

Explore Herts with ParksHerts

The ParksHerts Project provides a single online point of access for information about Hertfordshire's parks and open spaces to encourage residents to make more of our valuable local spaces and visit parks they may not have previously explored.

The useful activity selector on the front page of the website helps you choose a park according to who's going and what you want to do, whether that's getting some fresh air, making a day of it or taking it easy.

Find out more and search for a winter walk on the user friendly website at www.parksherts.co.uk.



Ashwell & Bassingbourn Patients Group (ABPG)

The purpose of the group is to foster good relations between our surgeries and their patients. We meet roughly every two months to discuss matters of local and national concern. However, in between times there are frequently less formal exchanges as matters arise in the community which require prompt attention. We are delighted to count the Senior Partner, Practice Manager and Operations Manager as active members.

The committee includes Harry King from Hinxworth & Wendy-Kitchener from Edworth.

Ashwell's Famous Flea Market

On Saturday 5 March 2022 from 9.30 - 1.00pm the flea market returns to St Mary's Church in Ashwell. Entrance is free. Tea and Coffee will be available. Come along to find "All sorts of weird and wonderful things for sale."

Soup Lunch Update

Firstly thank you to everyone for showing me so much kindness these last few weeks. It has been overwhelming and such a support to me and my family. I am going to cancel Soup Lunch for February - I hope you all understand. The next Soup Lunch will therefore be 11 March at 12.30-2pm. Looking forward to seeing you all then. Many thanks everyone.

Chrisi Hook

Hinxworth & Edworth WI

Hinxworth & Edworth WI First meeting of the new year was well attended and the speaker Sarah Harrison who is a writer entertained us with her talk about the things in life that can incense and bemuse us and seeing the funny side of life. Membership Voucher booklets were given out and our new fund raising pens were available for members to buy with the witty slogan 'because a woman can...'.
Our next meeting is Thursday February 10th at the Village Hall 7.45 pm. New members always welcome.

Jan Youngman

Wise Words

The Four Freedoms - part of Roosevelt's 1941 State of the Union speech:

"In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.

The first is freedom of speech and expression - everywhere in the world.

The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way - everywhere in the world.

The third is freedom from want - which means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants - everywhere in the world.

The fourth is freedom from fear - which means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor - anywhere in the world.

That is no vision of a distant millennium. It is a definite basis for a kind of world attainable in our own time and generation."



Thanks to Simon Marlow for suggesting this month's wise words and for pointing me towards the beautiful church of St Vincent, Newnham where there is a wall plaque in memory of Percy Robert Anthony Farr who died during WW2, in August 1944. It reads: "For Home, King and Country and the Four Freedoms"

Do you have any Wise Words to share with us? Has something you have read or heard made a lasting impression on you? If so, send your ideas to villagevoice3@gmail.com.

On The Beat - Useful Information



**Our Non -
Emergency
Number 101**

Local crime information

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

New Inn Road, Hinxworth – On 19th December at 13.45 a group of people walk into a farm shop. The offenders removed the charity box from display and placed it underneath some clothing. The offender left the shop and drove away.

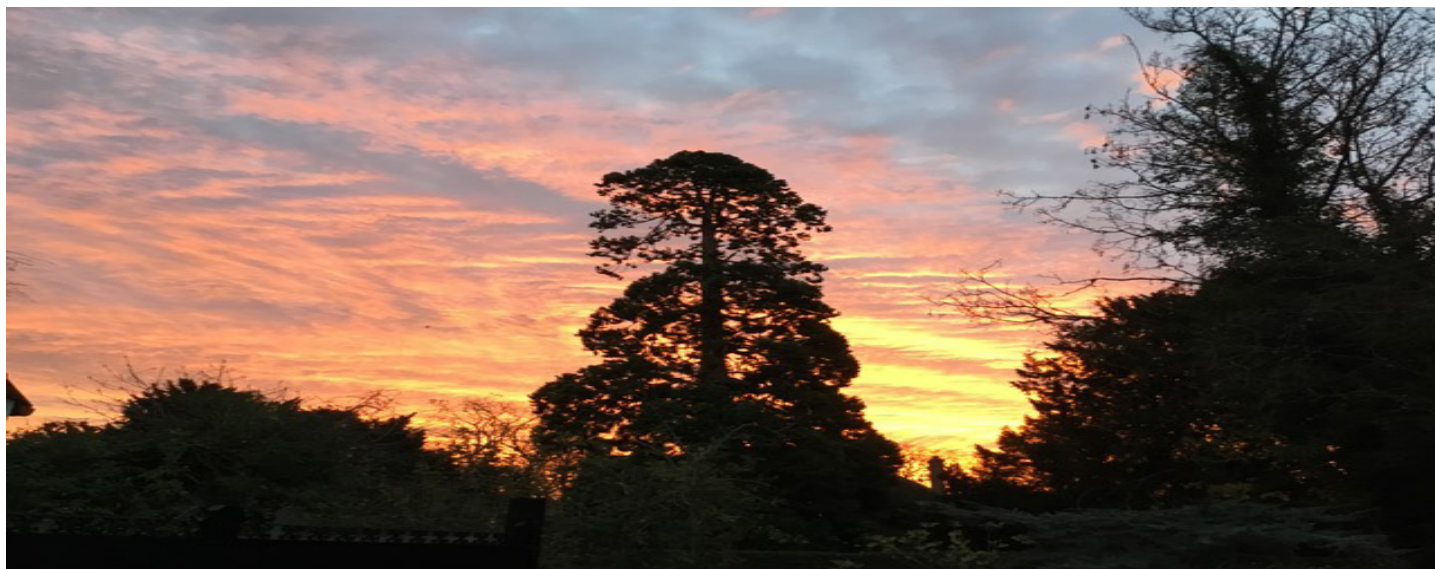
Royston Rural Neighbourhood Team – 01438 757935

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for Caldecote, Edworth, Hinxworth and Newnham

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'Oh, what a beautiful morning!' Photo by Gerald Clare

Winter Morning by James Crews

When I can no longer say thank you
for this new day and the waking into it,
for the cold scrape of the kitchen chair
and the ticking of the space heater glowing
orange as it warms the floor near my feet,
I know it's because I've been fooled again
by the selfish, unruly man who lives in me
and believes he deserves only safety
and comfort. But if I pause as I do now,
and watch the streetlights outside flashing
off one by one like old men blinking their
cloudy eyes, if I listen to my tired neighbors
slamming car doors hard against the morning
and see the steaming coffee in their mugs
kissing chapped lips as they sip and
exhale each of their worries white into
the icy air around their faces—then I can
remember this one life is a gift each of us
was handed and told to open: Untie the bow
and tear off the paper, look inside
and be grateful for whatever you find
even if it is only the scent of a tangerine
that lingers on the fingers long after
you've finished peeling it.

The Village Hall Needs Your Help!

The Hinxworth & Edworth Village Hall Management Committee are looking for an Assistant Bookings Clerk.

If you can spare a few hours a month, have access to email, a printer and are reasonably IT savvy (internet banking and basic spreadsheets) - we'd love to hear from you!

If interested in joining our friendly team, contact Helene on 07890212194.

Steph Creevy

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Save The Date



In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. Hinxworth will be getting involved to celebrate Her Majesty's historic reign.

On Sunday 5th June we plan to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and combine it with the 'postponed' event from 2020 to mark the 100 year Anniversary of our War Memorial. As originally planned, this 'street party' will take place in The Close behind the War Memorial and Sylvia Scales has kindly agreed to help co-ordinate this with the Parish Council.

In order to get some idea of numbers so that we can ensure we have sufficient tables, could you please contact Sylvia (sylviamedia@gmail.com) if you and your family would like to join in. We will ask you to bring your own picnic and chairs.

Richard Cobb, Chairman, Hinxworth Parish Council



A Cracking Chianti - February's Raffle!

This bottle of multi -award winning red wine could be yours to enjoy for just £1. Giuseppe Castiglioni founded Querciabella in 1974 near Greve, within the Chianti Classico area in Tuscany. The name Querciabella means "beautiful oak", as the estate is dotted with trees.

Costing £19.99 and available from Waitrose, Querciabella Organic Chianti Classico Tuscany, Italy 2018 is Chianti Classico at its most stylish. Made solely from the region's great local grape sangiovese, it balances the purest of red cherry fruit with notes of tobacco and oregano. Luscious juicy fruit on the palate and silky tannins that make their mark. Beautiful balance, elegance and concentration at the same time. Amazing length and focus. From start to finish, 2018 is all class!

Put £1 in an envelope, write your name on it and post through one of the following letterboxes:

- High Street House (Karen)
- Chapel House (Jan)
- 8 The Barns Edworth (Pete)
- Newnham Hall Cottage (Fiona)

Closing date is February 20th.

Good luck!!!



I would thoroughly recommend trying it out, even if you can drive it's a better option for the environment and always good to try something new! We don't have many services in Hinxworth so it would be great to see this being supported so that it continues.

If you have any questions get in touch at the Village Voice email address (villagevoice3@gmail.com) and I will try to help.

Tom Mills

Update from The Three Horseshoes

It's a busy month coming up in the Three Horseshoes, here's all of the events and dates to look forward to....

Happy February & a big thank you to everyone that joined us for Burns night. We all enjoy a bit of Scottish tradition and as always it was a great success.



Herts Lynx - A Happy Traveller

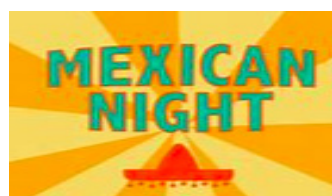
I've lived in Hinxworth for nearly 15 years, during this time I've had to depend on my parents or grandparents for getting me to and from any events taking place outside of the village. The HertsLynx has been a game changer for me, I can now order an 'on-demand' bus to lots of places across Hertfordshire. So far I've only been to Letchworth and Baldock but I do plan to go much further afield soon.

The process is really easy. You can call 01992 555513 or download the app. Simply go into the app and select where you want to go and when. Payment is all via the app. There are rates for anyone with a concessionary pass, everyone else pays a different rate depending on the distance travelled (this is capped at £5.00).

The service runs from 07.00 - 19.00 on Monday to Saturdays and from 10.00 - 16.00 on Sundays. You can book in real-time or in advance.



Distance	Fare (Single Journey)	Concessionary Pass Holder**	Saver Card Holder
0 - 2 miles	£2.00	FREE	£1.00
2 - 5 miles	£3.00	FREE	£1.50
5 - 10 miles	£4.00	FREE	£2.00
10 + miles	£5.00	FREE	£2.50



Our next theme night is a Mexican night and is being held on Saturday 19th February. Pop in and pick up a pre order menu and get booked now.

Come and watch the Six Nations Rugby with us.

Book to avoid disappointment.



And of course, Valentines Day!!! Bookings now being taken for all you romantics....

New Menu

We have a new seasonal menu. Come and enjoy some of our wonderful new homemade dishes or one of your old traditional favourites.

And finally....

As always we do not wish to offend anyone and will keep you updated with events that might cause more traffic or noise in the village. We appreciate your continued support and hope to see you all at our events.

Gerry & Julie Methven

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Book Review

A Single Thread By Tracy Chevalier

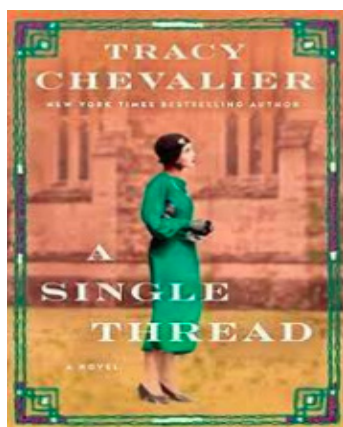
Tracy Chevalier evokes the social climate of the nineteen thirties. It is 1932, and Violet is one of the “surplus women”, left behind after losing her brother and her fiancé in the First World War. This was a unique generation of women, “considered a tragedy, and a threat”, being men-less.

Violet leaves her mother to live independently in Winchester, supporting herself by working in an insurance office. Violet's life in Winchester has come at a cost and the narrative thread follows her struggles to assert her independence against the conventions and prejudices of the day.

Violet joins the Cathedral Broderers who are making kneelers and cushion covers for the cathedral. The real-life head-broderer Louisa Pesel plays a part, and we learn much about embroidery and about bell-ringing through Violet's developing friendship with Arthur, a bell-ringer.

The portraits of individual women in the story capture our attention; those who either pursue their freedom in small acts of disobedience, or quietly stitch their loss into comfort and beauty.

A Single Thread is an easy and enjoyable read; a gentle exploration of a bygone time. It is lovely.



February Quiz



Can you solve the clues?
Each line has a number to help you unravel the answer. First correct entry drawn out wins a small prize.

Send answers by email to villagevoice3@gmail.com. Or post through your local Village Voice letterbox...

- 8 The Barns, Edworth
- Chapel House, Chapel St
- High Street House, High St
- Newnham Hall Cottage

7 D i a W	200 I A S O
2 H o a C	18 H o a G C
26 L i t A	10 I D
11 P i a F T	29 D i F (i a L Y)
15 R B i a G O S	90 D i a R A
3 B M	6 B i a O
64 S o a C B	24 H i a D
10 D S	180 M S w T D
52 C i a P	5 T o a F
200 P f P G i M	7 C o t R
12 S o t Z	27 B i t N T

Closing date 20th February.

Have fun. Don't cheat. Answers and winner will be published next month!

Parish Council Minutes Online

Parish Council Minutes can be found on the Hinxworth Parish Council Website. Go to: www.hinxworth-pc.org.uk for more information.

Church Services for February

Sun 6th Feb	10.15	Family Service	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 13th Feb	09.15	Parish Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 20th Feb	09.15	Parish Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 27th Feb	09.15	Parish Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 27th Feb	09.30	Holy Communion	St Vincent, Newnham

Long Term Service Recognition

David Livings, an Edworth resident, has been working for the Smyth family for 50 years and just before Christmas received a long service medal from the East of England Agriculture Society.

Rosemary Smyth



Photo of David Livings being presented with his Long Term Service Award by David Smyth and his daughter-Charlotte Garbutt

The Village Voice team hope to meet with David soon to find out some stories from his many years 'on the farm', keep an eye out in future Village Voice editions.

Congratulations on this achievement!

Rustle Up Some Compost

Spring will soon be here! Remember to add any leaves, twigs and hedge trimmings to your home compost bin or council collected garden waste. Learn how easy home composting can be and enjoy the benefits of free compost, improved soil structure and added moisture by looking on the Herts website. If you need to order a compost bin, WasteAware has teamed up with Get Composting to offer buy one get one half price on compost bins, follow the link....

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/home.aspx> then search 'Home Composting'.

