

# HINXTON NEWS

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Come and join the  
*Friends of Hinxton Church* for a  
**Strawberry Tea with  
Treasure Hunt!**

**Sunday 19th May from 3pm**



**in Hinxton Churchyard**  
Bring your garden chairs, picnic rugs  
etc.

**£10 cash per adult @ gate**  
**Children FREE**  
This includes soft drinks, cakes and  
strawberry treats.  
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# 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**



Dear Readers.

A lovely selection of village events are on the horizon. This month we will enjoy the **Strawberry Tea** and **Treasure Hunt** followed by my favourite, the **Supper on the Run**. Our **Summer Fete** planners are hard at work but still frustrated by not securing some suitable live music. Can you help?

Our middle pages this month feature a heartwarming ‘thanks’ from the Ukrainian families who stayed in the village after they arrived in England. This was always an uneasy situation for both parties and we should appreciate the supreme effort made by our neighbours, which is obviously appreciated by their guests.

**Calling all authors.** Be sure to deliver your Writing Competition entry to Sara Gregson by the 22nd June (see page 13). These will be judged by the Book Club then the winners will be announced and published in the August edition.

**Hinxton News** will soon have brand new Editors. We wait for months, then two come along! **Katie Love** and **Steph Lott** have agreed to jointly edit our village paper, starting in July. I am certain that not only will they enjoy their involvement but they will bring a whole new reading experience for us to enjoy. If you would like to write a column or contribute in any way, their contact details are below.

Thank you all for your kind messages. I do not intend to make a heart rending and emotional speech this time. I think you all know how attached I am to the ‘News.’

You will have to wait until June ..and then get your hankies ready.

Mike

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# ROGATION 2024

A reflective Hinkledux Churches walk between Ickleton, Hinxton and Duxford to celebrate the life of our communities

**Sunday 12 May at 10am**

This year's Rogation walk and service starts at **Ickleton church** with coffee and pastries and the beginning of the service, walking on via the **Genome Campus** to **Hinxton church** and thence to via the ford to the church at **Duxford** as we end our service and enjoy a picnic lunch together.

You're welcome to join at any stage of the journey. We plan to arrive at Hinxton at 11:15 and be in Duxford at 12.30. Bikes, scooters, buggies and dogs are all very welcome.





# CHURCH NEWS

A message from Lydia

## Moonflower

Honesty is one of those plants that gardeners either love or hate. It turns up everywhere – not quite a weed, but not a native species either, its purple flowers appearing from spring to early summer. Originally from south-east Europe, honesty has been recorded growing wild in the UK since the late sixteenth century.

Although they are enthusiastic self-seeders, if you plan for honesty to appear in your garden you need to be patient. These are biennial plants: you sow the seeds one year and must wait until the next for them to flower. I am not an especially patient gardener, so you can perhaps imagine how pleased I was when my seedlings of the white variety survived the winter and began to flower last month in the Rectory garden.

Their Latin name - *Lunaria* - means moon-shaped – referring, presumably, to their white translucent oval seed pods. These silvery almost-coin-shaped containers have inspired many other names: *money-in-both-pockets*, *silver dollar* as well as *monnaie du pape* ("Pope's money") in France and *coins of Judas* in Denmark and the Netherlands (after the 30 pieces of silver Judas was paid to betray Jesus). In the UK we mostly call the plant *honesty*, as the translucence of the mature seed pods "truthfully" reveal their contents.

One of my favourite lines in the Bible about honesty (the virtue) comes from St Paul's hymn to love in 1 Corinthians 13. Here, St Paul writes love *rejoices in the truth*. By which I think he means that real honesty, born out of a loving attitude, is more than not lying. When we love, we are liberated from focusing merely on our own personal agenda. When we love, we can act with integrity.

By the time of our flower festival at Duxford on 18 and 19 May, the flowers on my honesty plants will have faded, but perhaps I shall have some seed pods to put in my vase of flowers. If you'd like to contribute an arrangement (or, like me, a simple vase of flowers), it's not too late to join in. See our website ([www.hinkledux.com](http://www.hinkledux.com)) or contact [trishchudleigh@aol.com](mailto:trishchudleigh@aol.com) for more details.



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# Дуже дякую!

## Thank you very much!

And now the time has come to leave the beautiful Hinxton village with great gratitude in our hearts..

When the War broke out in Ukraine, in our beloved city Kharkiv, a decision, where to move had to be made quickly. Volunteer Natalya helped to find families who are ready to accept Ukrainians to their homes, to provide support and care in the most difficult time for them. And we found ourselves in a picturesque and cozy village Hinxton with kind-hearted people who live there. And from this village our journey in England began.

The world has turned upside down. We had to start our life over and adapt to a new circumstance. But YOU ALL helped us not to lose hope in a safe future, your village became our home for a long period.

We will never forget your wonderful traditions! Charming and cozy Christmas with delicious mulled wine, Santa and elves. Halloween with costumes and sweets, our children happily knocked on everyone's door and offered sweets that they could eat for another month! Easter egg hunt. All these you showed us, and we loved it!

We wanted to say 'Thank You' to families who became special people in our destiny. They gave us the most important role - their home, warmth and comfort.

After the victory of Ukraine, we are waiting for you all to visit us to show how beautiful our Ukraine is!  
RY



The girls are seen here posing with Merv at the village fete in 2022



This occasion was Marsha's 13th birthday tea party after Kate and Theresa had taken the girls ice skating. Also in the picture are Sonia and Marsha .





Maryna and Masha are in Kryvyi Rig now, but they are very grateful to Margaret and wonderful people in Hinxtion Village, with whom they became friends and are still in touch.

"Thank you to David and Lesley Mills, Andy and Sue Brown and their beautiful family. They opened their doors and their hearts by inviting us to their house and surrounded us with love and care. They should know that now they are part of our family forever"



We would like to express our deep gratitude to Mark Blaxter. This is a man with a kind heart and a bright soul, he helped us in the most difficult moment and is helping us now, which we really appreciate.  
Mark, thanks again!"  
**Alex, Olena and Ostap.**



We are more than grateful to Linda Allan and Peter Hiscocks for their support in starting our in England. These lovely people became our second family and gave us a home.  
Thank you for everything you have done for us, we will always remember. "





Our lovely Mary Ellis was presented with a huge replica cheque representing the most recent collection, for her amazing unsurpassed British Legion Poppy Day Appeal involvement over the last fifty years, at the Wednesday Coffee Morning in the village hall, surrounded by an appreciative crowd of friends and neighbours.

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# Linda's Amazing Cook Book

## Braised Steak and Onions

My mum used to cook braised steak, and my dad loved it. I wasn't particularly enamoured of the dish as a child, but I rediscovered the recipe a few days ago and made it for the two of us.

We think it is a winner! I've tinkered with it a bit; my mother used all stock (no wine) and corn oil, so feel free to do the same.

The recipe serves two, but just double it to feed four.

## Ingredients

350/400 g braising steak, cut into four pieces

2 very large onions, halved and sliced .

125ml beef stock.

125ml red wine.

1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

Extra virgin olive oil.

About 2 tablespoons seasoned plain flour.

Salt and pepper.

## Method

Pre-heat the oven to gas 1, 140c (or 130c fan) Put 2 tablespoons oil in a flameproof casserole, and when it's sizzling hot, coat the meat very well in seasoned flour and brown the pieces on each side until they are a good rich brown colour. Lift them out and reserve on a plate.

Now fry the onions to brown them well at the edges, stir in a bit more of the seasoned flour, then turn down the heat and arrange the meat on top (plus any juices that are on the plate) Next pour in the red wine, stock and Worcestershire sauce.

Put the lid on and transfer to the oven for two and a half hours or until the meat is tender.





Our best wishes go to Amy in her new venture.

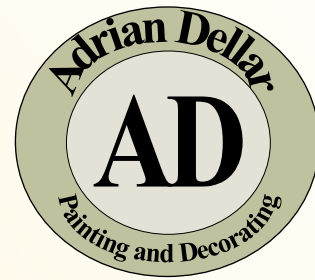
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and the rest of the band play a beautiful blend of mod, pop, jazz, that makes you think of summer sunshine. Compared to Joe Jackson, but better! Many releases under their belt, search them out then come and see them play live at the

**Ickleton Social Club.**



# desert island jukebox

## **Gordon Lightfoot: Gord's Gold Vol 1 & 2**

The great prolific Canadian singer/songwriter. Good tunes, good lyrics. "Sundown" is a favourite.

## **The Eagles: Greatest Hits I & 2**

Iconic Southern California sound. Great tunes, great lyrics, excellent musicianship. "Hotel California" is, among many others, a classic.

**Trio (Emmylou Harris, Linda Ronstadt, Dolly Parton) I & II**  
Classics in close-harmony singing. And a great story as to how they got together for the first time, then a second time years later.

## **Tom Rush: No Regrets, Circle Game**

His inside feelings are on display in these two songs (and does a better job on the second than did Joni Mitchell, the original composer!).

*.. and for an encore:*

## **(Crosby), Stills, & Nash: Southern Cross**

Having been a Pacific Ocean sailor off the coast of California back in the 1970s and 1980s, this song has always been a favourite of mine.

## **J.S. Bach: Brandenburg Concerti**

You can hear J.S. saying, "Finally I get to compose something other than church music!" Some of the best baroque ever written. Intricate, melodic, and endlessly satisfying.

## **Beethoven: Symphony #6 (Pastorale)**

I first heard this in the late 1950s. A wonderful feeling of being outside in the countryside. Historically it opened the musical door to Romanticism, and opened my young ear to Beethoven.

## **Alan Hovhaness: Mysterious Mountain (Symphony #2)**

I bought the vinyl LP in 1959 on a lark, based on its cover art. Turned out to be a major find! Modern American composition, wonderfully listenable and moving.

## **Rodrigo: Concierto de Aranjuez, Fantasia para un Gentilhombre**

Two concertos for classical guitar and orchestra. The Fantasia was written for Andres Segovia..

*.. and for an encore:*

## **Tárrega: Recuerdos de la Alhambra**

A short but hauntingly beautiful piece for unaccompanied classical guitar. Chloe and I had it played by a guitarist at our wedding.



Dick Jones  
invites us to  
enjoy his  
choice of  
music





# 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](mailto: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  
**HINXTON**  
**WRITING**  
**COMPETITION**



2024

**JUNIORS**  
&  
**SENIORS**

**£50 cash prize for each age group winner**

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- A poem or story on the theme of **'CLIMATE CHANGE'**
- Juniors under 16 on 1st January 2024 ..max 500 words
- Seniors....max 1000 words
- Submit finished work extended to 22nd June 2024

Take to *Sara Gregson, 87 High Street, Hinxton*

*Use double spacing. Do not put your name on the document but attach on envelope with your name and contact details along with the title of your piece*

- Judged by Hinxton Book Club





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Happy May to all from us all at  
The Red Lion.

Thank you to those who made our most recent Caribbean Tapas night. These are really building a following and are getting rave reviews so stand by for more as we continue our world tour – see below.

Please check out our new  
Spring Menu on our website:

Cornish Mackerel - Ceviche  
scorched mackerel, radish, pickled cucumber  
and horseradish

Lamb Rump  
Jersey Royal potato, purple sprouting broccoli,  
goats' curd, lamb jus

Rhubarb Fool  
sponge fingers, pink gin, pistachios

Reminder that we have our  
**Burger Night**  
returning on the specials board first May  
Bank Holiday weekend:  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.**

We have also set our next **Tapas Night**  
date:  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Tapas Southern Style** (think Deep  
South – Kentucky, Louisiana)

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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Poem chosen by Jane Chater

## TO AUTUMN

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;  
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,  
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core.  
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells  
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,  
And still more, later flowers for the bees,  
Until they think warm days will never cease,  
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?  
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find  
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,  
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;  
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,  
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook  
Spare the next swath and all its twined flowers:  
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep  
Steady thy laden head across a brook.  
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,  
Thou watchest the last oozing's hours by hours.

Where are the songs of spring? Ay, Where are they?  
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—  
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,  
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue.  
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn  
Among the river shallows, borne aloft.  
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;  
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;  
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft.  
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;  
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.



Date	Day	Event
1	Wed	Wetlands Wildlife Spring Walk - 12-1pm - Wooden Bridge
2	Thu	Polling Station - 6am-10pm - Village Hall - Don't forget Photo ID is required to vote Annual Parochial Church Meeting- 7:30pm - Hinxton Church
3	Fri	Hinxton Walkers - Meet 9.30am Village Hall - Joan Roberts Hinxton Church - Prayers for our World in Conflict 12:00-12:30pm Red Lion - Burger Night
4	Sat	
5	Sun	IWM Duxford Flying Day - 10am to 6pm - Warning Heavy Traffic on A505
6	Mon	May Day Bank Holiday
7	Tue	Blue & Green Bin Collection
8	Wed	Coffee Morning - 10:30-12 - Village Hall. Wetlands Wildlife Spring Walk - 12-1pm - Wooden Bridge
9	Thu	Hinxton Church - 6pm - Compline Ickelton Talk
10	Fri	Hinxton Church - Prayers for our World in Conflict 12:00-12:30pm
11	Sat	Supper on the Run
12	Sun	Holy Communion - 8am - Hinxton Church Hinxton Water Mill Open Day - 2:30-5pm
13	Mon	Parish Council AGM - 7pm - Village Hall
14	Tue	Black Bin Collection.
15	Wed	Wetlands Wildlife Spring Walk - 12-1pm - Wooden Bridge Mobile Library - Church Green - 12:20pm Friends of Hinxton Church AGM & Meeting - 7pm - Village Hall
16	Thu	Hinxton Church - 6pm - Compline
17	Fri	Hinxton Church - Prayers for our World in Conflict 12:00-12:30pm
18	Sat	
19	Sun	Parish Communion - 10am - Hinxton Church "Strawberry Tea" in the Churchyard 3pm-5pm - Treasure Hunt for Children
20	Mon	Village Hall Committee AGM - 7pm Village Hall
21	Tue	Blue & Green Bin Collection
22	Wed	Wetlands Wildlife Spring Walk - 12-1pm - Wooden Bridge
23	Thu	Hinxton Church - 6pm - Compline
24	Fri	Hinxton Church - Prayers for our World in Conflict 12:00-12:30pm
25	Sat	
26	Sun	
27	Mon	Spring Bank Holiday
28	Tue	Black Bin Collection.
29	Wed	Wetlands Wildlife Spring Walk - 12-1pm - Wooden Bridge
30	Thu	
31	Fri	