

HINXTON NEWS

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ALL AGE HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE
Sunday 15th October 11am



An invitation to

All-Age Harvest Festival Service

followed by a bring-and-
share lunch in the Village Hall
to which everyone is
welcome.



(Any contributions towards the food can be
dropped off at the Hall from 9.00am. Thank you.
There will be an opportunity to make a charitable
donation for Christian Aid at the end of the meal.



Sunday 15th October 11.00am.

All dry-food donations will go to
The John Huntingdon Food Bank.



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Dear Readers

We are a small community, so the news of Emma Stanley's passing came as quite a shock and our hearts go out to Annabel, her mum and all her family and close friends. I am ashamed to admit that, whilst we shared a passing nod and a smile in the High Street, I never got to know her.

Hinxton is known locally for the social events that bind us together. This month was no exception, with a record turn out for the **Mill Opening**, coupled with tea and cakes in the Village Hall. **The Wine Tasting** evening proved a very popular success and looks like being a feature of the village calendar for years to come. We also enjoyed an extraordinary concert in the Church organised by **The Friends of Hinxton Church**. The duet was an organist coupled with a saxophonist, both from Jesus College, Cambridge. Much of the reporting and photography for these occasions has come, thanks to **Alex Lake**.

We get our first glimpse of Christmas with the welcome return of the **Hinxton Light Up**. This year promises to be the best yet, so make certain that your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews are all attending. More of this and all the upcoming celebrations in our next edition.

Stay safe,

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Emma Stanley

1986 - 2023

Emma was born at the Rosie Maternity Hospital in Cambridge. She was educated in Cambridge and went to university in Newcastle to study English. On graduating



she returned to Cambridge, briefly working in Addenbrookes Hospital. Having always loved dancing she decided on a change of career and qualified as a pilates and dance fit teacher and started her own business working freelance in several gyms in and around Cambridge.

Having worked in Cambridge and Newbury for a few years she decided to go and live in Greece. While she was there she found her beloved cat, Cassie. A small kitten appeared from the undergrowth one evening as Emma was walking home and followed her. It was love at first sight for both of them and when Emma decided to return to Cambridge she brought Cassie with her. They were never parted.

On returning from Greece she began to look for somewhere to live: she found a cottage in Hinxton and moved in shortly before the Covid pandemic began. This was a difficult time as Emma was unable to work and had lots of spare time. In true style she used this time to create a beautiful garden at the cottage which she loved very much. She also took on an abandoned allotment in the village. It was in very poor shape and Emma spent much time and effort in transforming it into a beautiful and productive place. She loved walking around the village, often accompanied by her sister's dog and playing with her nephew in the park. She also enjoyed a visit to the pub after a hard session at the allotment.

Emma was on the verge of the next stage of her life. She had met her partner Steve and they were planning to buy a house in Little Chesterford. They both had great plans for the future.

Emma died peacefully in her sleep on the weekend of 11 - 13 August. She was found by her family who had become concerned after not hearing from her. Her funeral was at the Arbory Trust on September 11 and was well attended by family, friends and clients.

She is much missed by everyone and will be forever in our thoughts.

CHURCH NEWS

a message from Lydia

It's a mystery

The Rectory garden has had an interesting year. Some plants have surprised and delighted – we had loads of courgettes and the potatoes Jon planted in bags (pictured) have been great. But there were the disappointments, too: The tomato plants that sulked, the many seeds that failed to germinate.



And we can't always tell why some things grew and others didn't.

There's a story Jesus told about a farmer.* Having sown his seeds, he gets on with his life, working and sleeping, day and night. Meanwhile, all on their own, the seeds begin to sprout and grow, but – Jesus says – the farmer doesn't know how.

If you ever planted beans in jars of blotting paper at primary school (or watched the timelapse sequence in the opening credits of *The X-files*), you'll know rather more about how growth happens than it appears the farmer in the story understands. And yet you may still wonder at the mystery and brilliance of it all.

The Bible affirms our role in making things grow: We hear this at the very beginning, in the creation story when the first people (Adam and Eve) are presented with this whole world of land and plants and animals to nurture and multiply. This suggests that we have a role to play in taking care of the earth, in using its resources wisely so people and animals have enough to eat and can live as well as possible together. In using our skill and

intelligence to ensure we do this well.

But Christians also believe that the earth is God's work.

The amazing processes of nature that enable life and growth are created and given by God. And they *are* amazing: There's a refrain that runs through the story of creation – at the close of each day of things being made, light and dark, land and sea, plants and fish and birds and animals, it says "*And God saw that it was good.*" God's work is all good.

At this time of year, in harvest festivals, we celebrate both kinds of work – ours (that of the farmers and gardeners and others who produce our food) and God's, who made this wonderful world.

You are warmly invited to join in the two harvest celebrations in our churches, which this year are at Ickleton on 1 October and Hinxtton on 15 October. See website for details.

*You can read the story in Mark's gospel, chapter 4.

P.S. In Duxford on 22 October we'll again be at St John's Church, where we are gathering while the building work happens at St Peter's.

"Enormous thanks to all who came to celebrate 20th Anniversary of the Red Lion and support their charities: The Friends of Hinxtton Church and Smile.

Hugh Taylor (Church Warden) and Kate Riley (Secretary to the Friends) thank Alex Clarke for his continuing support and the £400 raised for our church building and churchyard as a village community asset."





In the Spotlight

Tell us about your early life and family

I will start with my father. Brought up in the slums of Edinburgh, he left school at 14. He worked as a butcher's boy delivering meat by cycling around the city on one of those delivery bicycles that had a small front wheel with a large carrier tray above it. When he was 16, the Second World War was declared. He joined the RAF as an apprentice, training as an air frame fitter, spending the rest of the war repairing Spitfires and Hurricanes. He travelled across North Africa and then all the way up through Italy. Whilst stationed near Algiers, he met a young Swiss lady whose parents were working in a Christian mission to the local Arab population. Being Swiss, they were neutral and so had been in the city during the German occupation and were there to welcome the British and Americans when they then arrived. After the war she was brave enough to marry this young airman. He brought her from the sunshine of Algeria to the damp and cold of a British winter – 1947 – the harshest there had been for many years. Britain was on its knees. Clothing, fuel and food were all rationed and bombing meant that housing was in short supply.

And so I was born. My father had remained in the RAF, now training to be a radar technician. We moved from rented rooms to rented rooms, eventually living in an old 18 ft caravan – by now, mum, dad and three boys. My early memories of those days are full of joy. Living free on the boundaries of RAF stations in the great outdoors. We knew no different. We thought that we were much better off than my uncle, also in the RAF, he lived in an old double decker bus. At least we had a proper caravan! When I was seven, we moved into a brand new RAF married quarter. A house of our own!! Next came two years in Germany, initially in Cologne where I was impacted by the horror of a totally bombed out city, then back to living free on Luneburg Heath where we could walk to the spot where a few years earlier Montgomery had accepted the German surrender.

Education of service children in those days was somewhat haphazard. I arrived back in England in the middle of the summer term, to what was to become a permanent family home in Somerset, only to discover that I should have taken the 11 plus examination in February. The outcome was that I was sent to a Secondary Modern school in

with Derek Munday

the Mendip Hills. But what a school! Again, I was in the great outdoors and learned many skills that would not have come my way if I had gone to the local grammar school. After five very happy years there, I joined the sixth form at Weston-Super-Mare Grammar School for boys and two years later was a medical student at the Royal Free Hospital in London.

Tell us about your career – the training

The “Free” as we called our medical school, was a great place to train. Different to the other London teaching hospitals, half the students were women, many were mature students and there was a much more balanced intake between state and public schools giving it a different, perhaps broader, feel. There was another very important point in its favour. I met my wife there. Mary was also a medical student. A year before I graduated and two years before she did, we were married. That was over half a century ago!!

After I had qualified and completed my first three junior posts, I chose to train to be a GP. I have never regretted that decision, except perhaps once, when as a junior doctor, I was working for a completely mad psychiatrist. The simplicities and straight forwardness of orthopaedic surgery began to feel very attractive! However, I stuck at the training and eventually completed all that was needed to become a principle in General Practice.

As a GP I would be caring for people who were not just an illness – not “the appendix in bed four”, but a whole person. Those of us training to be GPs spent a great deal of time talking about care for the “whole person”. Sometimes, it must be said, in reaction to what we had experienced in our hospital years. We were very enamoured by the work of a Hungarian psychoanalyst, Michael Balint. “Balint group” had developed as a way of exploring such ideas. Those were heady days. As a group of aspiring young primary care doctors, we felt we were taking on the establishment! For myself, I also felt it was important to explore my own faith as it related to medicine. In the year after finally qualifying as a GP, I therefore worked half time and spent the other half at theological college.

Tell us about your work as a GP

On April fools' day 1977 I took over a single handed practice between Reading and Wokingham, in an area that was about to expand rapidly. The practice initially operated from the ground floor of our home. It grew rapidly, becoming a group practice made up of three sets of premises, 14 GPs, two doctors training to be GPs and many attached staff. We cared for 25,000 patients, one of the largest in the country at that time.

Fast forward to the 1990s which brought great opportunities to the NHS. In West Berkshire, GP practices began to work increasingly cooperatively with each other and with secondary care. There was huge optimism about an integrated health service with new ways of developing appropriate and timely care. But then came 1997 and a change of government. Many of the clinicians at the forefront of development gave up as they saw much of what they had been working on dismantled by political dogma, central control and literally billions of pounds wasted as money was thrown, almost indiscriminately at the NHS. I stayed on and tried to work with the new system. I was co-opted onto Tony Blair's modernisation action team to help write the National

plan for the NHS in 2000. By 2003 I was becoming frustrated at the way clinicians were being ignored and marginalised in areas of strategic development. It seemed that the health service was being manipulated for political ends, sowing many of seeds of the problems that we see today. I realised that it was time to go.

So we moved to Wales – to Barmouth. Mary, an Ophthalmologist worked at Ysbyty Gwynedd, the district general hospital in Bangor, while I travelled in the opposite direction to work as at Llanfair Caereinion in rural Powys. I went back to my roots – a clinical GP. For the last years of my career I worked amongst Welsh hill farmers. I loved it.

How did you come to be in Hinxton?

We have two daughters, one lives at Crystal Palace, the eldest in Trumpington. They were concerned that we lived far from them and were getting older – “Barmouth is a long way to go if you fall off your Zimmer frame!”

So we left our wonderful lives in Wales and moved to Hinxton for the next chapter. So far so good!



Wine Tasting at the Village Hall - Saturday 16th September.



45 Hinxtonians (with a smattering of folk from Ickleton) assembled in the Village Hall for an evening of wine tasting with nibbles, a follow-up to last year's inaugural event. I was delighted to be able to share my passion for wine with everyone, trying to provide some education in the basics of wine tasting technique and vocabulary as well as discussion on the wines themselves.

We kicked off with a Cava, and enjoyed wines from Sussex, the Loire Valley, Burgundy, Georgia, the Northern Rhone, South Australia, Argentina and Madeira. I was aided and abetted by Andy Brown who led us through the pairing of a French Syrah and an Aussie Shiraz; his photograph of his spaniel Charlie seemed to elicit the biggest cheer of the night! Lauren and the ladies of the Village Hall committee helped with the complex choreography of preparing the hall and assembling and distributing 135 goodie-laden

crackers and steak (matched to particular wines); as well as serving up a ploughman's dinner (I think the Red Fox was a real hit!). Lauren, Paul and Jill also did an admirable job in pouring 1/15th of a bottle helpings into everyone's glasses, and then washing them up afterwards! A great time was had by all, judging from the noise, and some lovely post-event feedback. Whilst useful to have Team AA leading the tasting, I think the wines mostly spoke for themselves. You can see my tasting notes on the Hinxton Life Facebook page, although whether or not all in the room would agree with them is another matter!

"Always a pleasure to run these events, the biggest problem being choosing what not to include, and I look forward to repeating this in 2024."

Alex & Lauren Lake



The Friends of Hinxton Church were delighted to welcome **James Crockford**, Dean of Jesus College, and **Michael D'Avanzo**, Organ Scholar at Jesus to the Church to perform a remarkably wide-ranging repertoire of music, from the Baroque to the 20th Century. Jesus College and Hinxton Church have a relationship going back many years, so they like to "pop-in" from time to time.



Although the Saxophone is not normally regarded as a serious classical instrument, James was able to conjure sweet tones that seemed to combine oboe and trumpet-like brassy resonance. What top players, such as Michael, manage to adapt to unfamiliar organs so quickly and effectively is similarly breath-taking. The Telemann sonata in particular exemplified natural synergy and harmony in such a way that one could scarcely believe the piece wasn't written with that instrumentation in mind, even though he died nearly 100 years before the invention of the saxophone. I'm sure Georg would have been thrilled with the performance. Some mid-century music from Walter S Hartley followed - evoking a real sense of America. Mendelssohn writes beautiful and captivating pieces that work well in many incarnations, including sax and organ. Bach's wonderful Sonata in G minor was followed by a short choral prelude that was then extemporised on with the somewhat challenging "Intonation and Partita" of Hans Ludwig Schilling, another 20th century piece that pushed the boundaries of musical sensibilities and featured a somewhat dissonant "chromatic cluster". Absolutely fascinating! An encore of Procol Harum's 'Whiter Shade of Pale' took the Sax into perhaps more familiar territory and served to remind us of the top-class diverse musicianship we'd been treated to. The crowd may have called out for more, but we had to let James and Michael go home - let's hope we see them again.- Alex Lake

"There is no better cake in the world than is served with afternoon tea in the village hall. This is Linda at Hinxton Village Hall presiding over what was the finest selection of cakes I've seen in a long time. The Victoria Sponge Cake was so light it nearly floated off my plate and sailed out of the window into the sun. "

Martin Bond- A Cambridge Diary

The Mill opening on 3rd September and cakes and teas in the village hall raised a staggering **£482** to benefit Cambridge Past Present and Future.

Well done Sue , Chris, Martin and all the Village Hall bakers and helpers





HOME-MADE HINXTON – 14th October 2PM - 4.30 PM

Bottled/Baked/Crafted for you.

Hinxton Artists selling their own produce at the Village Hall.

Apple Press – bring full bags of all your apples and empty bottles for the juice.

10% in aid of PARKINSONS UK

Contact Kate Riley

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BINGO for Vegetables

7pm in the village hall– eyes down 7.30

Entrance fee £5 includes

Six Games with an interval for cakes and drinks all included

*****Prizes Galore*****

25th November

A day out on the Old River Nene



A small but intrepid group of Hinxtonians took to the water in early September on board narrowboat 'Adventurer' to spend a day exploring the old course of the River Nene between March and the village of Benwick. Conditions were close to ideal (warm, but with a gentle breeze across the surface of the river) and the wildlife was a joy - we saw egrets, cormorants, herons, kingfishers, mallards, coots, numerous fish, and swans young and old. Next year we propose a trip along the River Lee, starting in Broxbourne . . .





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SATURDAY, 18th NOVEMBER 2023

HINXTON VILLAGE HALL

from 8.00 pm – final bids 10.00 pm

Name.....

Address:
.....

Tel No:.....

Item offered for auction:

Description:

Saturday 18th November at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

If it were offered, I would bid for

.....

Please submit any offers to

Ros Smith:

The Hermitage,

42 High Street





October Greetings to Hinxtton Villagers
from all at The Red Lion Inn

Garden Party

Thank you all who joined us for our 20th Anniversary Garden Party this year. It was wonderful to see so many regulars there – the weather was kind and it made for a really enjoyable evening. The raffle and auction raised a fantastic **£800** between them – so you kindly supported the **Friends of Hinxtton Church** and **Blue Smile Cambridge** children’s charity to the tune of £400 each. They were hugely appreciative and asked me to pass on their thanks.

Special Nights

Congratulations to Shane and his brigade for delivering another great Specials Night – his Cicchetti Night (Italian Tapas) went down a storm at the beginning of last month. These are full on evenings for both kitchen and front of house with so many small dishes going out – no mean feat.

So, well done Sam and the front team too.

By the time your read this you will hopefully have enjoyed our next Taster Menu Night – stand by for more dates ahead.

Christmas Bookings

Yes it is coming! We have ordered our logs, turkeys and crackers. Shane has done his usual magic on the menus. We know some have to get super organised early over Christmas so we have posted our menus and opened our bookings.

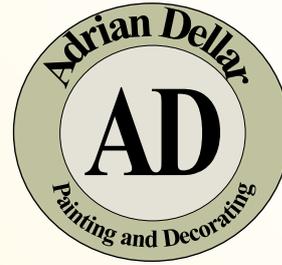
Do get your towel down if you have particular dates that are important (eg 25th ?!)

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

Best wishes to all

Alex + Team Red Lion

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Notes from the Parish Council meeting held Sept 11th 2023

The full Minutes are on the website and noticeboard in draft form and will be approved at the next meeting

Wellcome Trust Campus Development.

The conditions for Bridges, Lighting and Construction have been approved. The hearing attended by members of the HPC who wanted only one bridge, decided that two would be allowed. Thanks were given to Peter McDonald who also argued on Hinxtons behalf.

<https://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/local-news/new-science-park-bridges-approved-27493050>

Village Hall.

It was decided that at the next meeting, a discussion to be held regarding setting up a working/sub-committee from the Parish Council, the Village Hall committee and the village to discuss the Village Hall extension and the land behind the allotments.

Local Wellcome matters.

Wetlands Committee. A walk round of the wetlands was held. Any further news or reports will be placed on the Wetland's page of the HPC website as it arrives.

Permissive paths- Clerk has contacted Bidwells several times re the state of the paths, they have now been cut.

Playground.

Wobble board has been removed as it was dangerous.

Highways.

HPC were again not successful in their bid to have Hunts Lane made into a one way street. It was agreed to apply for this again as a Local Highways Improvement grant.

Our application for 20mph speed limits will be decided in Sept.

A505 Report.

Interim report due mid September.

Hinxton News.

Mike Boagey kindly volunteered to create a Hinxton News for August and September. Thanks were given to him for doing this. Chris Elliott to meet with Mike to discuss the newsletter going forward.

Signage for the Ford re slippery surface.

Several near accidents in the Ford, we can put signs up at our expense and we have permission to put them on to existing sign posts. Cost approx. £16 each. It was agreed to buy three signs, Clerk to check the wording with Highways to ensure compliant.

Community Gritting Scheme.

This is a scheme where Local volunteers can help to keep their community moving in freezing weather. Under this scheme, the parish or town council decides on specific routes in their area which are important to the local community and agrees them with the county council. It was agreed that we would join this and get a grit bin for the areas that get slippery. Volunteers will be asked for nearer the time.

Dates of next Parish Council Meetings 7.30pm Village Hall:

Planning meeting (if required).....Oct 9th 2023

Full MeetingNov 13th 2023

Next Community Forum: Weds 27th Sept 6-8pm. Village Hall

October



1st	Sunday	Last Hinxton Mill Opening 2.30-5pm
2nd	Monday	Tea Shop - Village Hall- 10—1pm
3rd Tuesday		Tea Shop - Village Hall- 10—1pm
		Black Bin Collection
4th	Wednesday	
5th	Thursday	
6th	Friday	Hinxton Walkers 9.30 Village Hall
7th	Saturday	
8th	Sunday	Hinxton Church- Communion- 8-9am
9th	Monday	
10th Tuesday		Coffee Morning- 10.30-12 (day early)
		Blue & Green Bin Collection
11th	Wednesday	
12th	Thursday	
13th	Friday	
14th Saturday		Home-Made Hinxton 2-4.30pm (See bottom of page)
15th Sunday		HARVEST FESTIVAL 11am Followed by a Bring and Share in Village Hall (page2)
16th	Monday	Tea Shop - Village Hall- 10—1pm
17th	Tuesday	Tea Shop - Village Hall- 10—1pm
		Black Bin Collection
18th	Wednesday	Mobile Library 12.20
19th	Thursday	
20th	Friday	
21st	Saturday	
22nd	Sunday	
23rd	Monday	
24th	Tuesday	Blue & Green Bin Collection
25th	Wednesday	Wetlands Walk- General Autumn Wildlife 12-1pm meet on wooden bridge
26th	Thursday	
27th	Friday	
28th	Saturday	
29th	Sunday	
30th	Monday	
31st	Tuesday	Black Bin Collection
HALLOWEENTRICK OR TREAT		

FUTURE EVENTS

NOVEMBER

3RD FIREWORKS ON THE CAMPUS

9TH ICKLETON TALKS WITH STEVE MARSHALL
"THE MELTING PLANET"

Parish Council Full Meeting

Nov 13th 2023 7.30pm

18th Silent Auction page 13

25th **BINGO**
for vegetables

DECEMBER

Light Up Hinxton

HOME-MADE HINXTON

14th October 2 - 4.30 PM

Bottled/Baked/Crafted for you.

Hinxton Artists selling their own produce at
the Village Hall.

Apple Press – bring full bags of all your apples
and empty bottles for the juice.

10% in aid of PARKINSONS UK

Christmas is coming.....YAY!

Start sorting out your house decorations for the
HINXTON LIGHT UP with Santa in his sleigh



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