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from the Editor

This month we have nothing particularly contentious to offer other than the quality of my writing! Many of you looked forward to Linda's recipe in the February edition and discovered it was missing! The consolation was Steve's excellent article about his Mother's old recipes. There is no reason to bore you with why this transposition happened, but this is compensated for by having Linda this time and then she has offered to help to carry the feature forward. *So, thankfully, we are now in safe hands.*

Anyone who lives in the countryside is well aware of the problems associated with the shifting of sugar beet. It is a messy job that can be made a lot worse in wet weather. So it came as no surprise that North End Road suffered when the farmer decided to load his vehicle through the hedge opposite the resident's homes and failed to clear up afterwards. The verge was badly damaged and the road left in a poor way scattered with lumps of mud. Only after a complaint did **Robert Smith**, the farmer, meet three of our Parish Councillors to discuss the problem. This is something of an own goal as Mr Smith is a major player with SmithsonHill and this incident does nothing to demonstrate their interest in our village. Having heard the protest he agreed to repair the roadside and clear up the mess.

The Hinxton **Nextdoor** membership has now risen to 64. This website is the modern equivalent of chatting over the garden fence with the added bonus of seeing other news that would not normally be made public. We will gradually see the benefit of this as we come together to tackle some of the problems we are faced with and it is important that we encourage our friends and neighbours to subscribe in order to join the conversation.

Hinxtonians enjoyed two great community events in February; the **Quiz** and **Supper on the Run**. The village hall was packed with quizzers from near and far. Much wine and beer was consumed and the Fish & Chip supper was perfectly timed to save us from total starvation. All the financial details can be found on page 22.

Yvonne & Peter (*the Bruce and Anthea of the quiz*

world) set a balanced set of questions, peppered with the odd difficult one to sort the clever people from the really clever people.

Lots of thanks to Ros & Graham Smith and helpers for an entertaining evening.

Supper on the Run never fails to succeed and this year was no exception. Everyone involved always tries so hard and it's good to meet new and old neighbours over a special meal. At about 8:30 the High Street got quite crowded with people walking up and down to go to their next course.

All credit to **Lesley Mills** for flawless organisation and special thanks to **Tim Robinson** for the choux pastry swans. Unfortunately, I could only manage six.

Our next big Village event will be the annual **Fete**. This year we will have a Royal theme (*it is the Queen's birthday after all*). To amuse the kids there will be a **handicap horse race** and the adults can compete in the **jousting competition**. A regal photo booth and a **King & Queen of the Day** competition will also feature amongst all the usual favourites.

Lots more detail will follow in successive Hinxton News's but if you can help in any way or come forward with ideas please contact **Ros Smith 532064**

Our Hinxton News tribute to **Joan Pettett** rightly occupies our centre pages. Sadly, I never did get the opportunity to get to know Joan very well but my one prevailing memory is the look on her face when Andrew Walker gallantly presented her with his winning raffle prize at the Talent Night a couple of years ago.

Her glowing smile came from deep inside and her eyes sparkled with true pleasure.

She was a lovely, honest person who will be sorely missed.

Mike

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For Sunday.....

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Flowers

04 March	Sue Elliott & Virginia Walker	Lent – no flowers
11 March – Mothering Sunday	Julie Baillie & Margaret Malcolm	Lent – no flowers
18 March	Linda Russell & Joan Roberts	Lent – no flowers
25 March – Palm Sunday	Jane Chater & Kate Riley	Lent – no flowers
01 April – Easter Day	If you have half-an-hour to spare, please come along to help clean and decorate the church for Easter on Saturday morning (31 March) around 10.00 am. Thank you.	

A message from Petra

This time last month I was looking at the remains of the Christmas tree and reflecting on Candlemas as a pivotal point in the church calendar. This month, as I look out onto a blustery day, there are swathes of snowdrops right across the bottom of the garden and small patches of blue crocuses dot about the lawn, a reminder that Winter is coming to an end and bringing the promise of new life and hope that Spring might be on the way at last.

Over the last couple of weeks I have led two funerals, a wedding and two baptisms. All of these 'occasional offices' (as they are called) give us members of the clergy a very special and privileged access to people at very poignant and exceptional times of their lives. With three medieval churches, I am often reminded that these buildings are where the people of these villages have gathered for hundreds of years to observe the pattern of the church year – Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest, and to acknowledge the changing patterns and cycles of human life and death. The walls feel soaked with the prayers of former generations offered up in joyful praise or murmured petition, pain or sorrow and, as we gather together, moments of our own lives too, are somehow contained within.

These buildings are significant landmarks in each of the villages. People who are not regular church-goers will often turn out to sing carols at Christmas or Easter or to join in the Harvest Festival. Others may pop in quietly to offer up a prayer in times of trouble and need. Families gather to say goodbye to loved ones using prayers that have been said thousands of times before, or to welcome a baby at an ancient stone font where water has been poured in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for centuries, or to celebrate the joy of two becoming one in marriage; exchanging rings where many village couples have pledged their troth as the bells rang out in celebration.

The Church of England Parish system was designed so that there is a church in every community. Every corner of England has a focal point from which the village or town is ministered to. Every person, of any faith or none, is entitled to ministry from their parish church; may be baptised there, may be married there or may have their funeral there and, if it is still open for burials, may have their mortal remains laid to rest there. Church registers contain the life stories of the community; before the days of birth certificates, the only record of the date of a birth (or, as it says in older registers 'alleged date of birth'). There are folk whose birth, marriage and death will be contained in the books in one church – even today.

So welcome. Welcome to all of these buildings. Welcome to our services or our events. Welcome – come in to look around or to offer up a private prayer or two. If you would like information about services, weddings, baptisms, funerals or a conversation or prayer, please do be in touch. This is your church. These are your churches.

Welcome.

CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

Fri 2nd March Women's World Day of Prayer

3.00 at *St Peter's, Duxford* followed by tea.

Sun 4th March

8.00 Holy Communion BCP *Duxford*

10.00 Parish Communion *Hinxton*

6.30 Evensong *Ickleton*

Sun 11th MOTHERING SUNDAY

10.00 All-age Communion *Duxford*

10.00 All-age service *Hinxton and Ickleton*

5.00 Taizé Service *Ickleton*

Sun 18th

8.00 Holy Communion BCP *Ickleton*

10.00 Parish Communion *Hinxton*

6.30 Evening service *Duxford*

with prayers for healing and wholeness

Thurs 22nd

TIDDLERS Baby/Toddler/Preschool group at
Duxford, St Peter's

Sun. 25th PALM SUNDAY – HOLY WEEK

10.00 Joint service with procession from

the Chapel at 9.30. *Ickleton*

Mon 26th

8.00 pm Compline *Hinxton*

Tues 27th

6.00 pm Haydn's Seven Last Word's from
the Cross *Ickleton*

8.00 pm Compline *Ickleton*

Wed 28th

6.30 pm Stations of the Cross with
meditations at *St John's, Duxford*

8.00 pm Compline *Duxford*

Thurs 29th

8.00 pm Maundy Thursday service with
washing of feet followed by Watch,
Duxford

Fri 30th

10.00 am Easter Garden making *Hinxton*

12.00 noon Three hour devotion *Hinxton*

Sun 1st April EASTER SUNDAY

10.00 am Festival Eucharist, *Duxford,*
Hinxton and Ickleton

**YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO ANY OR
ALL OF THE ABOVE**

Please contact Petra, the Priest in charge, for any
further information petra@hinkledux.com or
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ROSEMARY'S RAMBLINGS

Hello



This is the month when spring officially arrives up and down the country and if you want to be ahead of the action you certainly need to be out in the garden now.

March is such an exciting month after the enforced lethargy of winter and I for one am desperate to get outside and blow away the cobwebs.

This is a great time to prune roses and shrubs following with a general fertiliser.

If you are tempted to mow the lawn do set the blades on high for the first few cuts, rake to remove winter debris and apply moss killer if needed.

Seedlings of sweet peas started in the autumn or January should be ready to plant out now.

If you would like to spread out your snowdrops around the garden they are best dug up and moved "in the green" as dried bulbs really have trouble establishing. If you have spotted a variety you like in someone else's garden I'm sure they would share a small clump with you.

In the vegetable plot March is the month for planting early potatoes and asparagus crowns.

I have been writing my ramblings for 12 months now and would like to try a question and answer format. Please get in touch with any queries, particularly those that may be of interest to other Hinxtionians.

Many thanks.

Rosemary.

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An Ann Howsden bungalow on Duxford Road has become available to residents of Hinxtion of pensionable age.

The accommodation includes two bedrooms, kitchen, shower room and lounge.

There are gardens to the front and rear and an allocated parking space.

The bungalow will be fully renovated and is expected to be complete by the end of April/early May.

Please telephone the Secretary, Kate Murcell on **07957 348 805** for an Application Form.

Applications need to be received by the END of MARCH and will be considered by the trustees on the basis of need.



Peter Hiscocks

With Theresa Sullivan

Tell us about your early life. I grew up in North London with three sisters and a brother. My parents had met in Egypt during the war when they were both in the RAF. My father was a fighter pilot, my mother was French but came to the UK just before the war and joined up as soon as she could. At school I wasn't a very studious or well behaved boy – my brother and I used to get into some rare old scrapes. I did eventually get to university to study chemistry (after failing A levels and going to night school) and after, post graduate studies at Imperial College

When did you come to live in Hinxtton? After working in New York for a couple of years I came back to the UK and moved into a small thatched cottage in Springwell. This was the 1970's and we had a great time living in Springwell Cottage with much fun, many parties and interesting house-mates (including Mike Boagey!). However, in 1980 I decided I should buy my own house and found a dilapidated cottage in Hinxtton, that I could afford to buy. It was 109 High St. It was a jolly cold house with no heating except an open fire: I can remember on some winters' mornings it seemed warmer outside than in. My next door neighbour was Henry Ellis who had lived in the village almost all his life. He had such a rare old collection of stories that once he got talking to you it was difficult to get away. A few years later the estate decided to sell-off a few of their old and run-down houses and one of them was the house we live in now – No. 50, the oldest parts of which date from about 1480. It was in very bad condition with no electricity, no water, no drainage, an earth floor and no loo; it also had sitting tenants in one half of the house. Vic and Lil Ward had lived in the village since 1921. They were in their late eighties – and then their nineties – but they were so independent and wanted to live their way. One time Linda asked Vic if he would like us to apply for Meals on Wheels for him and Lil. 'We'll have no dinners here' was his stern reply. The house was very cheap to buy but it did need a lot of repair and improvement work and since I had little money the building works were stretched over many years.

On the 31st of December 1984 the most important event in my life happened when I met Linda Allan. She moved in with me and we got married and had two children; Rebecca and Edward. In late 1989 we moved to work in the US for two and a half years and when we returned we found that there were many other people in the village with children the same age as ours. There was a regular gang of more than twenty babies, toddlers and youngsters playing in our garden or over at the rec. They

were great times. During those days I used to manage a technology consulting firm but in 2000 I joined the Business School at the University to open and run the first ever Department of Entrepreneurship at the University. I have been working there ever since but in addition I also get involved with starting and helping new business ventures for real: to date I have started ten companies and these have provided employment for many hundreds of people. Linda also worked at the University in the Department of Biotechnology where she ran a Masters Programme in Bioscience Enterprise. We both retired in September of last year and we have found that we are so busy we wonder how we ever had time to go to work.

What do you like to do in your leisure time? Many of you will know of my major hobby, which is racing motor cars. I have been racing my beloved MGA for more than 20 years now but we have also had some other race cars such as the Formula 3 Lola with which we won the Monaco Historic Grand Prix in 2012 I sold that and then bought a 1965 race Mustang: very fast in a straight line but very slow around corners. Motor racing is great fun and I often have spare tickets for race days so do come and ask me.

If you could have one gift or power what would it be?

To help people to get an education that would enable them to achieve their full potential.

What historical figure do you most admire and why?

William Wilberforce - he changed the world for so many people

Anything else you want to mention ?

We are helped with our garden and horses by Gerald and Jenny Saich, our next door neighbours, who are always so kind, hard-working and resourceful in all country and garden related matters.

"We both love Hinxtton; the people, the village and the surrounding countryside. It is the best place in the world to live and every day we think how lucky we are to live here."



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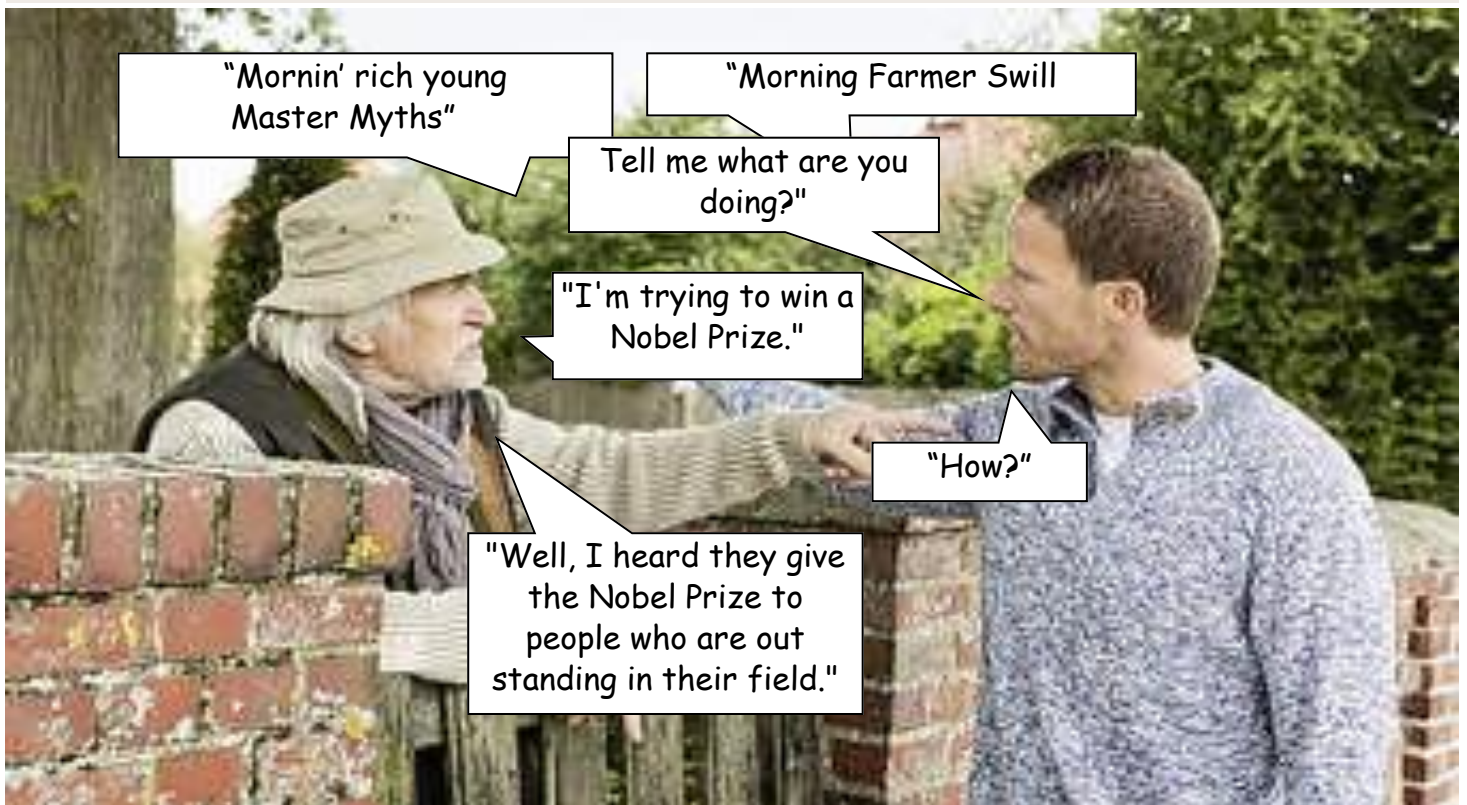
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The tribute written and read by Andrew Walker at Joan's funeral on the 19th February 2018

Joan Pettett was a remarkable lady who lived all 83 years of her life in a remarkable village. Sometimes we just do not realise how remarkable people are until they face, as in Joan's case, a terminal diagnosis.

Since the midwife who brought Joan into the world in Hinxton arrived carrying a Gladstone bag, her sister Gladys was convinced that her baby sister had arrived in that very bag. During her childhood years, Joan clearly worshipped her father and she used to say that he taught her all she knew about gardening. She told of the first child-sized trowel that her father had given her. 'I followed him about everywhere', she said. 'I used to hand him all his tools. They called me 'his little shadow' '. She talked about feeling that she was always tagging along behind the older girls, sometimes the 'fall-guy' for their naughtiness.

During the years that followed she worked for Dunlop Sports in Great Chesterford. The job was varied and interesting and she moved to many different stations of the manufacturing process which she loved. Later, she worked for Spicers at Sawston. Two passions in her life were her prick-neat garden with regimented rows of tulips and her vegetable garden. She rejoiced in the seasons and the fresh vegetables which they delivered. And the other love was her succession of cats – Gizmo, Marmite and Whiskey. But her main love in the village was her church. For all the years I knew her – nearly 40 – she prepared the church for communion, bringing with her a flask of fresh water (there being none in the church); she put out the bread and wine and she served at the altar. My first memory of Joan in church was of her leading the procession up the aisle carrying the cross and then singing in the choir with Len Reynolds and a bunch of children. After church she would tend her father's grave and lay simple country flowers in his memory.

I was helped by seven others in preparing this tribute, some long-term inhabitants of Hinxton, others more recent newcomers, and the recurring theme is of a life of simplicity, dedication, constancy, duty and a very dry sense of humour. Never ever did I hear a nasty or cruel word, but occasionally there was a chuckle when something went amiss. The silver paten (on which is placed the communion bread) had a little dent in it and Joan rejoiced when it was fixed – "the old vicar (unidentified) could be quite clumsy!"

Joan was a Hinxtonian through and through, one of a small group, sadly getting smaller, of true Hinxton folk. She

seldom left the village but she took the bus to Cambridge where she bought candles for the church and did her weekly shopping in Sawston. Julie Baillie remembers that she regularly went to the Chelsea Flower Show with friends from work, an annual treat! Joan was knowledgeable and knowing and she made sure she was well informed, reading her daily newspaper avidly (delivered for many years by Alec!). When being driven to the hospital one day amongst the forest of crane jibs and construction she commented that soon we won't need to go to Addenbrooke's – it's coming to us! She was kind, helpful, unassuming, uncomplaining, with not a hint of self-pity. She was undemanding and politely refused the offer of a new washing machine to take the place of her mother's old boiler which was rolled out into the middle of the kitchen every Monday morning.

Her cats were unquestionably indulged, uncharacteristically she would leave the bed unmade if Whiskey had taken up residence. They were her constant and loving companions and fulfilled an important role in her life.

When Joan fell ill and her cancer was diagnosed she was not afraid of pain or death, but she dreaded being detained in hospital and equally being a burden on others. From the time of her 80th birthday and then her diagnosis, Hinxton 'upped its game', with friends and neighbours providing outings, visits, delicacies, plants and presents all freely given. Many people came to Joan's aid, taking her to hospital for appointments, doing the shopping and generally making sure she was as all right as could be. And here I would like to thank publicly all those who did so much for Joan during that time, for their devotion to her care and wellbeing; she was deeply appreciative of every kindness. She was a truly loved and respected resident of this village. Her great hope was that she should be able to keep living in her little house and that she could die at home. She was granted both of these gifts. A neighbour and helper of Joan's in her latter years said, when I asked for comment about Joan and her life: "she showed me the value of contentment, to live simply and to be content is surely a blessing. I gained so much wisdom from Joan's way of life" she said. What a wonderful and true tribute is that.

When asked how she was she would say, even close to the end of her life, 'quite nicely, thank you'. She enjoyed village activities and was to be found on the white elephant stall at the annual village fete along with other village 'faithfuls'. She lived a comparatively simple life with a strong and quiet faith. She didn't talk about it – she lived it. God rest you Joan, and thank you for your contribution to this church and this community.

*Joan, your father would surely have
looked upon you with pride.*

Memories of Joan by Jessica Martin

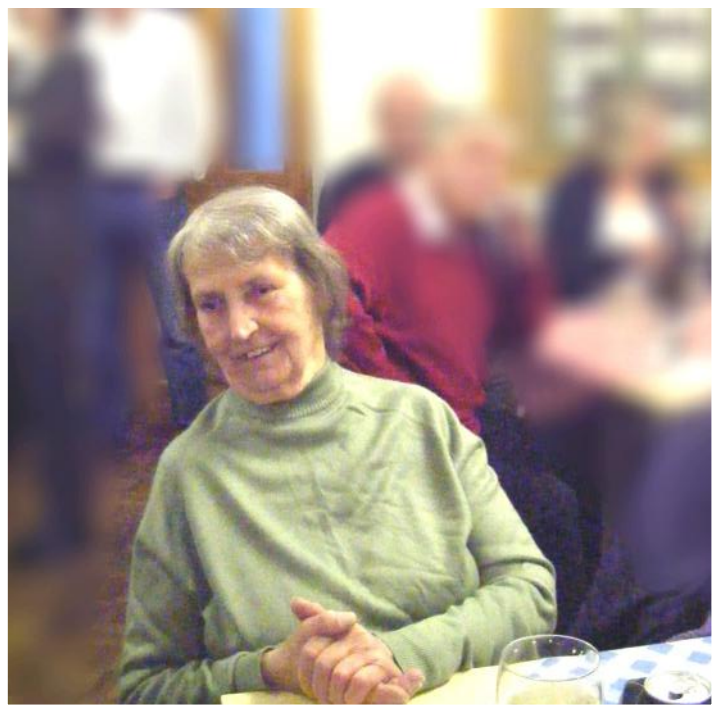
When I first came to Hinxton Joan was still serving regularly at church services. She would carry the cross for the 10am service as well as serving for all communions. This also meant preparing everything and washing and putting it away afterwards - in a church with one cold tap! - so she had her own routine which ran, of course, like clockwork. Everything had its place. She was so happy when the little silver paten had the dent taken out of it - 'the old vicar could be quite clumsy', she said. I don't know which old vicar she meant. For the early service she would always wear her coat (she didn't like to draw attention to herself) but at 10 o'clock she'd put on her gown, collar and little blue cap.

Her leg gave her trouble with the walking and carrying, but in all the time I knew her she never said a word to suggest she was in pain.

She was always cheerful and matter-of-fact. On cold days she'd be particularly thankful for the church's highly efficient heating system - she talked about the days when the only heating in the church had been a coal heater by the door, which didn't warm it up much and pumped out black smoke! 'We came out of church covered in smuts'.

We talked about cats, gardening and growing flowers - her ranked arrays of tulips and wallflowers were so characteristic - great masses of them, planted in neat rows across the front garden. When she became ill and I was visiting her to take her communion she talked more about how she had become a gardener, and about her early life. She told me about the first, child-sized trowel her father bought for her. 'I followed him about everywhere' she said. 'I used to hand him all his tools. They called me his little shadow'. Her siblings were much older than her - 'and I never liked talking much' - so she would help her father. In the garden he taught her all she knew. She talked about feeling that she was always tagging along behind the older girls, and sometimes being the fall guy for their naughtiness's. She had a strong sense of family and always loved having visits from Alec..

She adored her cat Whisky, as she had done Gizmo, his savagely reclusive predecessor. Neat as she was, she would leave the bed unmade if Whisky was nestled in it, so as not to disturb him. Whisky, shy and bad-tempered with all other human beings, adored her back - though I think Revd Miller, who shopped in Sawston for Joan every Thursday, was at least partly



admitted into Whisky's circle of acquaintance too! Her little house and garden were her domain, and she treasured her independence.

When her illness was diagnosed she was afraid neither of pain nor of death, but she was fearful of becoming helpless - and she absolutely hated going to hospital. She was abidingly grateful to the kind neighbours who would take her to her clinic appointments, not only making her journey easier but also calming her fears. Deborah was a particularly kind and thoughtful friend to her; and she was tenderly cared for by so many in the village, it was beautiful to see how much she was treasured. Her 80th birthday celebrations were joyful. Joan was someone with a strong, quiet faith. She didn't talk about it, but she lived it. I never heard her say an unkind word, or complain about anything or anyone. She was stoical about her own difficulties, and coped cheerfully as her world got smaller and she gradually had to give up caring for her beloved garden or serving at communion services. Her one hope was that she would be able to keep living in her little house, and that she could die at home. I am so glad that those wishes were fulfilled.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

My friend Joan by Linda Russell

I came across Joan Pettett in 1980. My husband Merv and I were newish to the village, and attending our first ever Hinxton village fete, where Joan was running the white elephant stall. We did little more than nod and smile at each other, and so it continued over time.

A good while later, after the birth of our daughter Anna, I joined Hinxton Church, and there was Joan offering the communion wine and singing in the choir. I remember thinking that she seemed a good and faithful person, but that I wasn't sure that we would have a lot in common.

How wrong I was, for over the years, and the small conversations, which became in the end regular visits and long enjoyable chats, I got to know one of the loveliest people in Hinxton.

Joan had a wealth of local knowledge, and would when encouraged reminisce about people and events in a way that was enlightening and entertaining. Although self effacing and quiet,

once she felt comfortable Joan spoke freely and easily. She showed herself to be an acute (though charitable) observer, and iced the cake by having a great sense of humour. Sitting in her comfy chair with her cat on her lap, she was an attentive listener as well as an engaging conversationalist. Joan's memory was excellent, and she sometimes astonished me by her ability to recall tiny details, fragments of throwaway remarks that would not even register with many of us. She helped me out a couple of times by gently alluding to things I should have remembered.

From the time of her eightieth birthday party in the village hall, and her diagnosis with terminal cancer, Hinxton upped its game with regards to Joan. Visits, outings, little delicacies, plants and presents were freely given, and in return Joan took a real interest in those who came to see and help her, and was deeply appreciative of every kindness. She never moaned or complained. She got on with life with good humour and patience, and her sense of fun was not diminished. She gave such a lot back.

Joan Pettett was a lovely person, and I am very grateful that I got to know her and that we became friends. I am one of many who will miss her.

Anecdote from Margaret Malcolm

Regular visits to hospital helped Joan come to terms with her aversion to them and in the main they became quite jolly outings, particularly when they could be followed by a trip to Scotsdales or Mog Magog cafe for a cup of tea and a slice of something tasty which we always shared. Our drive to the hospital was always enlivened by watching the proliferation of buildings on the Addenbrookes site. As we approached on one occasion last year and there were more cranes and yet another building rising from the ground, Joan wryly commented

***'We soon won't need to go to Addenbrookes.
Addenbrookes is coming to us!'***



At Jack's 90th Birthday

Memories of Joan from Jenny Saich

From about the age of 7, Joan would collect me and other children for choir duty. Services on Sunday and one evening a week for Choir practise.

My other memory was of visiting my Mum and Dad who lived next door to Joan. Weather permitting she would have her back door open and we could hear her singing, not popular songs of past and present days but her beloved hymns.

"These are just two of my memories of this lovely lady who I have known all of my life."





Millie Keeble pays tribute to Joan

I was born in Hinxton, (in the house that now belongs to Linda and Peter Hiscocks), eighty-eight years ago, and my brother Jack Page (who is nearly ninety-two) and I have lived in Hinxton all our lives.

We knew Joan from when she was a small child - we used to play together. I remember she had a lovely little doll's pram. We used to play hopscotch and skip with lots of the other village children. On Sunday afternoons my twin sister Sibby and I would call for Joan to come with us for a walk. Joan was younger than me so I looked after her.

I was able to recommend Joan for a job at Spicer's paper factory in Sawston, where I ended up working for forty years. Joan worked producing duplicate books while I trained employees on how to operate special machines. Joan worked hard and always kept her section as neat as a pin.

When I married my husband Stan in 1955 in Hinxton Church, Joan was my bridesmaid along with Sibby. They both looked very pretty. (Joan is on the right)

Joan and I used to run the White Elephant stall every year at Hinxton Fete. I enjoyed doing that with her. I enjoyed everything I did with Joan - we used to giggle a lot together!

I was so pleased when Joan moved into her bungalow just

opposite to me and Stan in Duxford Road. We could pop and see each other easily.

"We were such good friends all our lives, and I am very glad that we had such a lovely friendship. Jack and I will miss Joan very, very much."

A Memory from ROS SMITH

Joan's grandparents lived at Cowlinge, Suffolk and Joan told me that, in the school holidays, she would walk to Stump Cross, with her parents and sister, to catch a bus to Newmarket where they then got another bus to Cowlinge. The bus only ran on Tuesdays and Saturdays, so the family had to make a holiday of it. About a year ago, I spent a wonderful afternoon with Joan travelling to Cowlinge by a more direct route in the car! We visited the church and she pointed out where her grandparents lived, together with the homes of various aunts and uncles. It was very interesting to learn how Joan's parents met and some details of her early life. She was so grateful and it was a privilege to be a part of her later life.

"She had a brilliant sense of humour, a ready wit and will be missed so much. "

Fruit & Veggie Bingo

9th March

7:30 start

Village Hall

£3

includes one
card and
refreshments

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only"*



HINXTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 24th 2018

The annual general meeting of Hinxton Village Hall Committee will be held at the village hall on
Tuesday April 24th from 7.30pm.

All Hinxton residents are invited to attend and contribute to this vital facility at the heart of the
community. There is currently a vacancy on the committee, so if you are interested in helping to run
your village hall, please get in touch – or just come along to the AGM.

For further information contact Julia Lowndes

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MORE HANDS NEEDED DOWN AT THE MILL

DO you have a few hours which could help one of Hixton's most historic and beautiful sites?

Hixton is home to one of the few watermills still operating up-river from Cambridge and since the building was restored in the 1980s it has been a working museum run by the charity Cambridge Past Present and Future.

Now a Listed building, millers are believed to have worked on the site for around 1,000 years and the watermill is mentioned in the Domesday Survey "worth 8 shillings". Originally it was powered by a waterwheel which was replaced in the early 1900s by a "Little Giant" turbine.

The work to save Hixton Watermill won a conservation award and it relies heavily on a team of volunteers, especially on days when it opens to the public. The demonstration days are usually on a Sunday and traditionally begin in May, co-ordinated to tie in with National Mills Weekend, and continue until autumn and volunteers can sign up for dates which suit them.

You don't need to have previous knowledge of mills or

milling as guidance is given and information for the public is placed around the building. Other days which rely on extra willing hands are spring cleaning sessions, the main one being in early May.

If you have any technical experience, especially in engineering or caring for heritage building, CPPF would be delighted to hear from you. The open season at Hixton watermill begins this year on May 13 from 2.30 -5.30pm.

To find out more, you can turn to the charity website www.cambridgeppf.org, telephone 01223 243830 or email enquiries@cambridgeppf.org or if you live in Hixton telephone Sue and Chris Elliott on 01799 531885 or email sellio@live.com as soon as possible.



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Coffee Morning

14th March





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CONNECTING SCIENCE

New exhibition – Genomic Expressions

Saturday 24 March, 1-2.30pm

Cultural Zone, Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre

What does genomics mean to you? How would you answer this question? Does it mean your family? Maybe it's your ancestry? What about your health? Or perhaps the answer is, "I've no idea!"

For our latest exhibition at the Wellcome Genome Campus we posed this question to those who work here. The creative responses featured in Genomic Expressions are by people from across our campus: lab assistants, administrators, software developers, and senior scientists. Some may make you smile, some are heart-warming but all encourage us, the viewer, to reflect on our own answer to the question.

Visit the exhibition on one of our monthly Open Saturday events until June.

Group visits at other times are possible by prior arrangement.

Open to all and free to attend but booking is essential.

Tickets: bit.ly/WGC-Open-Saturdays

WELLCOME GENOME CAMPUS AT THE CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Cambridge Café Sci – Every step you take, I'll be watching you...

Wednesday 14 March, 7-8.30pm (doors 6.45pm)

The Locker Café, King Street, Cambridge, CB1 1LN

With the recent growth in popularity of wearables, are fun stepping competitions with your friends the advent of something more sinister? Come and hear about advances in health data science from Dr Heather Morgan, and what they might mean.

This is a free and non-ticketed event. *More information and further programme:*

www.cafescicambridge.org

Get to Grips with Genomics

Saturday 17 March 10am-5pm, Sunday 18 March 12-4pm

Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ

Get to grips with genomics through a range of hands-on DNA activities with researchers from the Wellcome Genome Campus.

<https://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/events/get-grips-genomics>

Genomics in a Jiffy

Thursday 22 March, 7pm

The Michaelhouse Cafe, St. Michael's Church, Trinity Street, CB2 1SU

Join us for a lively evening, and ask researchers those questions about DNA and genomes that you've always wanted answered.

<https://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/events/genomics-jiffy>

Welcome to my second parish newsletter of the year - it's been another busy month!

Some of the most productive local meetings I held this month have been with the Whippet bus company, Royal Papworth and Addenbrooke's hospitals, the County Council and Greater Cambridge Partnership. It all started with a meeting with Whippet to discuss concerns about the reliability of the X3 bus which serves Papworth, Cambourne and the surrounding area. Whippet reassured me that the issues of reliability passengers experienced towards the end of last year had been resolved. But they also indicated that the service costs more to run than the revenue it generates, so it is vital people use the service to ensure its future.



As Royal Papworth will be relocated to the Addenbrooke's campus later in the year, I figured there must be some kind of win win situation possible. Staff will need to get to the campus and the bus needs more customers! A second meeting with all affected parties saw us develop this proposal further and I'd like to say thank you to everyone involved for working with such a clear and open sense of partnership. I'll keep you updated with progress, but I'm hoping we can build a more resilient X3 service and help the Royal Papworth hospital too.

Last month saw the Ministry of Justice launch a consultation on the closure of Cambridge Magistrates' Court. The consultation proposes that the work of the Court would be transferred to Huntingdon Law Courts, Peterborough Magistrates' Court or Cambridge Crown Court. The consultation revealed that Cambridge Magistrates' Court sat for 2,376 hours out of a possible 7,620 hours in 2016/17. I have written to the Ministry of Justice to raise some questions about the consultation.

A copy of the letter is available on my website - www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk and I will also post the response there. The consultation is open until the 29th March. Please do have your say - www.gov.uk/government/consultations/cambridge-magistrates-

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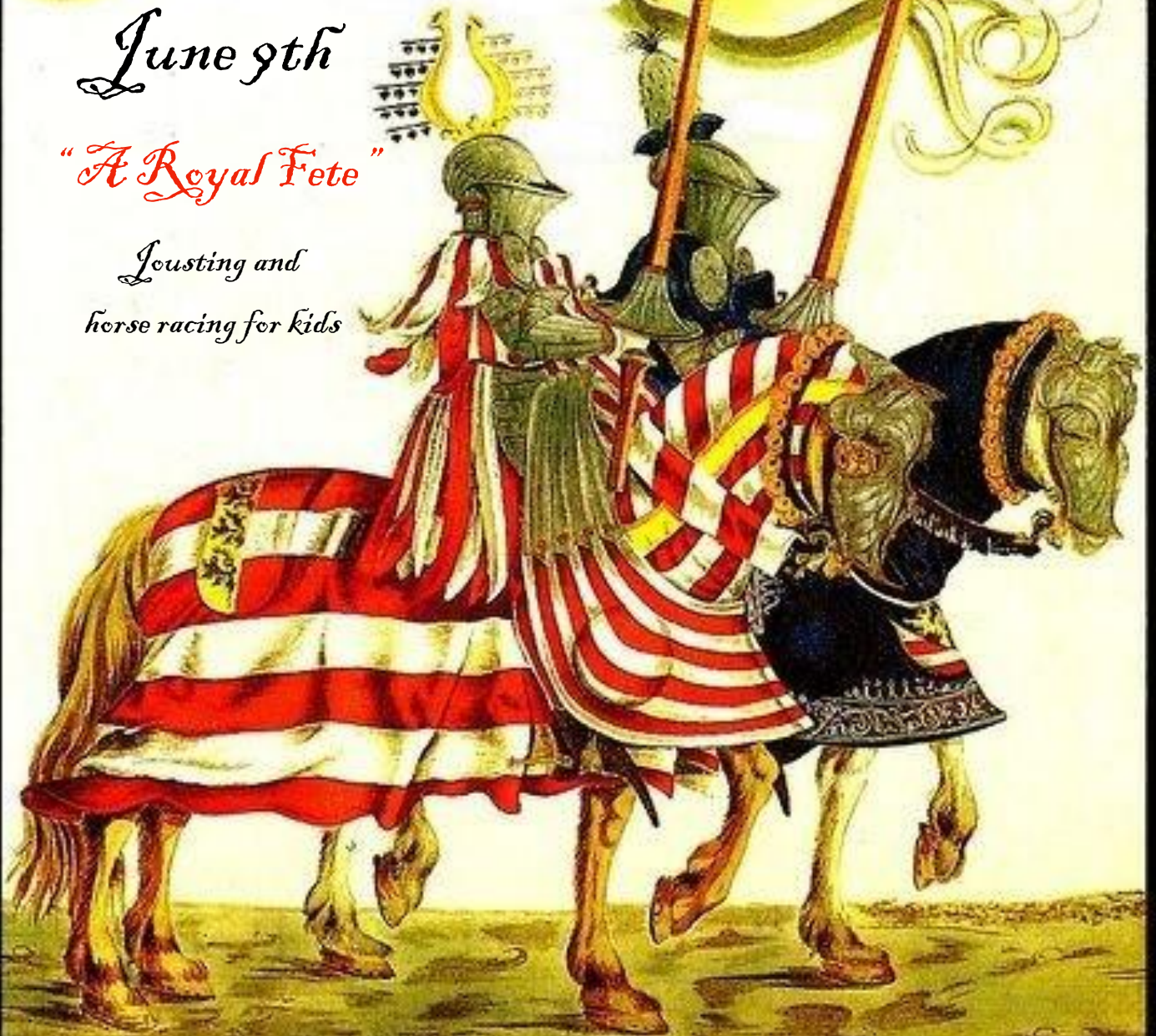


Hinxton Fete

June 9th

"A Royal Fete"

*Jousting and
horse racing for kids*



Another bit of Hinxton ephemera discovered amongst some old papers from Margaret Hardy's attic when she was clearing out

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of Villages. Giving details of the financial aid available for approved schemes Miss Warrington explained that a village of under 750 inhabitants could obtain a grant amounting to 1/3, and a loan (repayable in seven equal instalments) amounting to one 2 of the approved expenditure, while villages of less than 300 inhabitants were accorded the remission of the seventh repayment instalment in addition. This assistance was conditional upon the proposed construction or addition being sanctioned by the architects for the Carnegie Trustees, and upon the Hall being run a management representative of all the villagers.

The Holding Trustees, with whom the Carnegie Trust deals could either be the Parish Council, The Official Trustee of Charity Lands or Local Residents appointed for the purpose and the Managing Committee should consist partly of representatives of those voluntary organisations who would use the hall, and partly of individuals nominated by the Annual Meeting of the Parish for Village Hall matters. The speaker went on to stress the desirability of studying the model trust deed held by her organisation and warned her hearers that no building activity could be contemplated for the next two or three years. In the interval however, plans could be made and studied, and the local quota which was pre-requisite to any grant could be collected.

In answer to a question for Lady Jones, Miss Warrington cited the excellent work done at Comberton where a committee of twenty ran the Village Hall in a co-operative and public spirited way, and when the hall was opened almost every night, tea and refreshments were provided.

The Chairman, thanking Miss Warrington for her excellent address, underlined the need for every villager to join in running the village hall and appealed for a good attendance at the next annual meeting of the Reading Room.

A motion was:-

Proposed by the Rev. A.E. Penney and
Seconded by Lady Jones that, the executive committee of the Reading Room be asked to carry on until such time as the Trust Deed conveying the Room to the Village should be completed, when a Public Village Meeting would be held.

Motion was carried unanimously on show of hands.

The meeting was declared closed at 8-40pm.

Wm. P. Cleave

Chairman.

Public Village Meeting, 28th March 1946.

Mrs. L. Howe,
Secretary, Reading Room, Committee.

RECIPE RELAY



Pear and Almond Tart

This is one of my favourite desserts. I found the recipe in the cookery section of The Observer thirty years ago, and over the years I have experimented with the pastry and fruit filling, but adhered to the recipe for the marzipan mixture, except I double the quantities as I like lots of marzipan! I reproduce below the original recipe.

Ingredients

- 275 g (10 oz) sweet short pastry
- 30g (1 1/2 oz) caster sugar
- 30g (1 1/2 oz) icing sugar
- 75g (3 oz) ground almonds
- 1 large egg
- 50g (2 oz) softened butter
- 3 pears
- Apricot jam

Method

Pre-heat the oven to 375 F (190 C, 170 C Fan, gas Mark 5). Roll out the pastry thinly to line a 10 inch tart tin. Mix the ground almonds, sugar, egg and butter thoroughly to a soft marzipan-like mixture. Spread this evenly on the pastry. Poach the pears, peeled and cut in two lengthways, in water or apple juice until just tender. Then slice each half horizontally, lift carefully into place on the tart base to retain their shape, then press down the length of the pear half lightly with a knife point to flatten the slices and open them out slightly. Glaze with apricot jam and bake for 30 minutes. The almond mixture will puff up lightly around the pears and bake to a golden colour.

I have made this tart successfully at different times with blueberries, raspberries, nectarines and apple and blackberry, though there is something about the marriage of pear and almond which makes it truly delicious. I also try to remember to pick/buy the pears well in advance and use them ripe, so I don't have to poach them. Red currant jelly is fine if you have no apricot jam. I have tried different pasty too, and the one I

like best is normal sweet pastry with a bit of grated lemon zest. I don't mind making my own pastry, but if you haven't the time or inclination I would think shop bought would be fine.



"This is a very good tempered tart, which seems to come out ok however I play around with it. I hope you enjoy it."

Linda

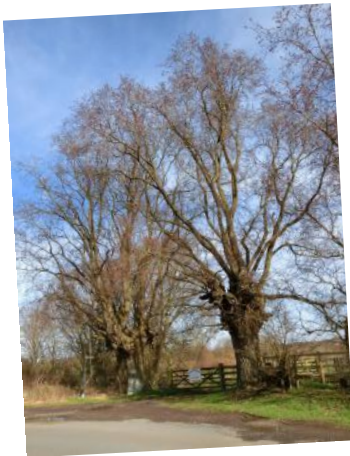
Next time Debbie Harris will be sharing her legendary recipe for cheese scones.

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Hedgerows are a significant feature of our agricultural landscape and were planted in the past as boundaries. Thorny blackthorn and hawthorn made a stock-proof barrier, with hazel, holly and spindle colonising later. Ash, elm, field maple, hornbeam and oak trees were integrated into such hedges and these nurtured specimens were managed as pollards, being cut off at head height on a regular cycle. In 1778 it was recorded that 85 percent of the hedgerow trees in Barwick in the parish of Standon were pollards, so these would have stuck up at regular intervals above the hedges.

Some of the cut material was used as leafy hay for winter feed for livestock. Once the nutritious leafy branches of ash or elm had been eaten, the twiggy leftovers became excellent dry kindling. Larger poles were used for fencing, building repairs, handles or fuel. Timber trees in hedges were usually felled after about 50 years growth. Oaks provided structural material; elms became floorboards, coffins and especially weatherboarding (where it can be identified by its distinctive wavy grain).



Historic surveys of the numbers, species and value of trees on many estates are lodged in record offices. An analysis of these records is included in a new book, *Trees in England*, in which the authors comment that in the past oak, ash and elm trees were an

essential part of the local economy.

Today, the situation is very different with the significant loss of hedgerows and the trees within them. Most surviving trees are old oaks or ash, growing as uncut pollards with spreading crowns. Any mature elms are extremely rare, but there is a small group in Tilty and another is recorded in Bartlow. Do you know of any other surviving elms? If so we would like to hear about them.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee



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

Some dates for your diary

Hinxton Village Night
30th March
See Diary Page for details

Mothering Sunday 11th March
11:45am until 8:30pm.
Early booking advised.

Dining in the Dark: Friday 16th March
We are hosting our 9th – three course dinner, of which starters and puddings are a blind tasting competition - raising money for CamSight.

“Pint of Theatre” is back!
Save the Dates ..

Saturday 19th May 2 course dinner
and 50 minutes of theatre £27
(Friday 27th April at the Black Bull)

**(“Pint of Jazz” Friday nights return
to The Black Bull**
– next date Claudette Friday 9th March
- see website for dates)

We look forward to welcoming you &
your friends

Kind regards Alex, Nikol, Janice,
Jordan, Shane and the teams

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QUIZ NIGHT



Quiz Masters
Yvonne & Peter

On Saturday 10 February ten teams took part in a closely fought Quiz contest.

Despite calling themselves "***Can't-think-of-a-name***" they were more than able to think of the answers to the questions with a winning score.

Russells & Co were second.

Los Disparadis a close third.

Thank you to **Virginia, Henry & Alice** for organising the raffle, which raised an incredible **£280** for Addenbrookes Charitable Trust.

Particular thanks go to the Quiz Master, Peter and Yvonne for keeping the score.

The evening raised **£310** for the church.

Fish 'n' Chick'n of Sawston delivered our supper helping to make it a very enjoyable evening.



1st



2nd



3rd

HINXTON EVENTS ~ March 2018

Notable Future Dates

1st	Thursday	St David's Day
2nd	Friday	9.30 Hinxton Walkers (meet Village Hall) 3pm Woman's World Day of Prayer
3rd	Saturday	
4th	Sunday	10am Parish Communion
5th	Monday	
6th	Tuesday	 Green & Blue Bin collection
7th	Wednesday	
8th	Thursday	
9th	Friday	7.30 BINGO for VEGETABLES
10th	Saturday	10-12 DEANERY FAIR Great Shelford Memorial Hall
11th	Sunday	MOTHERING SUNDAY 10am All Age Service
12th	Monday	7pm Parish Council Meeting
13th	Tuesday	 Black Bin Collection
14th	Wednesday	10am Village Coffee Morning ,Village Hall
15th	Thursday	
16th	Friday	
17th	Saturday	8.15 Ickleton Social Club Quiz £3 includes Buffet
18th	Sunday	10am Parish Communion
19th	Monday	
20th	Tuesday	 FIRST DAY OF SPRING Green & Blue Bin collection
21st	Wednesday	12.20-12.35 Mobile Library (war memorial)
22nd	Thursday	10am St Peters Duxford TODDLE ALONG TO TIDDLERS !
23rd	Friday	
24th	Saturday	

BRITISH SUMMERTIME BEGINS

25th	Sunday	Palm Sunday 9.30 Processional from Ivckleton Chapel 10am Joint Service at Ickleton
26th	Monday	 8pm Compline
27th	Tuesday	Black Bin Collection
28th	Wednesday	
29th	Thursday	
30th	Friday	GOOD FRIDAY 10am Easter Garden Making 12 noon Three Hours Devotion Villagers Night Out at the Red Lion
31st	Saturday	

April
1st

EasterDay

April
14th

Village Clean Up

**HINXTON VILLAGE HALL
COMMITTEE AGM**

June
9th

Hinxton Annual Village Fete

July
13th

Hinxton Garden Evening



April 14th



Friday 30th March

The Hinxton Red Lion
will host another fabulous
Hinxton Villagers Night Out
Book now to avoid disappointment



Go to Page 22 for contact details