

Hinxton News

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VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

April 7th

930am at the Village Hall

Join us for the annual village clean up and get
to know your neighbours!

Bags and pickers will be provided, and areas of the village allocated. This
year we will also be planting three trees on the recreation ground

Free tea, coffee and refreshments at The Red Lion from 10am til midday

Contact sarah.robinson@hinxton-pc.org.uk or just turn up on the day



**Please give an hour or so of
your time or just clean up the road in front of your home.**

HINXTON SUMMER FETE

Saturday 8th June

Starting at 2pm



Hinxton Home Made

May Pole

Plants

Hook-a-duck.



Teas.

Massive Raffle

Coconut shy.

HOT DOGS



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Dear Readers.

The roadworks on the A1301 are a constant reminder of the massive changes that are going to evolve over the coming months and years. Hinxton Parish Council (HPC) will be at the forefront of the ongoing communication with both the Wellcome Trust and their development company, Urban & Civic. The newly elected Chair of the HPC, **Chiara Gardener**, has set out three main priorities and, with dedicated help from **Andy Brown**, will concentrate on improved interaction and an exchange of ideas (p.7). We wish them well, however, we can be confident that they will carry out this important mission with the best of intentions for the future of this lovely village.

Our **Hinxton Summer Fete** in June will have a rural theme recollecting bygone days of music and dance. If you feel you can contribute or help in any way, please contact Jenny Goodwin (530338) or Ros Smith (532064).

The **QUIZ NIGHT** (p12) was a huge success. The packed hall enjoyed a ploughman's supper and a varied set of questions set by **Paul Breen**, ably assisted by his little helper, the gorgeous **Lesley Jenkinson**. The winners were **The Whiners**, a noisy, but relatively harmless, team who only won by the smallest of margins. A generous **£1022** was raised on the night to benefit valuable investigation into brain tumours. It is a fact that brain tumours are the biggest cancer killer of the under 40s, so this contribution will help further advanced research.

Our next task is The Village Cleanup. See you in the pub afterwards.....

Mike

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Please make sure that any articles, photographs and diary entries actually reach us by the 20th each month

Hinxton News is an independent village newsletter, established and run by volunteers.

Our mission is to inform residents of local issues and to maintain and promote community spirit.

Delivered free to approximately 150 Hinxton households.

Disclaimer

The Editors are not responsible for the opinions expressed by contributors nor do they accept responsibility for the accuracy of information contained in the advertisements.

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Owl Project

With the agreement of the PCC and Ely Diocese, three owl boxes (as well as a number of smaller bird boxes) are going to be positioned in trees in the churchyard during the coming months with a view to encouraging, in particular, barn owls, tawny owls and little owls to shelter and, hopefully, nest in the churchyard.

The boxes will be constructed by the **Saffron Walden Community Shed** and are being kindly funded by owl enthusiasts in the village. If those funds permit, one or more wildlife cameras will also be sourced to record avian and bat activity in the churchyard.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in this project is asked to contact



A new kneeler depicting a barn owl, created by Virginia Walker and dedicated to the memory of Steve Trudgill (who was known for his love of the natural world). A valuable addition to the treasure trove of kneelers to be found there . . .



CHURCH NEWS

A message from Lydia

HISTORY BOOK

It is an amazing 50 years since Waterloo - no, not the 1815 battle - the Abba hit that on 6th April 1974 won the Eurovision song contest in Brighton. It was the band's second try at the Euro-pop crown, after *Ring, Ring* was rejected as Sweden's entry in 1973. Produced following the wall of sound principle and with a rename for the group, their next attempt made music history (though, famously, the UK awarded them null point). Last year, as a birthday treat, I was taken to see **ABBA Voyage**. Surrounded by a glorious array of hen parties, we lip-synced along to all the hits, *Waterloo included*. What stuck with me wasn't the frothy pop, however, but the seriousness of their work. Bleak heartbreak runs through *Knowing Me, Knowing You* and *The Winner Takes It All*. Even *Waterloo*, despite its jaunty tune and glitzy costuming, is deadly serious: The history book on the shelf is always repeating itself. The song reminds us (albeit cheerily) that things go in cycles, from romantic attachments to geopolitical events. War, especially, produces the same results again and again. Massive civilian

casualties, population displacement and destruction of cities and countryside have been features of wars from the Napoleonic period to the present.

Yet, although we may be tempted to see the world's life as stuck in an endlessly repeating pattern, faith perspectives look at things another way. Christianity offers a bigger story of love, that has a beginning, a middle and an end. The story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, that tells us suffering and death are defeated at last. Or, in the words of Abba, *I believe in angels, something good in everything I see...*

Best wishes and enjoy Eurovision, when it comes!

Lydia

P.S. As well as Abba's anniversary, closer to home we are celebrating the joining together of the two Duxford parishes of St John's and St Peter's, 150 years ago.

See the article about the **Flower Festival** and more from the **Raise the Roof Team**.

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Keep the Date

May 19th

"Strawberry Tea"

in the Churchyard

at 3pm

Plus a treasure
hunt for the
children.

WANNA BE A HINXTON PARISH COUNCILLOR?



The next couple of years will involve making huge decisions that will have a lasting influence on the future of Hinxtton. You can be a part of that strategy by becoming a Parish Councillor. Just contact any member of the Council or the Parish Clerk for more information.

Parish Clerk.

Anne Charteris email: clerk@hinxtton-pc.org.uk



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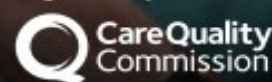
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Notes from the March

Parish Council Meeting

First of all, **Chiara Gardner** was elected as the new Chair and **Andy Brown** was co-opted and welcomed to the Parish Council.

Welcome from new Chair. CG spoke of the need to work with Wellcome Trust with regard to the new development. The PC need to try to obtain the best outcome for the village, which means meeting with Urban and Civic on a regular basis.

Focus for PC - three main priorities for PC

- 1)** To build the relationship with the Wellcome Trust and Urban & Civic. We will continue to hold them to account, but believe the most effective way to get the best outcome for Hinxton is through a positive and collaborative relationship. We will also build better relationships with other local parish councils, so we can present a united front on the most important issues.
- 2)** To make good use of the £106 circa £600k to provide an excellent community facility for current and future generations of Hinxton. We understand there are many different views on what "good" means, and Andy Brown, who will drive this work, will initially be spending several months listening to the varied views of villagers to gain a comprehensive picture of what is the best outcome for the needs of the community now and in the future.
- 3)** To ensure Hinxton Parish Council can run sustainably in the long term. The Wellcome Trust Campus Expansion has meant that the role of Parish Councillor has become significantly more challenging, and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. We need to make sure that our systems and processes support this change, such as onboarding, succession planning, collaboration tools etc.

Clean up Hinxton booked for the 7th April, Posters will be put up nearer the date.

Allotments. There are spare allotments available now, £10 per annum, contact Clerk if interested.

Wellcome Trust Campus Development. Members of the PC attended the latest Community Liaison Group, there was a Power point presentation on the residential housing which was thought not to be too relevant at the present time. James Tipping from SCDC and Nigel Hawkey who is working for the HPC on the Wellcome Planning and Development will be meeting with Urban and Civic and the HPC. It does appear that U & C are willing to listen and work with us. It was stated that the tenants of the new lab

space will be allocated a specific number of houses and that these will now be rented rather than sold to workers. There were discussions re the proposed **Health Centre** and what other facilities would be available, more details later. It is hoped that meetings will be held on a Monthly basis and updates given so that we all now more what is happening

It was thought that a meeting with Highways would be beneficial, hoping to get someone to come along to a Parish Council meeting to discuss this- e.g. what happens if the roundabout causes problems and does not work as per modelling?

Village Hall extension. Andy Brown will now be leading this development. The Structural survey has now been done and there is nothing in there which would stop the extension to the Hall. There are works that need addressing such as Fire Safety, the roof, land surrounding the Village Hall, Parking, and the Flint wall. A working Group will be set up with members of the Village Hall Committee and any residents who would like to be involved

Wetlands Committee. The Minutes of the last meeting are now on the HPC website under Wetlands. A bat survey has been done and it showed that there are 10 different species of bat in various locations. There is concern about light pollution, more to be done to improve this.

Playground. Pirate wheel has been fixed; the Playground inspection due soon Ford signage has now been put up, this is to warn cyclists and pedestrians to be careful in the Ford as it gets very slippery and several people have fallen in the river.

reduce the impact of construction and post-occupation traffic on that narrow and essentially rural lane. HPC recognises the substantial efforts by the applicants, not only in making changes to the plans, but also in engaging their neighbours and the Hinxton community throughout the process.

FINANCE

Bank Balances at 2nd March 2024

Current A/C £13,989.72

Business /AC £31,175.95

Village Hall sec 106 /AC £5406.49

Total: £50,572.16

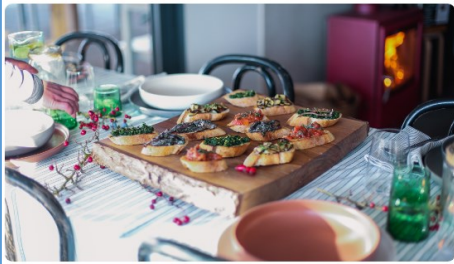
Dates of next Meetings 7.30pm Village Hall:

Planning meeting if required 8th April 2024

Annual Parish Meeting 13th May 2024 at 7pm

followed by Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Here are just some of the out of town eateries and venues within a short drive of home.
You probably know them all but have you yet to try the **Compass Courtyard?**



Hilltop Bistro at PAUS

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Fulbourn Café- Cambridge Buffet Company

📍 FULBOURN | CB21 5DH

Oakington

Garden Centre & Café

Oakington Garden Centre and The Olive Tree Café

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Maggie's Farm Shop

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The Lodge Duxford

📍 DUXFORD | CB22 4RT



Full details of these and
other local ideas

go to

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COMPASS COURTYARD

Compass Courtyard, Clanver End, Near Saffron Walden, CB11 4UL

<https://www.compasscourtyard.co.uk/>

I discovered the Compass Courtyard having been given a present of vouchers for a course of physical training, generously donated to our **Hinxton Silent Auction** by **A&G Fitness**. It transpires I am not the only Hinxton resident benefiting from a weekly workout at this small, but perfectly formed gym.

The courtyard is set amongst the chalky uplands of Northwest Essex beside the B1039 near Littlebury Green and Wendens Ambo. There is plenty of parking adjacent to a cluster of small businesses grouped around a creatively landscaped barn style court, designed with a three metre compass embedded into its centre.

You are advised to do your Gym training before going into **The Mixing Shed** café that offers a selection of tasty, healthy, locally sourced, freshly made breakfasts, brunches and simple lunches, plus a gluten free cake or two and an excellent choice of coffee.

Mike



OTHER INTERESTING BUSINESSES IN THE SURROUNDING BARN STYLE SETTING

The Loaf Tin Bakery....the *best ever* sourdough bread..... you can try it first in the café.

Wightman Gallery and Pottery Studio...opening soon. Pottery classes and gallery.

Spellbinder Video Production....a video production company

Julie's Cooking Academy.....the perfect atmosphere for a country cooking experience.

Willow And George Clothing...preloved premium fashion

Lily Bay Beauty...offering lash extensions, manicures and pedicures amongst other things.

The Granary.....co-working space attractive to creatives, one man bands and start ups.

**COMPASS COURTYARD IS A FIFTEEN MINUTE DRIVE FROM HINXTON
BUT ALWAYS CHECK OPENING TIMES on the website**

Linda's Amazing Cook Book

This is such a simple recipe, which I discovered in an old Waitrose magazine. The only ingredients are dark chocolate and double cream. It is the best chocolate truffle dessert I've ever tasted, and if you want to be really decadent, serve in slices with pouring cream. It also goes nicely with raspberries on the side.

Chocolate Truffle Slice

Serves 8-10

Ingredients:

568ml carton double cream at room temperature

225g 70% dark chocolate

Cocoa powder to finish

Method:

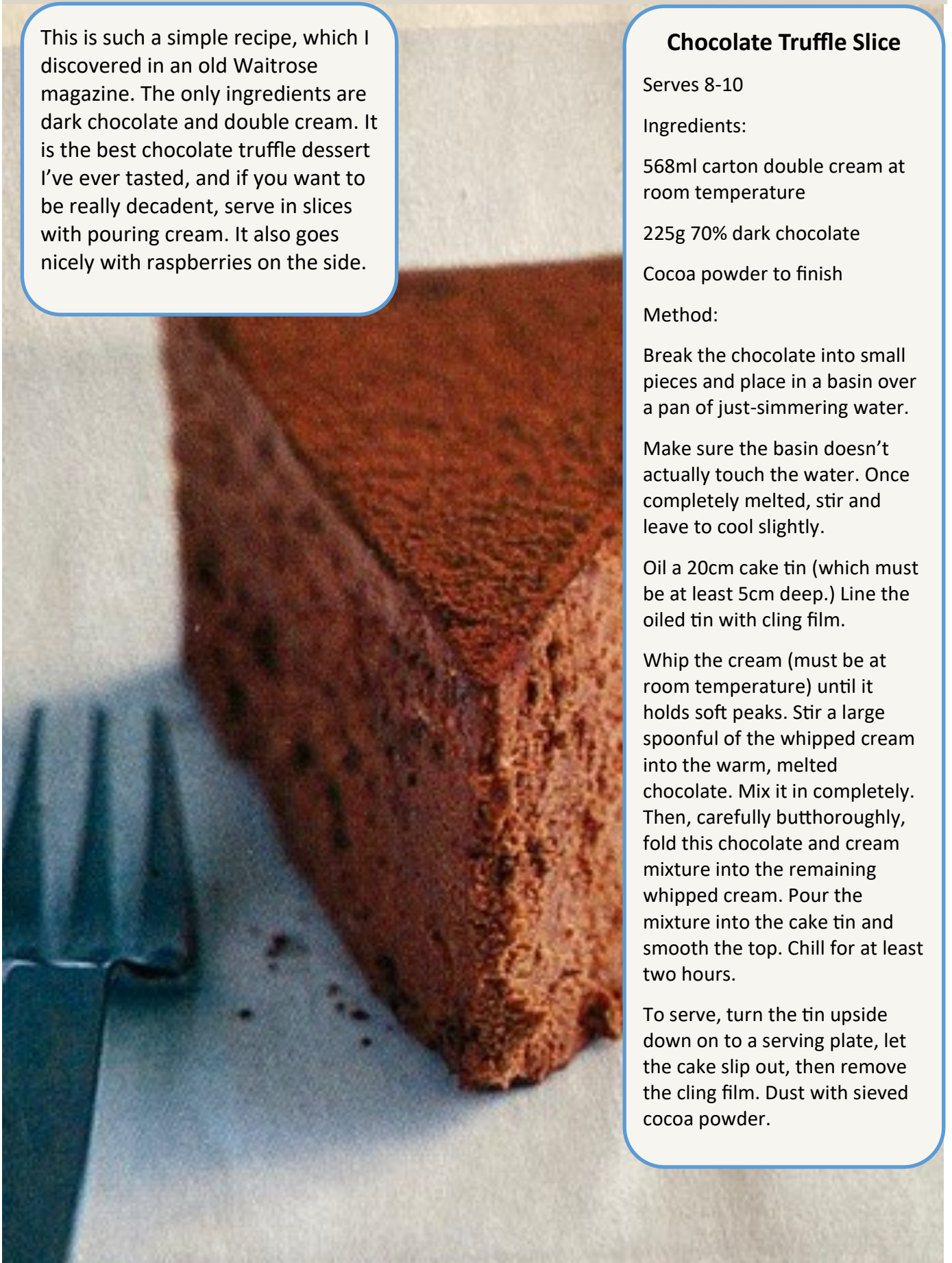
Break the chocolate into small pieces and place in a basin over a pan of just-simmering water.

Make sure the basin doesn't actually touch the water. Once completely melted, stir and leave to cool slightly.

Oil a 20cm cake tin (which must be at least 5cm deep.) Line the oiled tin with cling film.

Whip the cream (must be at room temperature) until it holds soft peaks. Stir a large spoonful of the whipped cream into the warm, melted chocolate. Mix it in completely. Then, carefully but thoroughly, fold this chocolate and cream mixture into the remaining whipped cream. Pour the mixture into the cake tin and smooth the top. Chill for at least two hours.

To serve, turn the tin upside down on to a serving plate, let the cake slip out, then remove the cling film. Dust with sieved cocoa powder.



desert island jukebox

'Too Lost In You' by the Sugarbabes.

from the film, Love Actually.

This was our first dance song at our wedding, 20 years ago!

'Flowers' by Miley Cyrus,

I like to hear this on car journeys

'Firework' by Katy Perry.

Reminds me of my sister passing away in 2020 on November 9th.

Each year we let off a huge rocket in memory of her.

'Blinding Lights' by The Weeknd,

This was a Lockdown, family favourite feel good song that we would all sing along to and still do

'You'll Never Walk Alone'

by Gerry and the Pacemakers

For my love of Liverpool football club. Come on Liverpool!

'Star Wars(War Drums)'

composed by John Williams.

I don't listen to much classical music but enjoy classical film soundtracks.

'Beautiful Day' by U2.

Great intro to this song and would love to see them in concert one day.

'Walk This Way' by Run DMC and Aerosmith

In 1986 I started my chef apprenticeship at St John's College, Cambridge and I remember this would be blasting out through the kitchen. 38 years later; I'm still there!

Exclusive to HN

Tim "Robbo" Robinson

shares his top
eight tunes





The Quizzers
Paul & Lesley

QUIZ NIGHT SATURDAY 16TH MARCH

Held in the village hall.

A wonderful total of **£1022** was raised for

Brain Tumour Support

There were eight talented teams, but the

winners were **The Whiners**

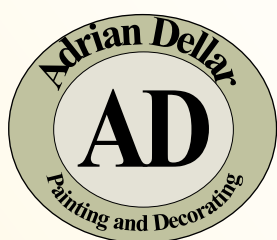
consisting of the

Lakes, Elliotts and McDades.



Big Thanks

to the Backroom Team who did everything else
including arranging the food, washing up and
counting the money and putting the chairs away.



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Supper on the Run



**Saturday
May 11th**

Banish Those Winter Blues!

Join with all your friends and the Village Hall Committee
for the ever popular '**Supper on the Run**'

For those new to the village, a **Supper on the Run** is a great way to meet new people. You meet with a small group of six to eight for a starter and then you move on at a specific time and meet up with different people at another house. For pudding, everyone meets up at the village hall. The choice is yours, you can provide and host either a starter or main course or provide a pudding and a drink in the village hall.

If you would like to join in, please fill in the information below and deliver it to Rosemary or email Julia by 29th April

Rosemary Breen at 99 High Street
or Email the details to Julia Lowndes on jlowndes@me.com

Name Phone

Address Email

Which course can you provide? Circle..... **STARTER.....MAIN COURSE.....DESSERT**

Maximum number of people **including yourselves**

Are there **any** dietary restrictions or allergies?.....

Please reply by April 29th.
Details of your itineraries for the evening will be sent to you shortly



THE
RED LION
INN HINXTON

Greetings to Hinxtton Villagers from all at The Red Lion Inn

Thank you to those who managed to squeeze in on Mothers Day – always good to see the pub full to the rafters with guests having a good time.

We have set our next
Tapas Night date

Friday 19th April
Caribbean Style!

Easter is also coming up at the end of this month. Do book ahead if you would like a table over the holiday – this would be a great help.

Friday 29th March – Monday 1st April

By popular demand our **Burger Night** is returning Bank Holiday weekend: **Friday 3rd May.**

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

Best wishes to all

Alex, Nikol, Shane, Sam and the teams

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A "favourite poem" from Dick, the quiet American at 129.

The poet, **Robert Frost**, attended the same men's college in northern New Hampshire that I did, and visited every year whilst I was there to recite his poetry -- to capacity audiences. The poem is short but says so much in its few words.

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FEATURE YOUR FAVOURITE POEM, PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR



Ickle-Gigs presents **Live Music** at the Social Club

Saturday 6th April at 7.30pm

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Saturday 27th April at 7.30pm

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APRIL

1st	Monday	
2nd	Tuesday	Black Bin Collection
3rd	Wednesday	
4th	Thursday	Hinxton Curch—6pm—Compline
5th	Friday	Hinxton Walkers—meet 9.30am Village Hall—Theresa Sullivan Hinxton Church—Prayers for our World in Conflict 12.00-12.30pm
6th	Saturday	
7th	Sunday	Village Clean Up - 9.30 Village Hall
8th	Monday	
9th	Tuesday	Blue & Green Bin Collection
10th	Wednesday	Coffee morning— 10.30-Village Hall
11th	Thursday	Hinxton Curch—6pm—Compline
12th	Friday	Hinxton Church—Prayers for our World in Conflict 12.00-12.30pm
13th	Saturday	
14th	Sunday	
15th	Monday	
16th	Tuesday	Black Bin Collection
17th	Wednesday	Mobile Library—Church Green—12.20pm
18th	Thursday	Hinxton Curch—6pm—Compline
19th	Friday	Hinxton Church—Prayers for our World in Conflict 12.00-12.30pm
20th	Saturday	
21st	Sunday	Parish Communion—10am—Hinxton Church -
22nd	Monday	
23rd	Tuesday	Blue & Green Bin Collection
24th	Wednesday	
25th	Thursday	Hinxton Church—6pm—Compline
26th	Friday	Hinxton Church—Prayers for our World in Conflict 12.00-12.30pm
27th	Saturday	
28th	Sunday	
29th	Monday	
30th	Tuesday	Black Bin Collection

FUTURE EVENTS

May 2nd Polling Day Village Hall

May 11th **Supper on the Run**

May 19th **"Strawberry Tea"**

May 13th **Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm**

June 8th **HINXTON SUMMER FETE**



Leave some **strawberries** for me, please.



HINXTON MILL OPEN DAYS

May 12th, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th,
September 1st and October 6th

all Sundays from 2.30 to 5pm
(last entry at 4pm)

****fund raising teas in the village hall****