

Issue 401





From the Editor

Dear Readers,

“It was fifty years ago today,
Sergeant Pepper taught the band to play,
They've been going in and out of style
But they're guaranteed to raise a smile

So may I introduce to you
The act you've known for all these years
Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.”

Okay. So the actual lyric was “*twenty years ago today*” but the record was released fifty years ago on June 1st 1967 and some of us clearly remember the day it happened.

60 years ago Jeanette & Peter Angel got married. *Don't they look great in the photo?* The whole village congratulates you and we also wish Daniel and Rachel Jones the very best for the future.

Its Village Fete time !

We know what we like and the fete always delivers and as the song says, its “**guaranteed to raise a smile.**”

Please look for the article p.14 about the Musical ‘**Taster Morning**’ at Duxford School .

This came in very late and we were unable to do it justice

Mike & Theresa

FRONT PAGE :Do you recognise anyone ?

Some of us remember where we were when we first listened to this amazing long playing record. A fantastic time to be alive. !

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Congratulations!

To ...

Jeanette & Peter Angel on their
60th wedding anniversary.

Photo shows them getting into their
limo on 25th May 1957

And also to ...

Rachel & Daniel who got married
on Saturday 20th May 2017



Thank you
We would like to take this opportunity to
thank everyone who made our day special
especially to those who helped make it (you
know who you are) and to everyone who sent
us beautiful cards, wishes and generous
gifts. We thank you all
With love
Daniel and Rachel

Services in June

4 th June	10.00am	Joint Service for Pentecost	Ickleton
11 th June	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Hinxton
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Duxford
	5.00pm	Taize Service	Ickleton
18 th June	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ickleton
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Hinxton
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Duxford
25 th June	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Hinxton
	10.00am	Patronal Festival Service	Duxford
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Ickleton

THE FRIENDS OF HINXTON CHURCH ANNUAL GARDEN EVENING

As advertised separately we look forward to welcoming you all to the Annual Garden Evening, this time at William House, Hinxton, on Friday 14 July at 6.30 p.m. This is a family occasion and all are welcome, especially newcomers to the village.

Contributions of finger food would be hugely appreciated – thank you!

This is the last time that the Garden Evening will be held at William House (we have hosted it at least fourteen times!) – let's make it a 'bumper' event!

Virginia Walker (tel: 01799 530360 or email:

virginiamwalker@btinternet.com)

Cleaning & Flower Rota		
SUNDAY	CLEANING	FLOWERS
4 June	Kate Riley & Linda Russell	Linda Russell
11 June	Ros Smith & Deborah Harris	Ros Smith
18 June	Theresa Sullivan & Margaret Malcolm	Deborah Cooper
25 June	Lesley Mills & Jane Chater	Lesley Mills
2 July	Joan Roberts & Julie Baillie	Joan Roberts



We have just passed through that time of year when we have our Annual General Meeting known as the APCM or Annual Parochial Church Meeting for which the turnout was low. A polite way of putting it.

On the positive side all of those who served as officers last year are prepared to serve again next year and so we go forward encouraged by the thought that on 4th September we shall install a new Vicar for the three parishes in Ickleton Church.

For those who are not aware it costs between £20,000 and £25,000 a year to keep Hinxton as a functioning church. A little under half of this goes on day to day running costs and just over half goes to the Diocese of Ely who in their turn furnish us with a Vicar. Our church community is quite small and so we are massively grateful to all who contribute by attending Fetes, Quiz Nights and the rest. I hope that in general terms you agree that the village would be diminished by the loss of a functioning church, regardless of your views on the Church of England. Incidentally, the state does not give us any financial assistance and the Diocese of Ely only minimal support which is reducing. So my message is, please help when you can to keep us going. We are absolutely not crying poverty but we don't have much of a margin between success and failure.

The other thing that we do at this time of year as Churchwardens is to swear our commitment to support our Vicar and to help him or her and we commit to maintaining the church building in good order. Churchwarden is one of the oldest offices in the land and many churchwardens are saddled with an appalling responsibility as their buildings are in a parlous state. (Around 60% of heritage buildings in this country are churches). I am able to swear my responsibility with a good conscience as Hinxton church is in good order compared to so many others and this is in very large measure due to the help we have received from Hinxtonians, past and present. Thank you so much for this and please keep it going! Also please join us whenever you feel able. We are always delighted to see faces new or old.

I am sorry the above is all a bit mundane but it does present an opportunity to say to Hinxton News readers just how grateful we are.

Andrew Walker
Churchwarden

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August 4th or September 1st



ROSEMARY'S RAMBLINGS

Gardeners reap the rewards of their labour this month with the first vegetables of the Summer ready to harvest and the flower garden in full bloom.

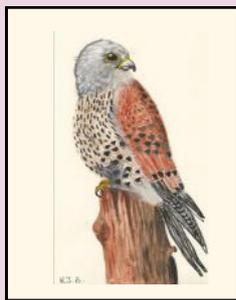
Do plant up summer containers and hanging baskets incorporating slow release fertilizer granules and water retaining gel. How about ringing the changes this year and grow some fruit and veg, such as strawberries, tomatoes or salad in them?

This is a perfect time to cut back early flowering shrubs such as mock orange and lilac, keep dead heading annuals etc to keep the flowers coming and give the house plants a summer holiday outside in a sheltered spot.

While climbing rose stems are still flexible, try to train them on supports horizontally, this will encourage new shoots and lots more blooms. Check for mildew and other diseases on plants such as lilies and peonies and spray now with a fungicide, if mildew is a problem, perhaps consider spacing plants so that air can circulate better.

Above all, try to find time to relax and enjoy the long evenings in your garden.

Rosemary



This delightful set of watercolour prints by **Rosemary Breen** was specially commissioned to be available for you to purchase at the Fete.

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Friends of Hinxton Church

Annual Garden Evening

William House, 66 High Street, Hinxton

Friday 14th July at 6.30 p.m..

Tickets: £8 each, half price for children

Everyone welcome, especially newcomers

Family party with garden games and generous
raffle

Tickets include a

GLASS OF WINE and DELICIOUS NIBBLES!

Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of June
and at the fete on
Saturday 10 June

Andrew and Virginia Walker

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Friday 14th July

WHAT IS A VILLAGE FETE ?



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Splat



Hinxton Fete

June 10th 2pm

Village Hall


Funday



Saffron Walden Wind Ensemble



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MODEST PRICES



The Hundred Parishes Society

The What's On section of our website shows a great many local activities throughout the Summer. As you travel about, I hope you will enjoy the vegetation along roadside verges that adds much to the overall vision of the countryside. The species present will vary throughout the seasons and reflect the underlying geology and cutting regime of a particular stretch of verge. For road safety reasons, some verges are close-mown but these may be speckled with the flower heads of Common Daisy, Dandelion and other species which thrive under such treatment. On busier roads, often only the first metre is cut on a regular basis, allowing taller wild flowers to survive further back.

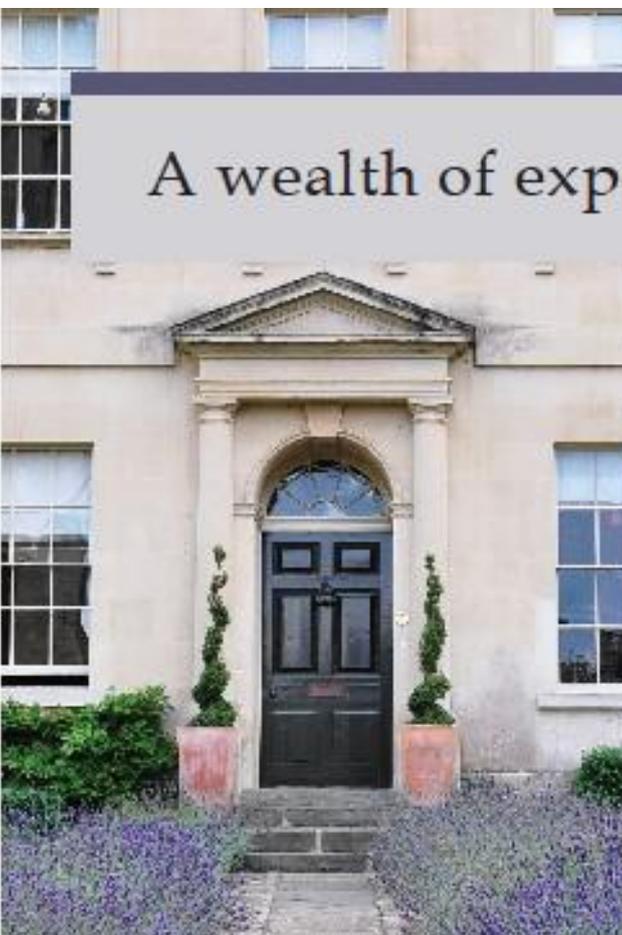
During early summer our verges are dominated by swathes of the white frothy flowers of Cow Parsley or the chunkier white flowers of Hogweed. Both are members of the Carrot family and, perhaps surprisingly, thrive on the extra nutrients released by car exhausts. Although many species of insects visit their flowers, their tendency to shade out smaller plants reduces the overall variety of wayside flowers and potential food for other insects. Similarly, increased roadside nutrient levels encourage Docks and Stinging Nettles which also overshadow delicate species including blue-flowered Speedwells.

Splashes of pink are provided by clumps of Red Campion; and blue or purple by Vetches and several species of Geranium. Thistles and scarlet Poppies appear where bare soil is exposed. The presence of a large expanse of Ox-eye daisy, with its white petals and yellow centre, is usually due to its inclusion in seed mixes sown alongside newer roads.

A number of verges have been identified as Special Roadside Verges or Roadside Nature Reserves. These are recognised for their floristic diversity or for the presence of rare species.

Tricia Moxey

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What's On in Littlebury ?

Sunday, 11th June 12.30 - 3.30

Littlebury Fete and Teddy Zipwire

Holy Trinity Church

BBQ, Games, Stalls and Teas

Free admission

Sunday, 18 June 4pm

Music for a Summer Afternoon

Littlebury Holy Trinity Church

University of London Chamber Choir

Tickets £12 (SCHOOL CHILDREN & STUDENTS FREE)
in aid of the church

"Duxford Mums" Parent & toddler coffee morning

We are a group of local mums (Duxford, Ickleton and Hinxtton) who meet up at each others houses on Thursdays/Fridays 10-12 during term time.

We are a small friendly group that's been running a few years now. It's a great way to let your little ones have fun while you have a chat with other local parents over a cup of coffee. Everyone is welcome, from the newest arrivals up to pre-schoolers.

There is no obligation to host.
If you'd like details of the next meet up contact Susie at susielober@me.com or 01799 531 311.

WEA ICKLETON & CHESTERFORDS BRANCH

After enjoying our very interesting and informative course in the spring term, we have now completed the arrangements for the next year. We hope to see familiar faces and any new friends will also be very welcome. There is always a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere, finding more about familiar topics or trying something new. So why not come along in September? The first two weeks can be paid individually as trials.

More information will be available before the **AGM on September 6th**.

The **Autumn Course, 2017** will be

"Art and Literature in the 19th & 20th centuries.".....Tutor---David Read
10 Wednesday mornings at 10am from 13th September at Ickleton Village Hall

The **Spring Course, 2018**

"A Little Learning—Educating the People. 1700--1914 "Tutor---Rosemary Steer
**10 Wednesday mornings at 10am from 10th January
at Ickleton Village Hall**

The first two sessions of the courses can be paid for individually as trials @ £5.40 each
(to be deducted from the full fee of £54 if continuing.)

We can offer lifts to Ickleton. Further queries to Margaret Beston (530 45)

National Gardens Scheme - Sawston Open Gardens

Six Sawston gardens re-open on Sunday 2nd July afternoon 1-6 pm as part of the National Gardens Scheme (NGS). The NGS started in 1927 to raise money for nursing charities by inviting garden owners to open their gardens to the public. Over the last 90 years, the NGS has raised over £50 million - a remarkable record. Over the country, there are around 3,700 participating gardens. Last year, a record amount of £2.7 million was donated to a number of charities, including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust and the Queen's Nursing Institute. Details, including descriptions of the gardens, are on the NGS website www.ngs.org.uk. Entrance £5 per adult (children free) covers all six gardens. Tickets and village maps from any of the gardens.

Cream teas, cakes and drinks at **Sweet Tea** café 1 - 5 pm in the High Street.
Enquiries: Mike & Ann Redshaw 01223 834511.

Free: Musical 'Taster Morning' at Duxford School

Would you or your child like to learn to play a musical instrument, but you're unsure about which one to choose?

Would you like the chance to 'have a go' on a few instruments to help you to make up your mind?

If so, the morning of Saturday July 1st is your chance to experiment and to gain some 'hands-on' experience, when Duxford Workshop's tutors will be on hand to provide you with practical help and the chance to try a selection of woodwind, strings and brass instruments. They will also be happy to answer your questions to help you to decide whether one of these could be the right instrument for you.

If you're interested, please just come along to Duxford School between 11am and 12noon to look round and make your choice. There is no charge, you don't need to book in advance and you don't need to be a member of Workshop to attend.

When? Saturday 1st July, 2017 from 11am – 12.15pm.

Where? Duxford Primary School, St. John's Street, Duxford

For further background on Workshop, please see:

www.duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk

or if you have any questions, please email our Director, Arwen Gilbert: director@duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk

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Exhibition - Hidden Lives: A Story of Discovery

Discover stories of ancient people, and how through DNA research we can reveal their hidden lives but also more about our shared story at the new exhibition at the Wellcome Genome Campus Cultural Zone.

There have been several archaeological excavations at the Wellcome Genome Campus, with many interesting finds. By combining archaeology with cutting-edge genomics research we are discovering who lived on this site thousands of years ago. Using archaeological finds, including human skeletal remains, along with film and hand-on activities, this exhibition will explore the hidden lives of our ancestors, and what analysing a genome can reveal about us all - past and present.

A programme of talks and tours will be running on visit days to enhance your visit.

Arranging your visit

Time and date: drop in anytime Sat 17 June 12-2.30pm, or Tuesday 20 June 5.30-8pm, then every third Saturday of the month for the rest of the year.

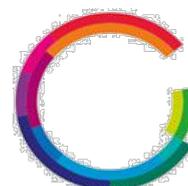
Price: FREE entry but booking required. Get your ticket online at bit.ly/hidden-lives

Age: 8+

Where: Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre

Group visits are also very welcome, by arrangement.

Visit our website www.wellcomegenomecampus.org/publicengagement



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JULY 30TH



Arr Jim Lad !
ENTRY IS FREE.....but
make sure you buy our meal
tickets well in advance 'cos
the rations are limited.
Plenty of grog to buy though
and games to play



The Steel Band will be playing between 12.00 and 2.00pm, after which the pirate games will begin. Lunch will be served around 1.00pm. Tickets for lunch and a glass of punch: Adults £10, Young People (aged 5 – 16) £5, under 5's free, available from Ros Smith Tel: 532064, gs.286@btinternet.com. There will be a pay bar. Bring a chair or blanket if you are able. Dress code: Pirate outfits, eye patches, shorts , flowery shirts, dreadlocks

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th May 2017

North Uttlesford Garden Village. The threat of a 5000+ house garden village on the border of Hinxton is a very real threat, adjacent Parish Councils are joining forces to fight this development. Historic England has said that it is an archaeological site with Roman and Pre Roman evidence found there. There is a Promoter presentation to be held on the 24th May which representatives of the village will attend.

2 members will also attend Gt Chesterfords PC meeting on the 14th June. Peter Topping will also be meeting Hinxton Councillors for an informal talk.

Smithson Hill Agritech. They will be holding another presentation in Hinxton Village Hall on the 16th May. Archaeological excavations have been going on. It was agreed that we would wait until Planning Permission was applied for and then be ready with our case against this proposal. A key issue with any development is transport. It was suggested that we also contact further villages in the area that would be affected by these proposals to get their support, also we will contact Heidi Allen. It was suggested that a steering committee be formed and villagers contacted to ascertain who might be willing to be involved.

Moto Service Station. There is immense opposition to this being built- it is in the flight path of Duxford airfield, would add to the congestion at the M11 roundabout and not suitable for large lorries turning off. Also the proximity to Duxford School. The land is owned by Gonville and Caius. Other parish councils to be contacted, also to get support from organisations such as Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, ACRE, Cambridge Past Present Future and Cambridge Wildlife Trust. Willy Brown was attending the IWM neighbourhood meeting later in the week.

New Parish Councillor There are 2 people interested in becoming Parish Councillors, unfortunately neither could attend this meeting so they will be invited to come to the next one in July.

Iron Bridge This has now been closed with a metal barrier, it was reported that people are climbing over this to use the bridge which has become increasingly dangerous with several plates now missing or rusted. Willy Brown to contact Wellcome Trust again as the cost of repairing this is well out of the Parish Councils budget. Approx £7-9000 for replacing the plates, if the bridge is stripped down, primed and painted this cost would double. It will be proposed that Wellcome take full ownership of the bridge and the Parish Council pay a small percentage towards its upkeep. The bridge is a very important part of the village, without it the walks would be really reduced.

Autonomous Bus system. A feasibility study is to be done by Wellcome Trust to look at the opportunity to run an autonomous (driverless) vehicles service from the Wellcome Genome Campus to Whittlesford Parkway station. The feasibility study will investigate potential routes for an off-road pathway (over Wellcome owned

land) that could be used by bicycles, pedestrians and autonomous vehicles. Parish Councillors were concerned that this would cause more problems for the village eg people parking here to go to the station rather than parking at Whittlesford.

Playground Report The report from RoSPA had some questions that needed asking of them as to why some of the equipment was rated medium risk. Fiona Marshall to follow this up. The new swing is now installed, Clerk is to apply for a £1000 community Chest grant from SCDC to help pay toward this. The bin is not being emptied regularly- Clerk to contact SCDC. Ivy needs clearing from the flint wall near the train. Also the wall itself needs maintenance, we need to find out who owns this section.

Redundant Safe in Village Hall This old safe is taking up room in the cupboard, it is not used or needed so it was decided that the Clerk would look into disposing of it.

Engaging young people in the Allotments Duxford Holiday Club are looking at the possibility of the children being able to help with an allotment, they will have accredited supervision. An email will be sent to allotment holders to see if anyone interested in sharing part of their allotment.

Poor state of road in Hinxton Councillors have been reporting potholes, many have been filled but the overall state of the roads and footpaths is bad. Clerk to chase up Highways to arrange a site visit.

Chairmans' report – The Chairman in his report noted the substantial challenges being posed by several development proposals that threatened the land around the village as well as local infrastructure and amenities. In countering these threats, Hinxton PC were working well with the PCs of the six neighbouring villages as well as our District and County councillors. There was good liaison with the Wellcome Trust as our most important local land-owner. Plaques had been placed on the village hall thanking the Trust and the SCDC Community Chest for financial support for village facilities. He thanked the Parish Councillors and Parish Clerk for their energy and commitment.

Plaques have been put up acknowledging donations and grants received for the carpark and Village Hall Repairs.

Trees in Knights Close – 6 out of 15 have now died- these need replacing and need to have matting to stop weeds growing around them.

Litter pick- this was successful- thanks to JC and JB for organising this.

Finance Current position of Bank Balances at 30th April 2017
Current A/C : £9,754.85
Business A/C : £11,020.98
Bridge A/C : £2000.

Planning Applications decisions

S/3210/16/VC Amendment to Roofline

McDonalds Restaurant - Approved

S/0657/17/AD Good Times Sign - Refused

Date of next Meeting : 10th July 2017

REPORT FROM THE ANN HOWSDEN TRUSTEES
FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
HINXTON PARISH COUNCIL, 8th May 2017

The Trustees have met twice in the year to date including our AGM in November 2016. The accounts for the financial year ending 30 September 2016 will be approved at our May 2017 meeting later this week. The annual Christmas gifts and heating disbursements to Hinxton pensioners were agreed at the November AGM as well as a donation to the children's Christmas party. A lifeline alarm system has been financed for one of our pensioner tenants and another is receiving gardening help. It is hoped that the annual contributions to church heating, church restoration and churchyard maintenance will be agreed at our meeting later this week. Since the New Year a new initiative has been undertaken by Natalie Brown to host a community coffee morning once a month in the Village Hall, and the trustees have agreed to pay the rental for these occasions, as this seems a very appropriate way to draw the village together.

The current trustees are as follows: **Parish Council Nominees** - Julie Baillie, Ian Pearson, Kate Riley and Virginia Walker and **Co-opted Trustees** – Chloe Brown, Deborah Cooper, Roy Ellis and Toni Moses. The Reverend Dr. Jessica Martin who was an ex-officio trustee, moved to a new post in Ely at the end of July 2016, and we miss her contribution very much. Her successor will take up her ex officio role as a trustee when she is installed in early September. Ian Pearson was appointed Chairman for the year at the November 2016 AGM. I would like to thank publicly all the trustees who help me so much in their

different ways. John Statham continues as Treasurer and his assistance is hugely appreciated.

The three pensioner Duxford Road bungalows have the same tenants as last year, but the tenants at our commercial property (no. 8) have recently left and at the time of writing a new tenant is due to move in at the end of April 2017. We continue to employ Leaders (based in Cambridge) as our property management agency. Major renovations to the properties have taken place during the year. At no. 8 (the commercial rental) a new bathroom has been fitted and complete new double glazing, guttering and fascias have been installed. The property is also undergoing a complete redecoration and new carpets will be fitted in readiness for the new tenant. New soffits have been added to all four bungalows which has smartened the properties considerably. We have also fitted key safes to all four bungalows; these are very useful for carers when necessary and add greatly to the convenience of access for Leaders and tradesmen.

Through the year the trustees have delivered cards, given flowers or baskets of fruit to Hinxton residents who have been bereaved or unwell. The trustees retain a very wide discretion in managing the charity's affairs within the purposes of the trust. If anyone in the village knows of cases of hardship or need, they are encouraged to contact in complete confidence any of the current trustees. The trustees work hard to ensure the integrity and future security of this valuable village charity and endeavour to keep Hinxton residents updated regularly via the Hinxton News.

Virginia Walker, Administrator,
Ann Howsden Charity

8 May 20

Hinxton Village Hall Chairman's Report 2017

The Village Hall Committee has had another successful and enjoyable year, with several regular events such as the Bacon Brunch and Mill Teas. We also held a wine tasting evening in October and Supper on the Run in February. These events raised over £1100 towards the running costs of the hall and a donation was also made to Cambridge Past Present and Future.

This year private bookings have been disappointing, dropping from 40 to 28. However we now have a Holiday Club which meets regularly in the hall, we hope that this will continue. There has been a slight increase in the use of the hall by clubs and organisations.

At present there is a balance of £7,285 in the Village Hall account, this compares very favourably with last year's balance of £3,211! This year we have not needed to spend as much on maintenance as the previous year.

However we are aware that the floor could need replacing in the near future and need to keep adequate funds aside. The Village Hall Committee enjoy working together, sadly our numbers are reduced; we currently have two vacancies, and would welcome new members. So to sum up the hall is certainly fulfilling its role as defined in its constitution of providing "physical and mental training, recreation and social, moral and intellectual development for the people of Hinxton."

CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ST JOHN, HINXTON

Churchwardens Report 2017

As I sit to write this I am tempted to say 'business as usual', although this is actually very much not the case. Our pattern of worship has remained as it has been for more than 10 years. The 8.00 a.m. Communion (BCP) has a small but loyal following, the 10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist is generally well supported by 2017 standards with some 'blips'. The 6.30 p.m. Evensong has sadly been slowly declining in numbers for a while now and we may need to give thought to how we should react to this for the future. It still remains a well-loved service for a few parishioners. In terms of new initiatives, Messy Church has tried to take root but it is hard to get regular and frequent commitment, due to the many competing activities and loyalties facing young families. With a new incumbent coming we could hope for some re-energising of this activity which is now centered on Duxford. A new and seemingly popular development is the young people initiative currently held monthly in Hinxtton Village Hall. See separate report'). The leader is temporarily funded by the Deanery and the Diocese of Ely. This seems to have made a very positive start. Future funding may be an issue but with goodwill all round this aspect could be solved. We were delighted to have a baptism in October and equally delighted that there were no funerals! Sadly no weddings! So life goes on and the same supports are there in the main with occasionally a new face which is always most welcome. The biggest change this year has been the departure of the Vicar, Rev Canon Dr Jessica Martin, for pastures new. Jessica came to us in 2010 from Trinity College, Cambridge, and from an academic career. She put a great deal of effort into the

transition from academic life to the semi-rural parish life and with much success. She was a wise and valuable resource at PCC meetings, quickly grasping the issues of the day and happy to take decisions in support of parish and church. She is missed and we wish her well in her new ecclesiastical life in Ely. Jessica left us at the end of July 2016 and it is quite remarkable how her place has been taken up entirely by people working voluntarily to keep the parish on an even footing. There follows a catalogue of thanks and recognition for so many who have given freely of their time. In Hinxtton Julie Baillie has for 35 years or more been a truly remarkable supporter of her parish church. Without her, and this has been particularly true in our vacancy, I wonder if we would have a functioning church in Hinxtton today. In addition to Julie we have had the services of Rev Charles Miller and Rev David Matthiae, sometimes supported from outside. These two have allowed us to keep our 8 a.m. communion services going without a break and, particularly in the case of David, they have also filled gaps in the 10 a.m. services. They have all been led in vacancy by Rev Phil Sharkey who, as a non-stipendiary (i.e. unpaid) priest has done a quite remarkable job travelling over here from Royston to take services. It would be remiss if we were not to single out Phil for special thanks and praise for his contribution and leadership. As churchwardens we give them all our warmest thanks. A vacancy also places extra challenges for our loyal and willing band of cleaners and flower arrangers and all those on the PCC who work so selflessly to keep our church going. It would be sad to have a building

in the village and no life in it. We also warmly thank Virginia for playing the organ for us and for countless unseen hours of practice. Real live music makes all the difference to our services. We depend so much on all of the above and we probably don't express our gratitude often enough. It has been of enormous benefit to have an official (voluntary) administrator for the last couple of years in the form of Glynis Hammond. She has made such a difference to the workload of the wardens during the current vacancy and we will miss her quiet efficiency when she resigns from this task at the end of June. As Glynis lives in Ickleton most of the parishioners here in Hinxtton do not know her but are very appreciative of all that she does. During the year we have done significant work on the building with the support and financial aid of The Friends of Hinxtton Church. A £25000 project saw the south chapel roof re-leaded and allowed us to remove the black plastic sheet above the organ (hooray!) and a £5000 project saw the installation of a much-needed hearing loop for the hearing impaired. This, coupled with 'public address' facilities, will be a valuable asset – particularly when we have the technology fully mastered! We are pleased to have identified a replacement for Jessica in the person of Rev Petra Shakeshaft, currently curate at St John's, Hills Road, who will take up the post in September 2017. We await her arrival with enthusiasm. Her induction service will be held in Ickleton on Monday 4th September. Andrew Walker Margaret Malcolm

THE FRIENDS OF HINXTON CHURCH

At the AGM held on 10/5/2016 thirteen members were present and apologies received from four others. Those elected to serve on the committee for 2016/17 were David Mills (Chairman), Andrew Walker (Treasurer), Julie Baillie (Secretary), Mike Boagey and Merv Russell. The nominated representatives were The Revd. Canon Dr Jessica Martin and Margaret Malcomb (Hinxton Parochial Church Council) and Jane Chater and Graham Smith (Hinxton Parish Council). The Committee has met three times since the last AGM. In July Jessica was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Friends, with thanks for her wise council and support during the past six years, as she left to become a Residentiary Canon at Ely Cathedral. In August we received the sad news of the death of Jet Van Kuffeler, a life member of the Friends, at her home in the Netherlands. Jet made a huge contribution for over thirty years, both in the time she lived locally and since leaving England. At present there are thirty two life members and ten annual members. The Friends will have a publicity and enrolling table at the Fete on June 10th. All funds raised by the Friends are solely for the repair and improvement of the church building and associated works, as well as for the upkeep of the churchyard.

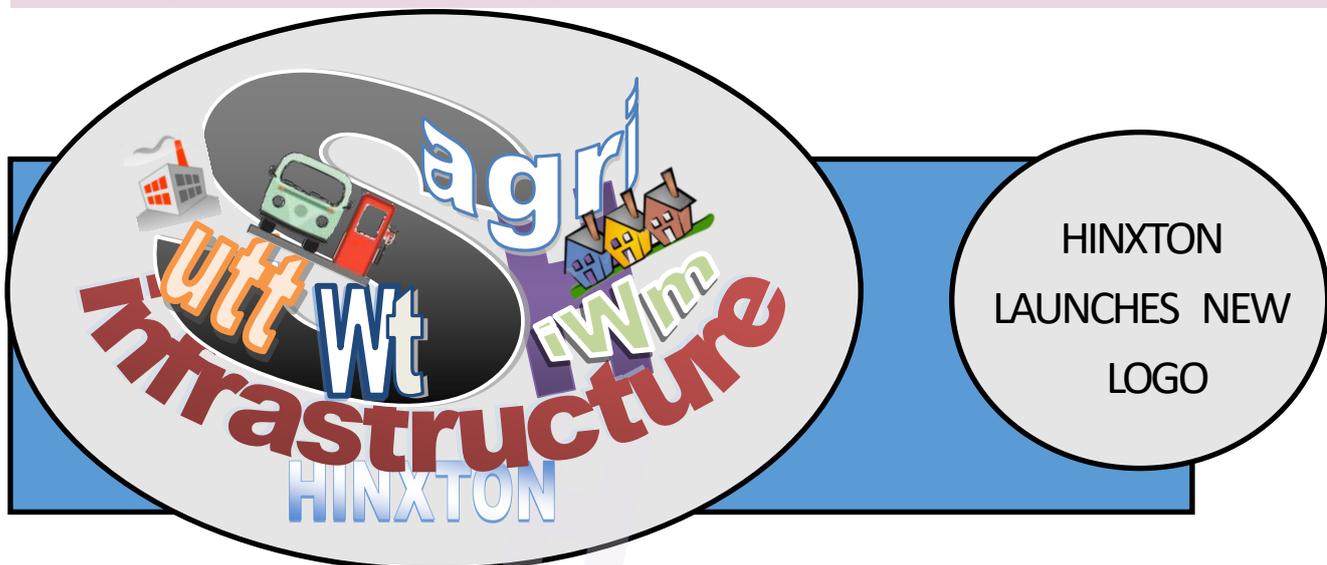
In the past year the Friends have supported two major projects at the Church by donating nearly £9000 to the Lady Chapel roof repair and £2500 to the hearing loop/amplification system. This year we are committed to giving £2750 for the refurbishment of the organ.

Whilst raising funds, we also manage to enjoy ourselves

and it is wonderful to welcome so many village friends and many others from elsewhere, to share in the fun. Last Summer's successful Fete and Garden Evening raised over £2000 for the Friends. On September 24th there was a Variety Evening with delicious puddings during the interval. The entertainers enjoyed themselves almost as much as the appreciative audience. What talent there is in this community! An amazing £757 was raised. Mike Boagey was the inspiration behind that event and another initiative is the production of 'Front Door' greeting cards, a commitment of time and effort. Mike and Graham are the MC and Caller at our Bingo Evenings— a double act that defies description! The chapel choir from Peterhouse returned on March 11th with a wonderful programme, ranging from Palestrina to Billy Joel. The retiring collection of £432 was shared between the Choir and the Friends. The Friends and the PCC invite you to join them at the Fete on June 10th at the Garden Evening at William House on 14th July and at the Caribbean Lunch and Pirate Party at the Village Hall on 30th July.

Once again, the Friends have received support and encouragement from Alex Clarke and his team at the Red Lion, for which we are very grateful. Our thanks are also given to the many folk who, in addition to the hardworking committee members, contribute their time, talents and muscle power, often behind the scenes. We hope that the Friends of Hinxton Church charity may be able to provide financial support for the church and churchyard, whilst organising social events for the village, for many years to come.

Julie Baillie, Hon. Secretary, The Friends of Hinxton





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HINXTON VILLAGE HALL HIRE RATES

Current rates are as follows for residents

(non residents in brackets)

Per session (9am - 1pm) (1pm - 5pm) (5pm - 11.30pm) or 10.30pm on Sunday **£30 (£45)**

Saturday evening **£60 (£85)**

Short meetings **£12** (use of hall only)

Discounts may be available for block bookings and charitable events.

For these and details of business-use rates

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June Greetings to Hinxtion Villagers
from all at The Red Lion Inn

Dear All

Happy June to you.

New Head Chef!

We are delighted to reveal that we have just appointed our new Head Chef, **Chris Leeton**.

He has great local pedigree. He cut his teeth picking up Pub of the Year at The Lough Pool Inn, Hereford then came back to Cambridgeshire to run the The Hole in the Wall in Little Wilbraham with his wife, winning two Michelin 'Bib Gourmand's'.
No pressure then ...

Any requests for new dishes/styles – this would be a good time – let me know.

Dates Ahead:

Annual Golf Day – Monday 13th June, Heydon Grange

Annual Garden Party – Friday 12th August, Red Lion Hinxtion

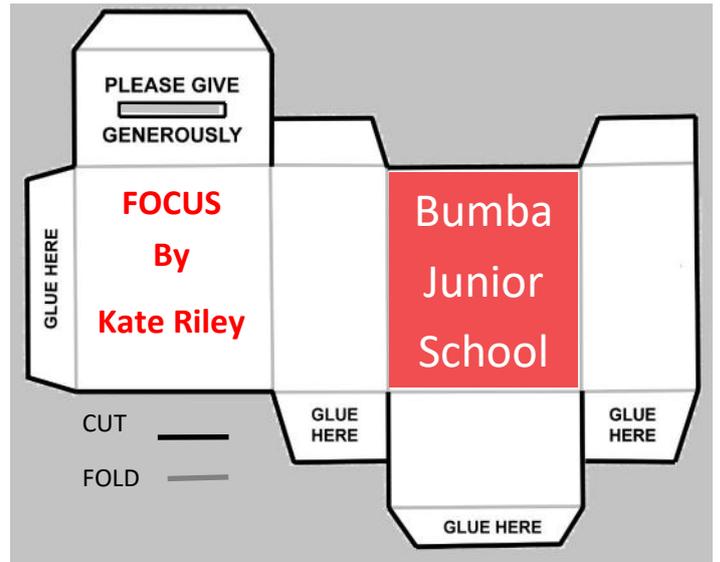
(Annual Fathers' Day Beer Festival Friday 17th – Sunday 19th June, Black Bull Balsham)

We look forward to welcoming you & your friends.

Alex, Nikol, Janice, Chris and the teams

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Bumba junior school renovation project 2017

The village carol singing collection last Christmas was donated to this cause and I asked Sue Brown to remind us about the project her school is supporting. She was full of information and excitement about all they hope to achieve. Sue will report back after her visit this summer. You can email the Bwengu projects on Bwenguprojectstrancy@gmail.com

To remind you ~ Bumba School is located in a small rural town called Rhumpi in the far north of Malawi, which lies at the end of the Great Rift Valley. They estimate the local population to be in the order of 29,000. Like most northern towns, Rhumpi is a poor community and Education statistics are worrying;

State education for children aged 5-13 is free, secondary education is not and school fees are payable.

Fewer than 1% of junior schools have electricity.
Class sizes can be anywhere in the order of 60-90 children.

Only 23% of females proceed to secondary education.

School times are 7am to 1 pm each day.

At Rhumpi this means that;

Bumba School has on roll 1800 children.

There are only 18 classrooms.

10 of these have no furniture at all.

In some of the classrooms the children sit on bricks.
There is no provision for any pencil/ pens/ erasers or any children class equipment like rulers etc.

Due to the fantastic generosity of our community, Bumba school classrooms renovation have now begun .



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Notable 2017 CALENDAR DATES

June 4th	Hinxton Watermill Open
7th	Coffee Morning at Village Hall 10-12
10th	Hinxton Fete
July 2nd	London Bridges Walk
10th	Parish Council Meeting
12th	Coffee Morning at Village Hall
14th	Friends Annual Garden Evening at William House
30th	CARIBBEAN FAMILY FUN
September 4th	Induction Service for our new Vicar
9th	Ride Drive & Stride
13th	Coffee Morning at Village Hall
23rd	McMillan Coffee Morning
October 1st	Hinxton Watermill Open for the last time this year
6th	Bingo for Vegetables
11th	Coffee Morning at Village Hall
November 4/5th	Hinxton Art Show
12th	Festival of Remembrance
December 8th	Bingo for Vegetables

LONDON BRIDGES WALK

WALK with us

YOUR challenge for Kidney Research UK

Sunday 2nd July 2017

<https://www.kidneyresearchuk.org/get-involved/events/london-bridges-walk>

Join #TEAMKIDNEY and turn London purple!

Join kidney patients, their loved ones and other kidney supporters as they wear their Kidney Research UK t-shirts with pride on this amazing walk. Starting and finishing in Potters Fields Park, the walk covers approximately seven miles and takes you over some of London's most famous bridges

Check-in from 10am and collect your purple balloon, bottle of water and snack bar ready for the walk. Entertainment will begin at 11am, followed by a guided warm-up to make you've loosened up for the miles ahead. We'll countdown to 11.30am when the ribbon is cut and off you go! We'll be ready and waiting with a shiny medal and plenty of cheers when you return.

This event is suitable for all members of the family (including canine companions!) whether young or old.

The route is accessible for prams and wheelchairs [too](#).

DIARY OF HINXTON EVENTS ~ June 2017

BINS OUT BY 06:00 ON DAY OF COLLECTION

 = LATER COLLECTION

1st	Thursday	
2nd	Friday	HINXTON WALKERS
3rd	Saturday	
4th	Sunday	10.00am Joint Service for Pentecost Ickleton Hinxton Watermill Open
5th	Monday	
6th	Tuesday	
7th	Wednesday	<i>Coffee Morning Village Hall 10:00-12:00</i>
8th	Thursday	
9th	Friday	
10th	Saturday	Village Fete
11th	Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion Hinxton
12th	Monday	
13th	Tuesday	
14th	Wednesday	
15th	Thursday	
16th	Friday	
17th	Saturday	
18th	Sunday	10.00am Parish Eucharist Hinxton
19th	Monday	
20th	Tuesday	
21st	Wednesday	
22nd	Thursday	
23rd	Friday	
24th	Saturday	
25th	Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion Hinxton
26th	Monday	
27th	Tuesday	
28th	Wednesday	
29th	Thursday	
30th	Friday	



Meet Village Hall at 09:30 on the first Friday of the month

Hinxton Fete

- Plants
- Books
- Bric a Brac
- Homemade Goodies
- Cakes
- Jams
- Prizes
- Raffle
- Coconut Shy
- Splat the Rat
- More
- Tea & Cakes
- Hot Dogs
- Ducks
- Pot of Gold
- Egg Shell Thingy

*Contact Ros Smith
01799 532064*

Every second Wednesday of every month in the Village Hall 10:00-12:00

The Hinxton Coffee Morning

is great time for the whole community to come together to share coffee, cake and company. Pop down to the hall and help us create a hub for all Hinxtonians to make connections, build new relationships, and just generally brighten each others lives once a month.

If you would like to donate some eats on the day, they will be eaten

Contact Natalie Brown, 07990528963

There are lifts available for any members of the community who need assistance

Children of all ages are encouraged to come too.