

HINXTON NEWS

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These tiny works of art with their lovely messages, grace our walls and shelves for a few weeks either side of Christmas. Here are a few of this year's favourites. Don't you just love the Pigs in Blankets?





Dear Readers

One of the finest privileges an Editor enjoys is having the final say about what is published. Naturally, it follows that they also get the first say in what is considered. This issue is no exception and from the moment the wedding invitation went out, I relished the prospect of the rare occasion of a true Hinxton born lass being married in her village church surrounded by an adoring host of people she has known all her life. This issue is dedicated to Anna and Felix and all the Russell family.

Merv and Linda Russell arrived in Hinxton in 1978. They are both loved and appreciated by all who know them and whilst never shrugging off their 'umble East End beginnings, they are as much a part of the village as anyone could be. Their beautiful daughters, Anna and Lauren were both born at the "Rosie". They attended local primary and secondary schools, then lived at home in Hinxton until they found their way in the big wide world. Anna was insistent that this was the wedding venue of her choice.

Well, thank you Anna. We all had the best day.

Mike

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Making Sense of the Bible

Have you ever tried reading the Bible?
You may already know it well.

You may have a vague idea of what it's about, remembering something from school days
You may never have opened it and thought you weren't interested.

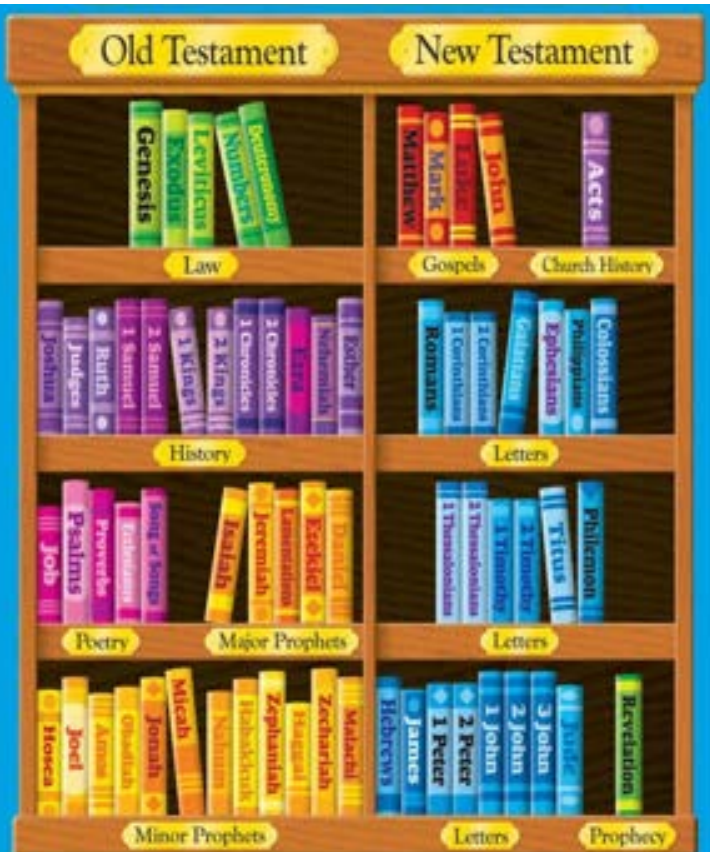
This is a video course produced by the Bible Society and is very accessible, interesting, and open to everyone, there will be time to chat and, if you wish, time to discuss the video content afterwards.

Dates: The course starts on Friday 1st March and will last for 8 weeks (*we won't be meeting on Good Friday, March 29th*)

Time: 9:30 - 12:30 Come a little earlier and grab a coffee from Cafe 19 on your way in.

Venue: Duxford Community Centre

For further details please contact the Parish Administrator,
hinkleduxpa@gmail.com



World Day of Prayer Friday 1st March

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 146 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world - through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas, before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

This year's service has been written by the Christian women of Palestine and the theme is 'I beg you, bear with one another in love.'

You are invited to join us at 2.00pm on Friday 1st March at Saffron Walden Baptist Church, at the top of the High Street, by the war memorial. There will be refreshments after the service.

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'Know Your Local Church'

On the 16th February at 7pm, Adrian Powter will be giving an informative talk about the features and history of our church.

This hatchment is a copy of one of the original seven the Church has stored away from harm. **Phil Lowndes** used a high resolution camera to produce a series of images that can be blown up without losing definition. The image was then printed on linen paper and mounted on a wooden frame by the Saffron Walden Community Shed.
It now hangs near the font for all to see.



The Friends of Hinxtton Church

CHURCH NEWS

a message from Lydia

Who is this?

He's the patron saint of beekeepers and greetings card manufacturers. His name is used for the Chicago prohibition era murders associated with Al Capone's South Side Gang. You can see what is reputed to be his skull, decorated with a crown of flowers, in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin in Rome.

Who is he? St Valentine, of course. Whilst St Valentine has been remembered on 14th February since 496, the association of the feast with hearts and flowers is less clear. There were at least two, perhaps three, Valentines by the late 5th century who could have been in the frame. The Valentine we honour today is most likely the priest from Rome who was martyred during the time of Emperor Claudius II, when Christianity was a banned religion. One of the stories told about him is that through his prayers he healed the blind daughter of his jailer and, on the day of his execution, left her a letter, signed (as we do now) *your Valentine*...

This year, however, there may seem to be a bit of a clash of celebrations: the day of flowers and chocolates – St Valentine's Day – coincides with the day that the church focuses on a rather more ascetic approach to life. February 14th this year is also Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, when there are no flowers in church and lots of us give up lovely things like chocolate for the six weeks until Easter. The rare meeting of St Valentine's Day and the start of Lent last happened in 2018 and will occur once more this century in 2029

Of course, Lent need not be about giving things up: It can also mean taking on new, positive ways of living, whether that's a bit of self-improvement in the form of a new exercise regime or a promise to help your community or neighbours in need. What's happening in our churches in Lent this year? We begin the season with an Ash Wednesday service on 14th February at 7.00pm at Duxford Church. We are also planning a Lent study course called *Making sense of the Bible: A chance to think about the stories behind the Bible as we have it and consider what the Bible is for us today.* Watch our website for details.

Best wishes
Lydia



'At Last' ... Beyonce

Made famous by Etta James but, this version, live at Barack Obama's inaugural ball in 2009, is superb and meant so much at that time.

'Fire and Rain' ... James Taylor

This guy has been a friend to Linda and I as long as we have known each other. We played "Sweet Baby James" album for hours in her university room in Swansea. Such a great voice.

'The Love Duet' ...Puccini

Such great music in opera. We were lucky enough to see this at the Sydney Opera House. Magical !

Angel ... Sarah McLachlan

First heard this doing the Dad's Taxi service for Anna late home and this started to play on the car radio. The pair of us were mesmerised by her voice and couldn't get out of the car.

'I Can't Make You Love Me' ... Bonnie Raitt

Of my eight choices, this is probably my favourite. Such sad lyrics and beautiful piano by Brian Hornsby. Lauren and I went to the Gaumont, Ipswich to see her live. We were dancing in the aisle.

'Suite Judy Blue Eyes' ... Cosby Stills & Nash

Great memories of sixth form in East London sitting in my friend Malcom's front room listening to this new band—something so new and so exciting. Brilliant harmonies. (No revision or homework ever got done!)

'The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face' ..George Michael

Came quite late to being a fan of George Michael and found this on YouTube. Looking to see what he had recorded . This live version is just amazing.

'Scenes From an Italian Restaurant' ... Billy Joel

This song has everything. A great storyline, wonderful orchestration and lovely clarinet and saxophone solos. Billy at his best.

Merv Russell
has chosen his
eight favourite
songs for us to
enjoy.

*"So difficult to choose
eight, I could have
picked a lot more!"*

Merv



Linda's Amazing Cook Book

I have a copy of Delia Smith's 'FOOD AID COOKERY BOOK', published in 1986 as a follow-on fundraiser for Live Aid. (Our daughter Anna was christened in Hinxton church the day after the Live Aid concert. She spent most of the concert day dancing in her dad's arms to Queen, U2, Status Quo et al.)

I'm thinking that the times we are living through are in many ways as bleak for some poor souls as those endured by Africa in 1985. Ronnie Barker sent this recipe for the cookbook. If you choose to make his recipe, maybe update the amount, and send to a charity close to your heart?

Linda



Ronnie Barker's £5 Note Sandwich

2 slices brown bread
1 brown envelope
4 oz (110 g) ham
2 oz (50 g) cheese
1 tbs mayo
One £5 note
1 tsp Gentleman's Relish

Lightly butter the bread. Chop ham into small pieces. Fold the chopped ham and grated cheese into the mayonnaise, and spread on to one of the slices of bread. Place the other slice of bread on top, and cut in half diagonally.

Fold £5 note into envelope, whisk off to FOOD AID and eat the sandwich with relish, knowing that someone else will eat with the £5 note.





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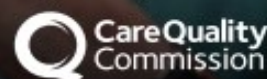
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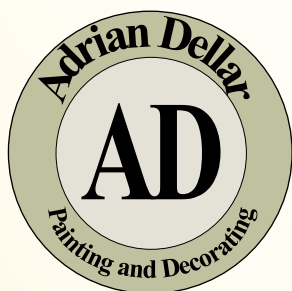
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Hinxton Parish Council:

Notes from meeting held 8th January 2024

Before the meeting started, **Sam Nichols** and **Emma Senior** handed in their resignations from the Parish Council. The PC thanked both Sam and Emma for all their hard work over the past few years and said that they will be sorely missed.

A new Chair will be voted on at the next meeting.

Clerk will advertise the vacancies on the website, Facebook, and Notice-board.

Peter McDonalds report can be found on the website but in brief: "Sam Nichols and Emma Senior have stepped down from their respective roles as chair and member of Hinxton Parish Council because of family and work commitments. The village owes a big debt of gratitude to both for their untiring work for the village at a time of huge challenges as the Wellcome development gathers pace.

We need two residents to fill their places as soon as possible, two new councillors to support the work of the Parish Council, which currently meets once every two months. The role of the parish councillor is described by the Local Government Association as someone who "serves as **representatives and advocates for local communities** and who can be a useful sounding board for local opinion. Town and parish councils also have important rights of consultation".

You do not need any qualifications to be a parish councillor, just a commitment to your community and a willingness to give some time towards achieving the best outcomes for all the villagers. It is because of an intervention by HPC led by Sam Nichols that the money available for the village hall to mitigate the Wellcome development was more than doubled to £600,000.

At this point in the election cycle you would become a co-opted member. If you are interested you need to be "be an elector for the area in which you would like to stand, **or** have either owned property, lived or worked in that area throughout the 12 months immediately before you are nominated. (In the case of parish and town council elections, you may be eligible if you live, work or own land within 4.8 kms of the boundary of that area).

If you are interested please contact Mrs Anne Charteris, the Parish Clerk at clerk@hinxton-pc.org.uk 10, Duxford Road, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1RB, or any current councillor."

Green Business Programme South Cambridgeshire District Council has launched the Green Business Programme, an 18-month project to help local businesses go green, working in partnership with neighbouring local authorities. Grants are available to help businesses reduce their carbon footprint, reduce energy costs and work towards Net Zero.

Cost of living support The District Council is urging residents who may need support through the cost-of-living crisis to check they are claiming all the benefits they may be entitled to. The council is also offering extensive advice on reducing energy bills and other available help, including food

banks. Please do get in touch if you need any more information.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/south-cambridgeshire-residents-urged-to-utilise-cost-of-living-support/>

Cambridge 2040' update On 19 December, the Rt Hon Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, unveiled updated plans for the Government's 'Cambridge 2040' vision, with proposals for "northwards" of 150,000 new homes around Cambridge. A joint statement from our local authorities said, "We note ... that the number of new homes ... has come down from 250,000 to 150,000, but this is still substantially more than the over 50,000 homes we have identified as needed ... – a number which will already be incredibly challenging to bring forward

County Council Budget In December I reported that we were facing a £23m gap in funding for 2024/25 because of inflation and other factors. This has now been closed to c.£2m.

Wellcome Trust Campus Development. No-one from the PC was able to attend the recent Community Liaison Group meeting held just before Christmas. The survey was then discussed as there was some confusion as to whether a full survey or a condition survey was needed. It was agreed that Clerk would contact James Tipping (Planner at SCDC) for confirmation, then to arrange for survey to be done when the Village Hall was not booked, Payment would come out of the reserves held for Village Hall work.

Playground. A revised quote of £500 was received from Kompan, the repair for the Pirate ship would be booked.

Highways. Local Highways Improvement application for Hunts Lane to be made one way has been submitted by Clerk.

Ford signage. Parts needed to attach to poles have now been received, signs will be put up.

Gritting scheme. This has been applied for but nothing received as yet, it was agreed to put bin by the Village Hall.

War Memorial refurbishment. Clerk still waiting for quote for the work to be done.

Precept and Budget- decide on the Precept for the year 2024/2025 using Budget This was discussed at length, it was decided that due to the cost-of-living problem, that the Precept will remain at the same figure as last year-£16,585.00

FINANCE

Bank Balances at 31st Dec 2023

Current A/C £21,266.73

Business /AC £11,143.58

Village Hall sec 106 /AC £7560.49

Total: £39,970.80

Dates of next Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall March 11th 2024



The Wedding
23rd
St Mary &

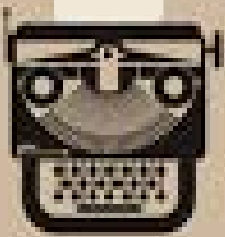


Wedding of Anna & Felix

1 December 2023

St John Church, Hinxton

the HINXTON WRITING COMPETITION



2024

JUNIORS & SENIORS

£50 cash prize for each age group winner

R U L E S

- A poem or story on the theme of **'CLIMATE CHANGE'**
- Juniors under 16 on 1st January 2024 ..max 500 words
- Seniors....max 1000 words
- Submit finished work by 1st May 2024
to Sara Gregson, 87 High Street, Hinxton
- Judged by Hinxton Book Club

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday March 16th at 7pm

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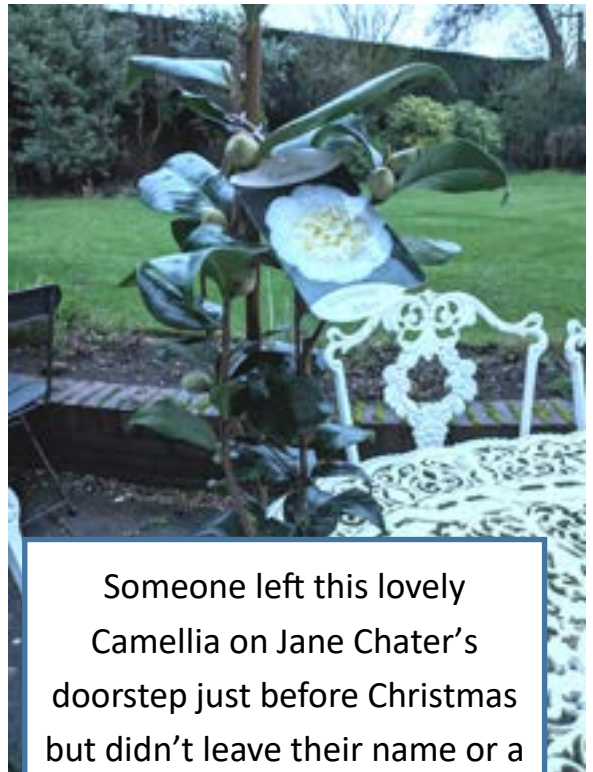
Happy February to all from us all at The Red Lion.
Thank you to those who made our latest Tapas Night at the
end of last month. This “small plates” special events pro-
gramme will definitely be continuing this
year – so standby for next dates and do post in any re-
quests for a particular round the world cuisine you would
like to see show cased.

We will be celebrating St Valentine’s Night with a special
menu – see website—on Wednesday 14 th February. Avail-
able for tables booked in advance only – please book
ahead.

Do sign up to our Newsletter to keep up to date.

Best wishes to all

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



Someone left this lovely
Camellia on Jane Chater’s
doorstep just before Christmas
but didn’t leave their name or a
card.

Jane would love to say thanks
but *who is it ?*

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Letter from Oz

Here I am back in Melbourne. It is almost exactly two years ago since I returned from here to Hinxton, after the covid period. *How is it?* I am being asked. Well, they have a new government which is more acceptable to everyone I know, but it seems not much has changed. They have all the same preoccupations that we have in the UK. Cost of living rises and shortages and massive increases in the cost of housing. They probably feel even more concerned about climate change.

I first arrived in the state of Victoria in 2009, on Black Friday, which is remembered for some of the most devastating fires ever. 173 people died and over 1,000,000 acres of land were burned, which I witnessed from the air. This time it could not have been more different. It's been cold for much of the time, very stormy and interspersed with the odd humid day over C30.

Christmas was interesting. As usual we headed north, in warm sunshine, to stay with in-laws. By 6pm rain was torrential, followed by thunder, lightening, hail and then at 8pm we were plunged into darkness. The emergency generator failed too, leaving us without power or water. The wood burning stove was lit as the temperature plummeted and candles were lit, creating a very cosy atmosphere. On Christmas Day I looked out over green pastures, usually brown at this time of year, it was raining steadily and it felt like summer in Ireland. But we did have a lovely Christmas orchestrated by the excitement of my young grandsons. And thanks to the valiant individuals who worked to restore the power on

Christmas morning. Other parts of the country have fared much worse, with Queensland being devastated by tropical cyclone Jasper, which caused massive damage to buildings and severe flooding.



I don't have amazing tales to tell. Life has been about the joys of being with family. On my first day here I took the dog for a walk covering roads walked endlessly during covid when we were only allowed out for an hour a day. I was surprised by the strong

visceral memories of the anxiety of those times which came flooding back.

Perhaps the most uniquely memorable experience of this holiday has been visiting **The Lume Gallery**, the largest (I am told) digital art gallery in the world. Perhaps you have experienced one but it was a first for me.





It is a four storey high space with multiple surfaces arranged around a large area. The art works are projected onto the walls and floor. The **"Connections Exhibition"** we were privileged to see was one of the the best of First Nation Art. The paintings related to, and informed about, the 65,000 years of history, traditions, landscape and culture of Australia's original inhabitants. I am sorry I won't be here to see the exhibition which follows of Van Gogh and see if it works so well, for me, with familiar, non abstract paintings.

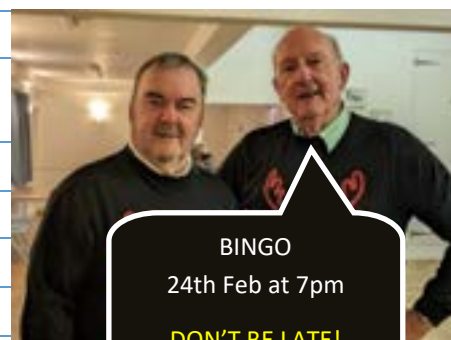
This week all the family is on holiday staying in a rather grand, but slightly run down homestead, built by one of the original settlers who moved to this area in the early 19th century. In parts it feels like a museum as family photos, taken over the course of a century, adorn the walls, out numbered only by those of horses that seem to have won races during a parallel period. It is beautifully positioned on the edge of a plateau looking towards the mountains of the Yarra Valley, Victoria's oldest wine growing area, the produce of which has flowed too copiously during the two birthdays we have celebrated this week. At the end of the week, family members begin to drift back to UK. I will stay on until the end of the school holidays and then head to Sri Lanka to see old friends and much loved places.

All good wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy 2024.

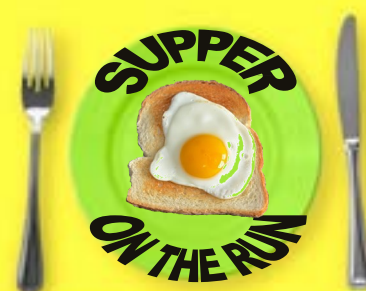
Theresa



1st	Thursday	Hinxton Church—6pm—Compline
2nd	Friday	Hinxton Walkers—Meet 930 Village Hall –Pippa Osborne Hinxton Church—Prayers for our World in Conflict—1200-1230
3rd	Saturday	
4th	Sunday	
5th	Monday	
6th	Tuesday	 Black Bin Collection
7th	Wednesday	
8th	Thursday	Hinxton Church—6pm—Compline
9th	Friday	Hinxton Church—Prayers for our World in Conflict—1200-1230
10th	Saturday	Come and Sing in Ickleton Church—2-5pm— in aid of Youthinc. All welcome.
11th	Sunday	Church Service—Barn Hinxton—Holy Communion
12th	Monday	Parish Council Meeting—7.30pm—village hall
13th	Tuesday	 Blue & Green Bin Collection (The only Green bin in February)
14th	Wednesday	Coffee Morning –1030-1200– Village Hall Wetlands Mid Winter Walk—12-1 –Wooden Bridge Red Lion Pub– St Valentine's Night
15th	Thursday	Hinxton Church—6pm—Compline
16th	Friday	Hinxton Church—Prayers for our World in Conflict—1200-1230 "Know your Local Church" A talk by Adrian Powder in Hinxton Church 7pm
17th	Saturday	
18th	Sunday	Church Service—10am Hinxton—Holy Communion
19th	Monday	
20th	Tuesday	 Black Bin Collection
21st	Wednesday	Mobile Library—Church Green—1220
22nd	Thursday	Hinxton Church—6pm—Compline
23rd	Friday	Hinxton Church—Prayers for our World in Conflict—1200-1230
24th	Saturday	BINGO for VEGETABLES 7pm– eyes down 730pm
25th	Sunday	
26th	Monday	
27th	Tuesday	 Blue Bin Collection
28th	Wednesday	
29th	Thursday	



Put it in your Diary now.
The Fete will be held on
Saturday 8th of June



**Coming again to
Hinxton
On
Saturday
11TH MAY**

Details to follow

QUIZ NIGHT

16th March

In March all Diary entries must be submitted by the 20th to Jeremy Coleman

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