

# HINXTON NEWS

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**Light Up Hinxtton**  
Saturday 2nd December switch on at 6pm

Please decorate your house and make  
**Light Up Night** special for everyone.



# REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

F.M. EARL HAIG'S APPEAL

ST. DUNSTON'S IS NOW INCLUDED  
AMONG THE BENEFICIARIES  
OF THE BRITISH LEGION  
POPPY DAY APPEAL.



Original poster from 1923

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>

Congregate at the War Memorial at 10.45am  
Service in the church follows.

### CAMPUS FIRWORKS DISPLAY

3rd November

530-745pm

Lots to see and plenty of eats.

Bookings are still being taken

(Check the onsite parking if you need it)

<https://campusfireworksvillagers.eventbrite.co.uk>

## BINGO for

## Vegetables

7pm in the village  
hall- eyes down 7.30

Entrance fee £5  
includes

Six Games with an  
interval for cakes and  
drinks all included

\*\*\*Prizes Galore\*\*\*

## 25th November



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## Dear Readers

Christmas is just around the corner with all the lovely things that come with it. Our front page heralds the **LIGHT UP NIGHT**. This is when we all switch on our outdoor decorations and enjoy the walk around the village, ending up quaffing mulled wine and sausages at the village hall.

Well done to Kate for the innovative **Hinxton Homemade** event. This raised a whopping sum to benefit the **Saffron Support Group of Parkinson's UK**. There is no doubt that this will be repeated in years to come.

Prepare to read **Peter Hiscock's** hairy tales of driving through the Himalayas earlier this year. Both Mel and I were exhausted reading Part 1. The conclusion will follow in the next issue of HN and a much fuller version will be available on-line in December.

The success of the wonderful and exciting **SILENT AUCTION**, coming up on 18th November, relies on us coming up with new and interesting offers. I am hoping someone will donate a 'Full English Breakfast For Two Sitting on my Yacht in the Bahamas'. Alright, I would settle for the breakfast on your patio in Hinxton. Your offer form is on page 13. Have a great month

Mike

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# Harvest Festival

**Hinxton's Harvest Festival** took place on 15th October. Many thanks to all who helped clean and decorate the church in readiness for this lovely service and for the generous donations of groceries, which were taken to the John Huntingdon Food Bank in Sawston. The service was followed by lunch in the Village Hall where around thirty of us enjoyed a delicious bring-and-share meal.

Donations made at the lunch amounted to **£160**, which has been sent to Christian Aid.  
Thank you  
Rosalind



St Mary & St John, Hinxton  
Services and events

## November

2nd 1900 All Souls compline  
12th 1045 Remembrance Service  
18th 2000 PCC Silent Auction  
19th 1000 Parish Communion

## December

10th 0800 Holy Communion  
17th 1830 Carol Service  
21st 1800 village Carol Singing  
24th 1600 Christingle Service  
25th 0900 Christmas Day Service  
... and compline at 6 pm every Thursday

## A service of remembering and thanksgiving

You are warmly invited to a short service to  
remember loved ones you have lost on

2 November 2023 at 7pm  
at St Mary and St John Church,  
Hinxton

At the service we will remember each person by name  
and you will be invited to light a candle in their  
memory.





# CHURCH NEWS

a message from Lydia

## Music to my ears

I recently had a very musical weekend. Not just hymns (though of course there were those), but live performances. A cello and saxophone duo at Hinxton church was followed a day later by a solo recorder concert at St John's, Duxford. It was delightful, but it made me think about how little I intentionally listen to music these days.

I tend to prefer the spoken word: News on the radio in the mornings, a quick podcast at lunchtime and something undemanding or funny before I go to sleep. But am I missing a trick? There's an increasing body of research that suggests listening to music is good for you. One small study found that listening to Bach lowered blood pressure: They also tried ABBA and Mozart but found them not quite so effective. Should our prescriptions include *Air on a G String* as well as conventional medication? Well, not necessarily. Other studies have found that the patient's choice of music works better to improve health and wellbeing. So, if you love ACDC more than Albinoni, the research says you

should stick to the heavy metal. Listening to something that is familiar and that you enjoy makes a difference.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Century nun, scholar and composer Hildegard of Bingen writes beautifully about why music is so important to us:

*Sometimes when we hear a song we breathe deeply and sigh. This reminds the prophet that the soul arises from heavenly harmony. In thinking about this, he was aware that the soul itself has something in itself of this music ...*

She's referring to the ancient idea of celestial music, that in the proportions in the planets' movements there is a kind of music, albeit, perhaps, inaudible. One of the reasons that music is so powerful, Hildegard suggests, is that as we respond to human-made notes, we're in touch with that universal harmony. While we may not be so keen on the spiritual language, there is something in what thinkers like Hildegard express. Music often helps us reach beyond ourselves in a way that is inspiring and healing.

Happy listening



## .....from Poitiers to Hinxton

Did you know that the patronage of our church links us to the French city of Poitiers? The chapel of Jesus College, Cambridge (full title 'The College of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John the Evangelist and the glorious Virgin Saint Radegund') which holds the patronage of our church of St Mary & St John, is located at the site of a priory originally dedicated to St Radegund whose remains are interred in her 'home' church in Poitiers.

# Light Up Hinxtton

**Saturday 2nd December at 6pm**



Santa's sleigh pulled by Rudolph with the elves, will tour the village giving presents to all the children they see.



Mulled wine served from 6pm  
Sausages at 7pm

*and*

The Amazing Mince Pie Pit Stop  
at 96 High Street



Donations to John Huntingdon charity



# "Who knew Hinxton Home-Made was such a power-house?"



What a fun day it was! As someone said to me it brings the village together.

My thanks to those wonderful artists, for bringing their beautiful, unique works to share. And my thanks to all who came along, not quite knowing what to expect and enjoyed the display together.

Thank you, Colin, for setting up the apple press again and that gorgeous apple juice.

Thanks too to the "one and only" team of village hall tea-makers!

You all helped me to raise a magnificent

**£730.25**

for the local

**Saffron Support Group  
of Parkinson's UK.**

It is an amazing result - thank you so very much.

*Kate Riley*





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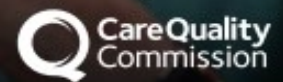
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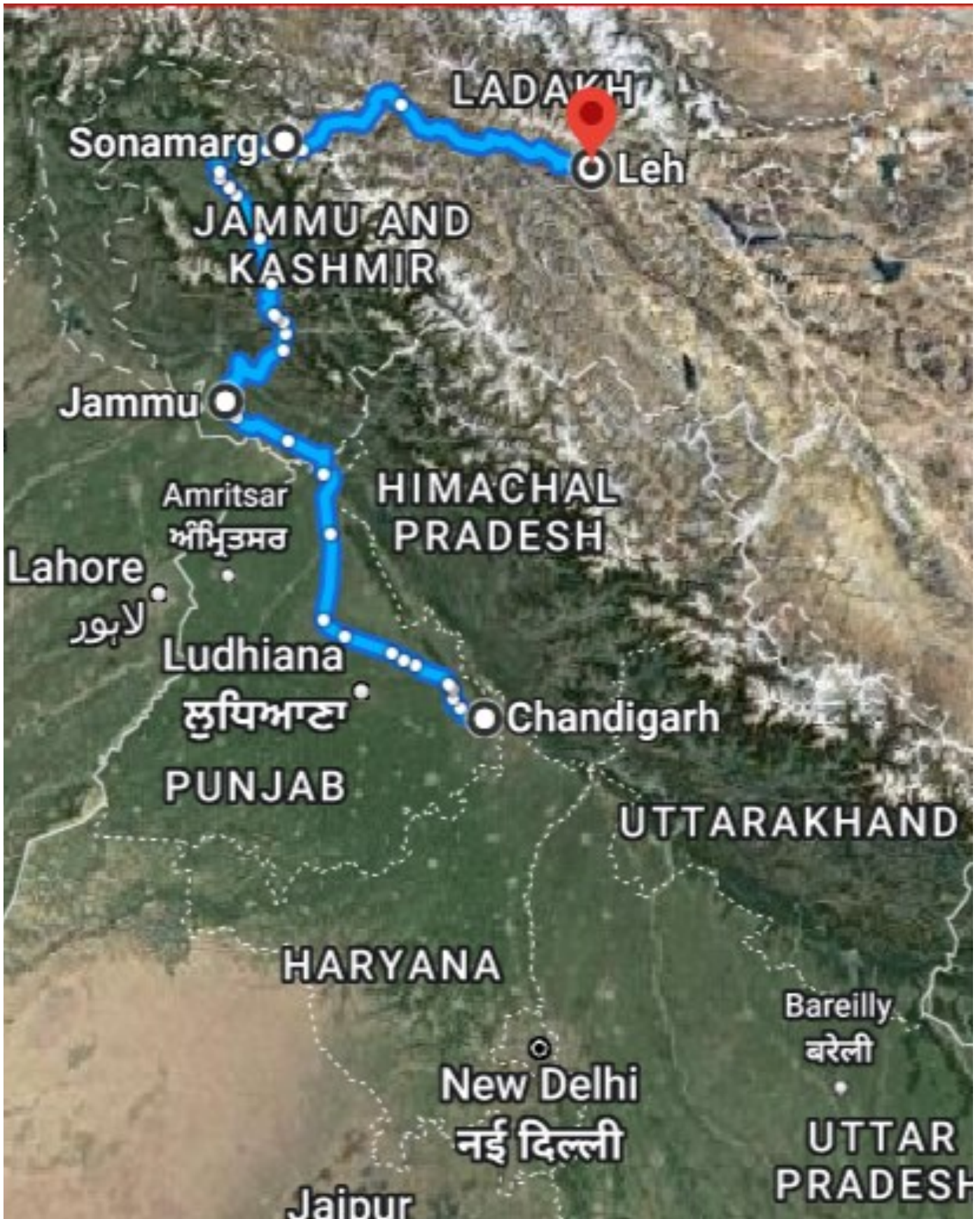


# A Jaunt in India (part 1) by Peter Hiscocks

The next two pages are an abbreviated version of Peter's amazing seven day driving adventure in the Himalayas in September this year.

The finale (part 2) can be seen in the December issue of Hinxton News.

The complete uncut dossier can be read on the Hinxton Life Facebook pages



I have always been one for a bit of an adventure, especially if it involves cars and driving fast. So it was easy to say “yes” when I bumped in to an ex-colleague, Shai Vyakarnam, in Waitrose who said that he was on the organising committee for the Himalayan Challenge car rally and would I like to enter.

I needed a car but quickly found that getting one in the UK and shipping it to India would be very expensive. Shai told me that a friend of his had an old rally car in India and would let me use it. It was a 1982 Premier 118NE which is the Indian manufactured version of the Fiat 124 with a small Nissan engine. It had been used for rallying but had spent the last thirty years sat in a warehouse. Sounded ideal; nearly.

Next, I needed a co-driver and a pal called Colin Clarkson, with whom I used to share a cottage in Little Chesterford, stepped forward. Colin is a very proficient engineer and as Linda says, he has a better compass for accepting and managing risk than I do.

We flew to Delhi and then drove up to Chandigarh where we met ‘our 118’. It was immediately apparent that not much had been done to prepare it for the rally. The gearbox and transmission were making a terrible noise, the rally meter did not work, nor the rev meter, nor the fuel gauge. The exhaust was very loud (no silencer), there was no air-con or heater, and the roll-cage and rally seats made it quite uncomfortable. Still, it was ours for the event. There were 65 cars competing in the event and 20 support vehicles. Most of these were modern SUVs but there were three ‘old vehicles’ like ours. The other competitors were all very friendly and a bit surprised that a couple of Brits had come to join in the event in such an old car.



## THE DRIVE

**Day 1** was the section from Chandigarh to Jammu which was a seven hour drive across the plains of the Punjab. The heat was very intense as it was 38C outside and the little car’s engine was doing all it could to make it a lot hotter in the cab. We started reading the ‘tulip diagrams’ in the map book but after about 30 minutes realised there was an error and had to resort to...you guessed it, Google Maps. Once we got back on track we returned to the map-book so that we were rallying in the correct style but without a rally trip meter we had to work very hard to keep on the right route.

**Day 2** was from Jammu to Sonamarg and we started to climb the hills and see more exciting scenery and wild life. There were monkeys sitting by the side of the road, wild donkeys and horses and, of course, cows wandering wherever they wished. We had to stop while herds of goats and sheep blocked the main roads as they were moved from one pasture to another. Unfortunately, the hills proved to be too much for our gear box and third gear stopped working. We could keep going on 1, 2 and 4 but this did make our progress much slower. Then just as it was getting dark the engine suddenly stopped. We were towed to Sonamarg where some local garage mechanics were found. They used ‘jugaar’ (the Indian word for ‘bodging’) to fix the car and get it running. However, the next day their magic failed and the car wouldn’t start. We recruited one of them to join us for the rest of the rally to use his magic to keep the car working.

**Day 3** was from Sonamarg to Leh. Sonamarg is at about 10,000ft and has wonderful mountains, glaciers and pastures with many wild animals roaming but as we went higher the vegetation got more sparse until there was no vegetation at all – it was just desert and mountains. The road out of Sonamarg went up the Zoji La pass to the height of 12,000ft and the road was terrifying. No barrier, no road surface, single track and a sheer drop to the valley floor. This was the shape of things to come. We went over five mountain passes that day, struggling with our little engine, no third gear and little idea of how much fuel we had.

*But we made it to Leh by evening time.*







# Linda's Amazing Cook Book

## INGREDIENTS

4oz (115g) butter

4oz(115g) castor sugar

8oz (225) self-raising flour

1 medium size egg

1lb(450g) cooking apples

1tbsp brown sugar

1oz (25g) sultanas

1tsp cinnamon

A little icing sugar

## METHOD

Grease and line a loose-bottomed cake tin Melt the butter in a saucepan over a low heat and combine with the beaten egg. Then stir in the egg and butter mixture. Peel, core and slice the apples. Put in bowl and mix with the brown sugar, sultanas and cinnamon. Spread half the mixture in the bottom of the tin, arranging the spiced sugar and apple on top. Cover with the rest of the cake mixture. (this is tricky and it doesn't matter if you leave haps)  
Place cake tin in a preheated oven at 350F/180C/ Gas4 and bake for about half an hour or until golden.  
Cool in the tin and either dust with icing sugar or drizzle over a thin icing glaze.

## ANGELA'S APFELKUCHEN

This recipe for German Apple Cake was kindly given to me by **Angela Taylor**, after I tasted it on our narrowboat cruise and found it delicious!

The original recipe comes from **The Archer's Cookbook**. It's fairly straightforward to make and definitely worth the effort.

We eat ours 'neat', or warm as a dessert with custard, cream or ice





**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00 pm in  
the Village Hall.**

For those who haven't experienced the **Silent Auction** before: it has been a very popular social occasion for many years and now takes place bi-annually.

Offers received for auction are placed on display boards around the room, together with a photograph where possible, and you write down your bid. (*You need to keep an eye on your items as someone may well have overbid you while you were enjoying a chat and a glass of wine!* )

Bidding stops at 10 o'clock; the last 10 minutes are always fun, with everyone trying to secure their chosen lot!

In the past we have had offers of a jar of jam, themed dinner parties, holiday homes, dog walking, ironing.....

So, have a think. Is there something you could offer that money can't buy?! Please use the form.

# SILENT AUCTION

**SATURDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

**HINXTON VILLAGE HALL**

**from 8.00 pm – final bids 10.00 pm**

Name.....

Address:

.....

Tel No:.....

**Item offered for auction:**

Description:

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**Photograph – please attach, if possible:  
(Ros will be happy to call to take this)**

**If it were offered, I would bid for**

.....

**Please submit any offers to**

**Ros Smith:**

**The Hermitage,**

**42 High Street**





**November Greetings  
to Hinxton Villagers  
from all at The Red Lion Inn**

**Special Nights**

After the great successes and popularity of the last two Tapas Nights (Spanish and Italian), Shane is going long-haul for his next one and settling on an Asian Tapas night.

These are full on evenings for both kitchen and front of house with so many small dishes going out – no mean feat. So well done Sam and the front team too.

We will also be landing a long time favourite Pie Board Night later in the month – see dates below.

**Christmas Bookings**

Key dates are filling up! If you have a larger group or have specific dates then please get in touch asap. We have closed the books now for Christmas Day at the Red Lion (although still the odd cancellation is coming through so you can try your luck) but still have some tables left at The Black Bull Balsham

Some dates ahead for your diaries:

**Asian Tapas Night:  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
7:30 onwards (normal menu  
available 6-6:45pm)**

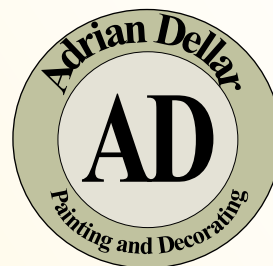
**Pie Board Night: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
November**

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

Best wishes to all

Alex + Team Red Lion

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In these old days we had flourishing church youth clubs which met every week usually on a Friday, and once a month they would have a dance on a Saturday to the music of a local group. We would always try to copy the latest pop songs and because we would move from one church hall to another, we had the opportunity to meet a much wider circle to make friends. In those days there was no social media or phones to join dating agencies, so this was the precursor. It was a lovely innocent time of awakening and a very safe environment to meet a lot of people.

***"It's funny how music can recall happy times"***

My favourite is 'I Will Always Love You', although I do like 'I Just Called To Say I Love You' which rings a big bell for someone who is away from home a lot.

## DESERT ISLAND JUKEBOX

chosen by

David Mills

### **The Hippy Hippy Shake**

The Swinging Blue Jeans

### **Back in the USSR**

The Beatles

### **Under the Boardwalk**

The Drifters

### **You Make Me Feel Brand New**

The Stylistics

### **You're still the one**

Shania Twain

### **Endless Love**

Lionel Richie and Diana Ross

### **My Eyes Adored You**

Frankie Valli

### **I Will Always Love You**

Whitney Houston

### **I Just Called To Say I Love You**

Stevie Wonder



# NOVEMBER



## FUTURE EVENTS

### DECEMBER

2nd	Light Up Hinxton
17th	Carol Service
21st	Carol Singing around the village
25th	Christmas Day Service
26th	Boxing Day Walk

Have you sent in  
your **SILENT**  
**AUCTION** offer yet?  
See page 13

1st	Wednesday	
2nd	Thursday	Hinxton Church—7pm-All Souls Service
3rd	Friday	Hinxton Walkers -9.30—meet Village Hall FIREWORKS ON THE CAMPUS
4th	Saturday	
5th	Sunday	
6th	Monday	
7th	Tuesday	Blue & Green Bin Collection
8th	Wednesday	Coffee morning—1030-12—Village Hall
9th	Thursday	ICKLETON TALKS WITH STEVE MARSHALL “THE MELTING PLANET”
10th	Friday	
11th	Saturday	Remembrance Day
12th	Sunday	Hinxton Church Memorial-10.50- Remembrance Service
13th	Monday	Parish Council Full Meeting 7.30pm
14th	Tuesday	Black Bin Collection <b>Tea Shop - Village Hall- 10—1pm</b> Pub Lunch Club—Red Lion
15th	Wednesday	<b>Tea Shop - Village Hall- 10—1pm</b> Winter Wetlands Walk-12-1pm- meet Wooden Bridge
16th	Thursday	Hinxton Church-6pm-Compline
17th	Friday	
18th	Saturday	Silent Auction 8pm-10pm
19th	Sunday	Hinxton Church-6pm-Parish Communion
20th	Monday	
21st	Tuesday	Blue & Green Bin Collection
22nd	Wednesday	
23rd	Thursday	Hinxton Church-6pm-Compline
24th	Friday	
25th	Saturday	<b>BINGO</b> for vegetables See page8
26th	Sunday	Church Services- Barn Ickleton
27th	Monday	<b>Tea Shop - Village Hall- 10—1pm</b>
28th	Tuesday	<b>Tea Shop - Village Hall- 10—1pm</b>
29th	Wednesday	
30th	Thursday	Hinxton Church-6pm-Compline

All Diary entries must be submitted by the 20th of each month  
to Jeremy Coleman  
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