

## Dear Readers

Sadly, we announce the recent passing of **Tricia Newland**. She was a valued and much loved member of the Church community and will be remembered for her wit and hospitality. (p.3)

Life is still being complicated by all the issues surrounding the Covid19 pandemic, but we must stay vigilant despite all the temptations. Please turn to p.9 where you will see the announcement of **Light Up Hinxton**. This is a great idea from the **Village Hall Committee** and rather like our VE day street party, we will all light our outdoor garden decorations at the same time, then promenade around the village admiring (or laughing at) all the other efforts clutching our glass of seasonal wine. Can't wait!

The monthly **Hinxton News** and the seasonal **Hinxton Life** have a small income from advertising. Whilst the Wellcome Trust were printing for us at no cost, this income has been saved and used to support leaflet printing and Welcome Packs for new members of the village. Now we are reduced to using up all our savings to print copies of **H\*LIFE** whilst the **H\*NEWS** is now only online. Unfortunately, the savings will run out during next year so our hope is that Wellcome come back on stream before we are reduced to online publishing only. We have discussed other means of raising the money to support future print runs. Your ideas would be welcome.

Mike

## Message from Hinxton Church for October 2020

Dear Hinxtonians,

This is a quick update on activity at the Church this month.

The glazing in the West Window is returning to its former place as I write and the work will be complete very soon - a £12,000 + project that was tackled not a moment too soon. A nice new piece of stone from the Clipsham quarry, near Peterborough, has been cut specially for the central mullion of the window. The glass has been part restored and part renewed by Glazier Terry Sadler in conjunction with Hibbitts of Cambridge. Thanks to both for excellent work. The Friends of Hinxton Church and the PCC have funded this together and we thank Hinxtonians for their generosity.

In the life of the church Hinxton continues to have a very calm service of Compline taken at 8.00 pm on Thursdays by Julie Baillie and thank you Julie, for that. Shortly, Hinxton is hoping to have a Communion service yet to be announced. It is still a very restricted church life with no singing and no wine at Communion, but we carry on doing what we can do.

There will be a joint Harvest Thanksgiving service in Ickleton Church at 10.00 am on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Masks must be worn and hands sanitised. Also you must "book" your "slot" with Glynis Hammond (tel: 07918-647504, email: [glynis.hammond@googlemail.com](mailto:glynis.hammond@googlemail.com)) so that she can allow for places to be set up in the church which are correctly socially distanced.

Margaret Malcolm tells me that church for young people continues apace particularly in Duxford and Ickleton. Participation by Hinxton young people is very much invited and encouraged.

We are now in the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" and we wish everyone the best of good health and maybe rest, after a different sort of summer.

Please be aware that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Hinxton will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in the church. All are welcome with masks and observing social distancing.

The other Churchwarden, Andrew..



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## Patricia Frances Newland 9/9/1935 - 20/9/2020



Tricia was born at Marton, North Yorkshire and was the youngest of three children. She was educated at boarding school, which she didn't enjoy. At Edinburgh University she studied sociology, gaining an MA. A career in social work followed.

On July 18th 1959 Tricia married David Newland. Their sons, Andrew and Richard, completed the family. Eight grandchildren were later welcomed by the proud grandparents.

Tricia was licensed as a Reader in the parishes of Ickleton, Hinxton and Duxford in 1980. Later, she felt a call to the priesthood and she was ordained at Ely Cathedral on June 28th 1997, to serve in the parishes as a Non Stipendiary Minister.

Tricia was blessed with many creative skills and talents and she was a true 'people person.' Her pastoral ministry led to many new friendships and she received as much love as she gave. A gift for writing prayers

and poetry was developed and, as her Parkinson's disease began to take its toll, this writing became both a challenge and a solace.

Always hospitable and welcoming, Tricia loved having visitors and small services and prayer meetings were held at her home until just before lockdown in March.

I was privileged to share Tricia's friendship and love for thirty seven years. She was my mentor as I followed her example in my Reader ministry.

We give thanks for Tricia's peaceful passing on Sunday 20th September and we thank God for every memory of her.

Julie Baillie

### Tricia Newland by Joan Roberts

I first met Tricia in the early 1980s shortly after I moved to Hinxton and in 2001 she was the minister presiding over the marriage of my daughter, Christina, to John.

I didn't get to know Tricia well, however, until much later particularly when we both belonged to the U3A walking group. We enjoyed ambling around the countryside together and became firm friends. Tricia and I often played bridge together in a local group and would spend many a happy hour sitting around a baize-topped table clutching our cards.

Later, when Tricia became confined to her home, I would visit her, always on a Friday afternoon to keep her company while her husband, David, went out. I always found Tricia happy to see me and after making a pot of tea we would spend an afternoon catching up on the local news.

Sometimes Ros Smith would come with me to visit Tricia and we would always make her laugh with tales of our recent antics. Tricia was a very brave lady, never complaining and always ready with a cup of tea and a biscuit to hear the latest news.

I will always remember her for her kindness and patience.

With love to you Tricia.



Tricia seen here with  
Julie Baillie and Jane Sharman

### Power of Love

Our life's journey depends  
on which we put first, love or power.  
Love of power or power of love.  
The choice is ours.

Tricia Newland 2011



## HINXTON COFFEE MORNINGS

Weather permitting, we shall hold the coffee morning again behind the Village Hall in October. The date is:

**Wednesday 14 th October from 10.30 am to 12 noon**

Please bring a warm coat and a drink but biscuits will be provided.

That way, the use of the kitchen will not be necessary. We shall hope to resume our regular coffee mornings inside the Village Hall as soon as the Covid restrictions allow.

You are all warmly invited, young, old and in-betweeners (!), especially all those living alone and those working from home

– we shall welcome you all!

Virginia (tel: 530360)





# WELLCOME GENOME CAMPUS

Staying At Home – October 2020

## **Virtual Open Saturday: Human Genome Project Anniversary**

*Sat 17 October, 2-4pm, online*

At this virtual version of our Campus Open Saturday we will bring you a variety of activities, topical conversations and a virtual tour of the campus, guiding you through our 125 acres site from beautiful 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Hinxton Hall to the cutting-edge sequencing laboratories, and finishing at the wilds of the wetlands nature reserve. This month, come and discover why - on its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary - the Human Genome Project was so vital, and hear about the important relationship between science and the media.

*Free but please do register in advance at <https://wgc.org.uk/engage/events>*

## **The Human Genome: The gift that keeps on giving**

### **Genome Lates: a season of public conversations celebrating the Human Genome Project anniversary**

*Thur 29 October, 6-7.30pm, online*

Do you recognize history is being made when you are part of making it? Join Dr Jane Loveland, (Annotation Project Leader, EMBL-EBI), Dr Kerstin Howe (Senior Scientific Manager, Wellcome Sanger Institute), and Dr Simon G. Gregory (Professor of Neurology, Duke University School of Medicine), in conversation with scientist and science communicator, Dr Chris Gunter, as they reflect on their contributions to the landmark Human Genome Project, the incredible impact it has had on science, medicine and society and how we apply this knowledge today.

*Free but please do register in advance at <http://bit.ly/GenomeLates>*

## THE ANN HOWSDEN CHARITY

With Coronavirus still affecting so many and the furlough scheme ending, 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.

Some of you will be aware of the Ann Howsden Charity, which 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.

Perhaps your circumstances have changed in recent months. If so, the Trustees would like to emphasise their willingness to consider applications for financial support.

Please feel free to reach out to us, using the following email address:

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or

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We will of course treat any requests in the strictest of confidence.

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### All Souls' Service at Ickleton Church on Sunday 1st November at 6.30pm.

This year's special  
All Souls' service,  
where we remember all  
those we have loved who  
have died,  
will be held at

Ickleton Church at 6.30pm  
on Sunday 1st November.

We light candles in  
memory of those we love,  
but see no longer, and hear  
their names read out.

If you would like your loved  
ones named during the  
service, there are lists in  
each of our churches or  
you can contact me, before  
October 30th, please.

Julie Baillie, LLM/Reader in  
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Hinxton and Ickleton.

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Whittlesford & Duxford

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

This summer, we ran a competition asking our young people to design a camp blanket badge to mark lockdown. The badge with the winning design will be given out when we return in September. We are so grateful to all those who took part; it was really difficult choosing a winner (they were all brilliant!) but our winner is Alex (Sirius). Best beaver design goes to Lucas (Wildwood), and Leonard (Javelins) gets Highly Commended.

With regret, our bonfire and fireworks display is cancelled. This was a difficult decision but we must adhere to significant additional restrictions and the uncertainty of

what Covid will be like in November. We also had to consider the extra work for our volunteers who are heavily engaged in re- starting scouting safely in September. Every activity is being risk assessed and strategies and mitigations put in place. The initial

focus will be outdoor activities in smaller groups. Everyone will be contacted separately. If you would like to get involved, do get in touch via our website [www.wanddscouts.org.uk](http://www.wanddscouts.org.uk) or call Carmel on 07939 507805.

## OUR BADGE WINNER

Alex (Sirius)



### BEST BEAVER DESIGN

Lucas (Wildwood)



### HIGHLY COMMENDED

Leonard (Javelins)



# Book Club Short Story 2020

**\*THE WINNER\***

## **Under the Purple Beech Tree**

**By Chloe Brown**

**The** Short Story competition was originally devised and supported by the Book Club to encourage children and aspiring adults to get a story down on paper. The Red Lion Inn sponsored the prizes. Thanks to Alex Clarke.

**No** entries were submitted by the Juniors despite a tempting £50 cash prize and only three entries came from the adult section. All three are printed on the following pages and Chloe's outstanding contribution is printed in the upcoming Autumn edition of the Hinxton Life magazine

**It** is intended to run the Competition again next year as, we suspect, several closet writers either failed to complete their story or were too shy to send it forward for judgement.. Hopefully we can encourage our kids to have a go next time.

*"Didn't she ever throw anything away? We should have offered to take her to the tip more often when she was alive!"*

Martin and Jenny had been clearing out their mother's flat in north-east London for the past four months since her death, and no weekend seemed complete without multiple trips to the recycling centre and charity shop. Their mother, Anna, had kept her two bedroomed flat immaculately tidy, but there was so much packed into it. Everything was labelled and, in its place, but going through her affairs was like playing Russian Dolls, with every box or container concealing several others within. It was starting to get to Martin's soul, and he was looking forward to moving on.

*"Jenny, are you OK?"*

She had not made any reply to his comment, but now he heard convulsive sobs coming from the master bedroom.

*"Oh, my goodness, this is so sad. I knew Mummy wasn't good at sharing her feelings, but why did she not tell us about this?"*

Jenny was looking through the contents of a box file that she had found tucked in a small space between the wardrobe and the wall. It was labelled "Cambridge Days".

Their mother had been an undergraduate at Girton College, Cambridge in the mid-60s. She was proud of having been a strident in the first institution where women could get a university education in the UK and had spoken fondly of those times to her children. She had told them about the quality of female friendships in the haven of Girton College, chatting for hours over endless cups of tea in one another's rooms. They knew she had developed her love of cycling in Cambridge, using her bike daily to go up and down the Huntingdon Road between Girton and the lecture theatres in town, "sometimes going back again in the evening to "formal hall" with a friend at one of the men's colleges or go to ballroom dancing classes. Anna had met their father, whom she

divorced after twenty years of marriage, at the firm of accountants in London where they both worked in the early 70s. He had never seemed particularly interested in the stories of her time at Cambridge University, sometimes even appearing a little jealous. However, on a couple of occasions during Jenny and Martin's childhood, they had gone as a family for a day trip to Cambridge and their mother had enjoyed showing them around and telling them tales, probably expurgated, of her adventures including midnight punting while a little tipsy, memorable concerts in college chapels and outdoor Shakespeare plays in college gardens with strawberries and Pimm's served in the interval. When Martin joined Jenny in the master bedroom, she had some of the contents of "Cambridge Days" box laid out on the bed. A photo of the most enormous and splendid purple beech tree, magnificent with its boughs spreading out and reaching to the grounds: a programme of a performance of 'As You Like It' held in the Fellow's garden at Emmanuel College in the summer of 1967; a champagne cork; a jewellery box containing a ring fashioned from a ring pull of a can; a small notebook; an obituary page from the Cambridge Evening News in 1968. She had been quietly taking the information in and piecing it together. The small notebook had a string through the ring binding with a little pencil attached.

*"So you remember Mummy lecturing us about the good old days, when nobody had phones, planning was important and telling us at the 'ladies' at Girton had a notebook on the outside of their door, where callers could leave messages if they were not in?"* Sure enough inside this notebook were short notes from callers including an entry in a confident hand. "Saturday evening was exquisite, the setting, the play, your company. If it was "As You Like It, meet me by the Duck Pond at 10pm tonight. Love, Rupert."

On the back of the photo of the purple beech tree they recognised their mother's handwriting; "Come

woo me, woo me for now I am in holiday humour and like enough to consent. Your Rosalind." The obituary was of Rupert Travers, who had graduated in English from Emmanuel College, Cambridge in 1967. He had died tragically in a road traffic accident while on a trip to Italy as part of his postgraduate work researching the work of Byron. Jenny and Martin decided that the following weekend, instead of having another weekend clearing their mother's flat, they would pay homage to her memory and young love with a trip to Cambridge. They went straight to Emmanuel College, showed the programme of the 1967 performance of "As You Like It" to the porters and explained a little about their wish to visit the Fellow's Garden, realising it was closed to visitors. An affable porter walked with them through Front Court, past the Wren Chapel and through the Paddock next to the duck pond, leaving them at the gate to the Fellow's Garden.

*"Take your time and enjoy your visit."*

As Martin and Jenny turned into the Fellow's Garden, their jaws dropped as they took in the splendid purple beech tree, every bit as majestic as it was in the photo taken by their mother 50 years before. They walked to the space created by the boughs of the tree falling to the ground.

*"So I guess Mother drank a bottle of champagne with Rupert here by candlelight and he gave her the home-made ring as a token of his love."*

"Wow, I could learn from that" said Martin, still a bachelor in his forties.

Jenny had tears in her eyes and a lump in her throat.

*"How beautiful, and how sad that he died so young. Poor Dad, he could never have lived up to that. No wonder Mummy always had a wistful look when we came here."*

### **A (Very) Short Story by Dick Jones**

That includes a Tree Ring or Two (or Three)

"Dendrochronology. I might be able to arrange it,

But, I might not," he said, cryptically.

"In any case how does the rig enter?"

The End



# The Doll with Obsidian Eyes

by Mike Boagey

It is not unusual for there to be a magical bond between a grandmother and her first-born granddaughter. This relationship is even more exceptional if they happen to have been born in the same month and on the same day.

Polly and her granny Woods shared this wonderful connexion and despite their considerable age difference, they were as close as twin sisters. They had just shared a unique birthday party as Polly had just turned eighteen and her grandmother was now a sprightly ninety years old. Walking granny home to Ickleton should only take about twenty minutes but tonight they dawdled and stopped frequently enjoying the balmy warmth of that very special June evening. The old lady seemed to have a story about each tree and every style they crossed. She recalled childhood tales as if they happened yesterday.

As they walked along, arm in arm, she could feel all the warmth and energy emanating from this lovely little sparrow of a lady. Polly had always been the favourite grandchild but since losing her eyesight twelve years ago, she had come to rely on her young protégé more and more. They were still dressed in their matching satin outfits and busily chatted about the events of a long and happy day spent with all their friends and family.

When they arrived at the garden gate with the camomile path leading to the tiny thatched cottage, she turned to Polly.

*"I'm glad we are on our own, darling".* she said, looking up but not seeing. *"There is something I want you to have today that I have been saving for you since you were very little".*

*"But you have already given me so much".* Polly protested.

She waved away the objection and clung to her arm even closer pulling her to the door. They approached the little thatched cottage and not for the first time, Polly wondered how her grandparents had brought up their four children and their disabled younger brother in this tiny house, all on a farm labourer's wage. *"Come in and sit down for a minute".*

Polly looked around the little sitting room, reassured by the neat chintz and the abundance of framed photos and pictures adorning walls and surfaces, illustrating a lifetime of family dedication. Despite being blind, this room was always in pristine condition, ready for unexpected guests.

*"Just take this from me, Polly"* she said holding out the little ornament she had unerringly selected from the crowded mantelpiece. Penny realised it was the little doll that looked over then room from above the fire. It had been hand-carved from a single branch, coloured but with eyes painted completely black. Her favourite bedtime story was about the day that granny Woods had been given this very doll by a beautiful angel who met her when she was a

child in Hinxton. She believed that the doll had looked over her all through her life, keeping her safe and happy.

*"This is now yours to keep, darling child".* She smiled *"She will look after you and your children, just as she has mine".* She reached out and touched her face in order to read her reaction. Polly was lost for words. She knew how much this meant to her Granny but realised that it was her wish that she should inherited it.

*"Thank you. Thank you so much."* They hugged.

She vowed to cherish it for the rest of her life.

It was still light when she finally left, owing to a full moon and a clear sky, so she decided walk along the riverbank to the iron bridge. She would cross there and take the narrow path towards the church. As she approached the bridge, a dense mist suddenly descended over the water reducing visibility to a couple of yards. As she emerged across the river, she could see a huge tree with heavy branches hanging over the path. Under the tree were two young children playing quietly. As she approached, they stood up. The girl had bright eyes and long blond hair. The boy seemed to have a problem standing up using a small

crooked stick. His left foot was obviously deformed. She reached out to help him, but the little girl stopped her by standing between them. *"Don't worry about my brother. I like your dress. What is that you are holding?"* She asked pointing to the doll.

*"It was a present"* she replied and held the doll out for inspection. *"She is lovely. Who made it? Who gave it to you?"*

The questions came thick and fast and before she realised what had happened, she had agreed to let this girl have the doll to play with until tomorrow. Polly was going back to Ickleton in the morning so reluctantly agreed, providing she promised to look after her. *"The only person I will ever give it to, will be you"* she solemnly vowed.

Half heartedly Polly moved on up the path towards the High Street. Only then did she realise that she didn't know the girls' name or where she lived. Looking back there was no sign of the girl or her brother.

Once home she reflected on all the events of the day and gradually fell into a fitful sleep. Tomorrow she would find the girl and retrieve the doll.

At breakfast, she asked her Mum if she knew the girl with a brother with a limp. Now she was worried and decided to go looking for them on the way back to granny's house to help her with her shopping. Within an hour it became apparent that no one knew the children and now she was running late. She decided to tell her granny exactly what happened last night and headed off to confront her with the truth.

The front door was on the latch as usual and Polly crept in and called out so that she didn't frighten Nanna.

The very first thing she saw as she entered the front room was the little doll with black eyes standing on the mantle. Just as she always had.





# **LIGHT UP HINXTON**

**Put up your Christmas  
lights**

**For the Hinxtton light up on  
DECEMBER 5TH**

**Everyone switch on at 6:00pm**

**Prize for the best display**

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**Afterwards**

**Peruse the streets of Hinxtton  
and see the displays**

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**Wander by the Village Hall and  
get your glass of mulled wine**



# THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)



Ashdon's former parish workhouse

In these strange times we have seen people unable to attend their place of work. Many have been supported by a furlough scheme. Over the years, governments have taken various steps to care for the poor and those unable to work.

The Act for the Relief of the Poor of 1601 made parishes legally responsible for parishioners who could not work. Most assistance was given as "outdoor relief", meaning financial help but with people able to remain in their own homes.



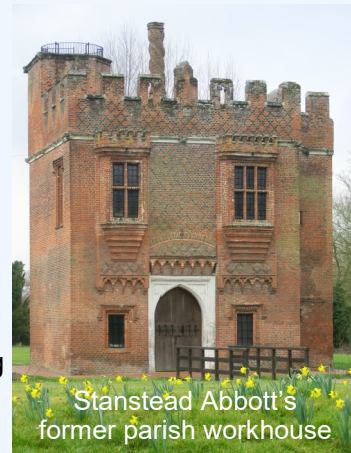
Great Dunmow's former parish workhouse

The Workhouse Test Act of 1723 obliged anyone seeking relief to enter a workhouse operated by the parish. Several of these buildings have survived including those at Ashdon, Clavering, Finchingfield, Newport and Stanstead Abbots.



Buntingford's former parish workhouse

Under the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 individual parishes were grouped together in a Poor Law Union which was responsible for constructing and operating a central "Union" workhouse for the larger area. Many survive and have been re-purposed.



Stanstead Abbott's former parish workhouse

Great Dunmow's Union workhouse has changed very little in appearance since it was built in 1838 at a cost of £8,000 to house 350 inmates. One of the architects, George Gilbert Scott was a prolific workhouse designer who later designed the Albert Memorial and St Pancras Station.



Clavering's former parish workhouse

The Union workhouse at Buntingford was built in 1836 to house 160 people from 16 surrounding parishes. It closed in 1933 and is now owned by a local housing association.



Linton's former parish workhouse

Linton built its workhouse in 1837 in Symonds Lane to accommodate 230 inmates. Today it is a retirement home.

Saffron Walden's workhouse, built in 1836 for 340 inmates, became a hospital and is now apartments.

Life in the workhouse was hard; families were split, husbands separated from wives and parents from their children - a stark contrast to today's benefits systems.

Ken McDonald, Secretary.



Finchingfield's former parish workhouse



**Flu Vaccinations 2020**

If you are an “at risk” patient, please make sure you have booked your flu vaccination. If our clinics are full at the time of you ringing, we will place you on a waiting list and you will be contacted as soon a clinic becomes available. Please be assured that all “at risk” patients will receive a flu vaccination.

If you are unsure whether you are “at risk” please go to  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/who-should-have-flu-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/who-should-have-flu-vaccine/)  
**Coronavirus**

As we are all very aware, the Covid situation is ever evolving. To keep up to date with the very latest information please go to

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>  
and

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We look forward to hearing from you.



# Anthony Browne MP

Keeping in touch with South Cambridgeshire

I have been out and about across the constituency over the last few weeks, seeing first-hand some of the fantastic work being done by residents as well as understanding the troubles that many have faced. From tackling flooding in Bar Hill to meeting with innovating local businesses in Oakington to sneaking a behind-the-scenes look at IWM Duxfords latest exhibits, it has been a genuine pleasure to be back out and about. Scroll down to see just a snapshot of my visits over the past few weeks, and how that is translating into action both locally and in Westminster.

I also had the chance, one or two times, to help out by eating out! I was delighted to see that over 122,000 meals have been claimed for by the 107 restaurants, cafes and pubs in our area, proof that local people are supporting out local businesses. I have no doubt that there are businesses in South Cambridgeshire today which, without this brilliant scheme, may not have made it through the summer. I hope local people will continue to support them in the months ahead

Meanwhile, in the House of Commons we are back where MPs belong – scrutinising legislation and holding the government to account. You will read below of attempts to hold defecting MPs to account and calling out the undemocratic behaviour of Extinction Rebellion. With the spectre of Brexit raising its head, have no doubt that this Parliament will continue to hold the Government to account.

However, while I am glad to be looking forward, conquering this invisible enemy remains a key part of our lives. Please do continue to follow social distancing requirements and wear masks when prompted.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about your local area, please do email me at [anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk) or go to my website [www.anthonybrowne.org](http://www.anthonybrowne.org).

**Anthony Browne MP**



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## Getting ready for winter

As the colder months draw in, we begin using our fires, burners and chimneys once again to warm our homes. Chimney Fires continue to be a common occurrence in home fires in the winter months.

**To ensure you keep your home safe from fire, follow our top tips below:**

- Whatever fire you have or fuel you burn it is vitally important to have your chimney swept to avoid a build-up of ash and soot
- Avoid burning resinous woods (that quickly build up soot)
- Only burn fuels suitable for your burner (eg. never burn anything other than wood in a wood burner)
- Do not overload the grate/ appliance
- Do not bank fires too high and remember to let them burn out well before you go to bed
- Check the hearth, floor and furnishings near the fire for hot sparks/embers
- Do not place objects on or over the mantelpiece which cause you to stand too close to the fire in order to reach them
- Use a fire/spark guard to prevent accidental fires and make sure it has the kite mark or conforms to British/ European standards
- Inspect your chimney breast, particularly the roof space. Make sure it is sound and sparks/fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks.

Most importantly, always fit a smoke alarm and test your alarm weekly, and ensure a Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarm is installed in the room where the burner is.  
For more information log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

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## Test your smoke alarm!

Did you know that you should test your smoke alarms at least once a month? Or that you should have smoke alarms on every floor of your home? Or that Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service do free home visits to make sure your home is fire safe?

Visit this website for helpful tips and advice: <https://firekills.campaign.gov.uk/>

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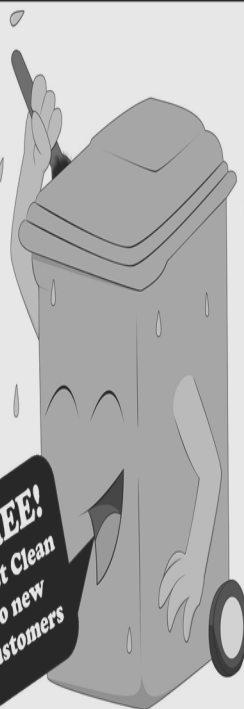
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# VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

Next Thursday there will be auditions for the choir.

They need all the help they can get.

The vicar would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

A talk on drugs will be given at the next Mothers' Union meeting. This will be followed by a bring and buy sale.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

We are pleased to note that there has been a change of mind by the Housing Department regarding the name for the new Housing complex for the elderly. 'St Peter's Close' did seem somewhat inappropriate.

This month from David Mills

Please email your suggestions



Photo from Sonya Ansell





## October Greetings to Hinxton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

Thank you to all those continuing to visit us to  
“**Help Out**”.

We continue to adapt our operation to the  
changing landscape.

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

To boost our quieter days we are offering a **free pudding** with every main course on Mondays and Tuesday up until 20<sup>th</sup> October. Strictly bookings only through the website with more than 24 hours' notice – mentioning “**Free Puds**” on booking.

We also have a “**Stay Local – Help Local**” Accommodation Offer until the end of October – book a double room and receive **£30 food credit** per couple per night. Strictly bookings only through the website with more than 24 hours' notice – mentioning “Stay Local” upon booking. A perfect opportunity to invite some friends or relations over while you can.

We are fortunate to have particularly strong teams in place at the moment – congratulations due to them for the fantastic feedback they are picking up (<https://tableagent.com/dashboard/red-lion-hinxton/feedback/>).

We have plenty of well-spaced **tables of up to six** both inside and out, so no problem there.

**Please continue to book online from the website or drop us an email or phone message if you are planning to visit – with as much notice as possible. This really helps us space and distance everyone.**

Keep well and safe.

Alex, Nikol, Shane, Kris and the teams

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## Hinxton Yoga is back!

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