co.uk www.redlionhinxton.co.uk

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