

Ashwell & Bassingbourn Patients Group

We are hoping to recruit a new female doctor in the near future. We are fortunate in having a good supply of locum doctors who are regularly called upon to help out. Our nursing team has also been expanded. In times when the recruitment of medical practitioners is a huge issue nationally we are reassuringly well provided for. In addition we now have a full complement of Patient Coordinators.

Issues with our phone system are well known. We have funding for a replacement system which should provide a much better service. The implementation date for this new system has yet to be fixed but we were assured that it was in hand. Our current phone message has recently been amended to include a warning to abusive callers. This was necessitated following a series of very unpleasant calls which were distressing to our Patient Coordinators on the receiving end. They are there to help so we appeal to callers to treat them respectfully.

We always discuss appointments at our meetings. Dr Jarvis pointed out that this was a standing item for our doctors' weekly meetings. Through our membership of the Primary Care Network (PCN), where we share resources with practices in Baldock and Letchworth, we enjoy the additional services of a pharmacist and physiotherapist who help to relieve pressure.

Regarding Covid vaccinations, our Practice Manager, Katie Prince, reported that we are due to offer a clinic at Bassingbourn shortly. It is hoped that this will set a precedent for further rollouts, enabling patients to be vaccinated locally rather than having to travel to Letchworth or even further afield.

There was discussion about hospital waiting lists. Dr Jarvis reported that hospitals were increasingly reliant on GPs to provide some services adding to pressures surgeries.

There was a query about the use of email to make appointments. Katie responded that this was perfectly possible and that emails were checked daily.

Peter Chapman

What Would You Celebrate?

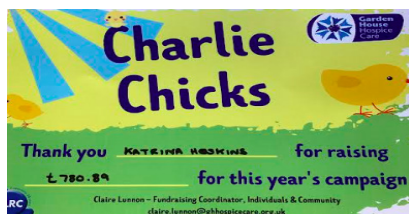
We would like to ask Village Voice readers what they would most like to celebrate. Please send us your answers in one sentence or less and we will publish all comments in the next edition. We will not attribute names to the contributions.



As a starters for ten - 'some nice warm weather' and 'the price of petrol coming down again'!

What would you like to tell us? Email us at villagevoice3@gmail.com or through doors on a scrap of paper in an envelope. Chapel House or High Street House for Hinxworth - Newnham Hall Cottage for Newnham and 8 The Barns for Edworth.

Charlie Chick Sale - Grand Total!



Katrina Hoskins

Thank you so much to everyone who helped me knit, sew, stuff, stick, buy & sell Charlie Chicks this year. We raised a fantastic £780.89 for Garden House Hospice Care.

RECORDER ENSEMBLE AFTERNOONS

A new and exciting opportunity for young people to meet and enjoy recorder playing together

Directed by **Celia Ireland**

First session **Sunday 26 June, 3-5pm**

£15 (£12 for siblings)

Hinxworth and Edworth Village Hall
Francis Road, Hinxworth
Herts SG7 5HL

Suitable for:
Grade 4 and above
Ages 10-18

To book your place, contact:

celia_ireland@hotmail.com

07940 049 476

Book by **18 June**

to guarantee your place



Soup Lunch

Many many thanks to everyone who came to the May Soup Lunch. A lovely lot of diners arrived to sample the lovely soups on offer so a good profit was made. Ideas please for your favourite charity or local cause that you think might benefit from a donation - just let me know. The next Soup Lunch date is the 10 June 12.30-2pm - everyone welcome, no reservations needed. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Chrisi Hook

Three Horseshoes - Dates for The Diary

Quiz Night - Wednesday 15th June - 8pm start

Can you beat Odd Jobs. They have won the last two quiz nights. Get your thinking caps on.

Three Horseshoes Golf Society Annual Charity Event - Friday 17th June

If you wish to book for golf, dinner or both please contact us at the pub. Spaces are filling up fast. Pre book for golf and three course meal. Live music from Corruption, everyone welcome.

Fathers Day - Sunday 19th June

Treat your Dad to one of Christy's amazing roast dinners with all the trimmings. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Spinning A Web On Edworth Road

Some of you may have spotted the larvae covered bushes on the verge of the Edworth Road recently, it is believed to be the work of an Ermine moth. Thank you to Sue Wilson for sending some pictures into the Village Voice.



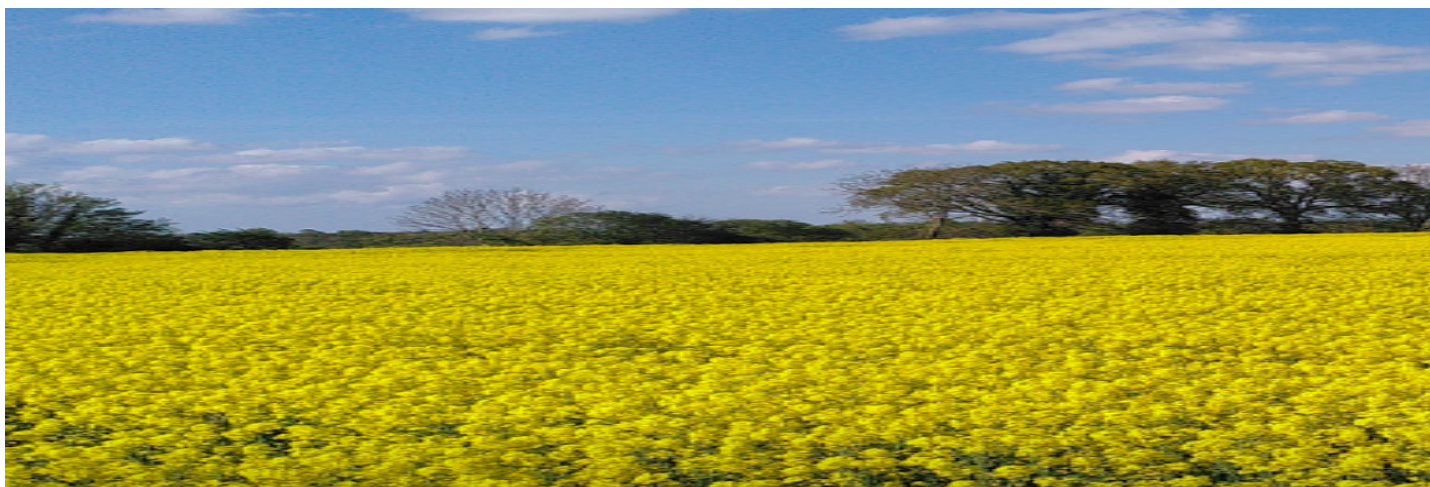
Photo submitted by Sue Wilson

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Spring Walk to Edworth, Photo by Jan Youngman

Our First Guests Arrive

A very warm welcome to the first of our Ukrainian Guests who have now arrived in Hinxworth. Pictured below with Reverend Chris, Elaine and Albert Olson-Williams (the Westie !). From left to right - Olena Opiatiuk, Danylo (10yrs) and Hordii (7yrs) who are staying with Simon and Frances Marlow at Hillside Cottage. Konstantyn (15yrs), Emilia (12yrs) and Halyna Synyshyn who are staying with Jan and Elaine Olson Williams at Chapel House.



Thank you to David and Marianne Osmond who have already welcomed Konstantyn to the Archery Club, to Joe Perricone and Tom Daniell for the very kind donation of laptops for the families, to Pete and Katrina Hoskins who gave Konstantyn a bike, to Merry and Bryan Higgins who took the children out, to Adrienne Gumm, Adeline, Rachel Giles and Deb McPherson donations of clothing, to Liz Oliver for her free Yoga lessons, to Ed Farr and Simon Blake for moving furniture, and to the many people who have contributed furniture, bedding and other essential items. The families and their hosts are very grateful.

The 20 or so Ukrainian families who have fled here to North Herts are being supported by a local initiative, called BAAAU. The organisation is helping with all of the practical and emotional needs of our refugees; everything from school shoes for children to travel costs to get to the UK, a planned visit to a Ukrainian restaurant in East London and driving lessons for adults.

If you feel able to donate, even a small amount, here are the details:

Baldock & Ashwell Action Aid Ukraine

Sort code 30-98-97

Account 74848663

welcome



David Osmond with Konstantyn at Archery Club

Sunflower Growing Competition



It's not too late to plant your sunflower seeds for the 'Grow along in support of Ukraine' competition!

More details to follow soon....

Concert For Ukraine

Baldock Community Orchestra will be playing at St Nicholas Church, Hinxworth on Saturday July 23rd 7pm. Tickets £10, to include a complimentary glass of wine and are available from Patrick Forbes 07749 643257. All proceeds to support Ukrainian Refugees. Music by, among others, Handel, Elgar, Sullivan and Weinberger.

Hinxworth Helpers

A WhatsApp group called 'Hinxworth Helpers' was set up during lockdown for people to ask & offer help. I thought we could bring this useful resource back as a platform for our Ukrainian hosts & guests to ask/offer help. I am now the admin of this group as Sophie has moved out of the village. If you'd like to join the existing group of volunteers, please email me with your phone number & I'll add you to the group. As per the African proverb 'it takes a village'. For more information please email me at: Katrinahoskins@hotmail.com.

Katrina Hoskins

Copy Date: Please send all copy/pictures for the July edition by June 20th. E: villagevoice3@gmail.com

Parish Council Minutes

DRAFT - MINUTES OF HINXWORTH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7th APRIL 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8PM

Present: Mr R. Cobb (Chairman), Mr N. Tiffin (Vice Chairman), Mr T. Lloyd

Other Councillor present: County Councillor Steve Jarvis, District Councillor Tom Tyson, 13 Members of the public.

Apologies: Mr A. Dawson, Mr B. Higgins

1. The Election of Hinxworth Parish Council: Mr T. Lloyd proposed Richard Cobb be elected Chairman, seconded by Mr N. Tiffin. Mr R. Cobb proposed Mr N. Tiffin be elected Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr T. Lloyd.

2. The Minutes of the last Meeting: Mr R. Cobb proposed the minutes of the 2021 APM be adopted seconded by Mr T. Lloyd

3. Matters arising from the minutes: There were no matters arising from 2021 APM minutes.

4. Chairman's Report: See attached report (online).

5. Matters Arising from the Chairman's Report: Mr Geoff Burrows agreed with the Chairman that we stand little or no chance of getting a 20 mph speed limit, because the traffic has to be doing an average of 25 MPH before the county will consider a 20 MPH limit. That is why the Parish Council are pursuing a "Chicane" at the North end of the High Street. Hoping that it will reduce the average speed so we could then move to 20 MPH limit in the future.

6. County Councillor Steve Jarvis's Report: See attached report (online). Additionally the above in item 5 is covered further in the County Councillors report.

7. The District Councillor Tom Tyson's Report: See attached report. (Online). Simon Marlow asked if there is a likelihood of the Village Hall being able to apply for a grant for solar panels. County Councillor Steve Jarvis replied it is most unlikely. Hertfordshire County Council has a "bulk buy" scheme. The Village Hall Management Committee could investigate this as a possibility before committing to any installation. The Chairman thanked Councillors Jarvis and Tyson for attending Hinxworth Parish Council Meetings throughout the year.

8. The Adoption of the Accounts: The accounts for 2020/2021 were adopted at the APM in August 2021.

9. Planning: There were no outstanding Planning Issues.

10. Highways: There were no outstanding Highways Issues. Mr Geoff Burrows queried as to why at the Bury End area of the Village the grass verges are not cut on a regular basis. Gullies/drainage are not cleared and potholes remain unrepaired. County Councillor Steve Jarvis reported grass verges in Hinxworth are only cut once a year. As far as he is aware the gullies/drainage should have been cleared and any pothole issue if reported would be dealt with. He will investigate further.

11. The Village Hall: Nothing to report other than previously given in the Chairman's report.

12. The Recreation Ground: Nothing to report other than previously given in the Chairman's report.

13. Allotments: Nothing to report other than previously given in the Chairman's report.

14. Any other Business: Additional Disabled Bay in front of the Village Hall: The cost of an additional disabled bay in front of the Village Hall is significant. Therefore, at the present time, this has been moved down the Parish Council's priority list but remains under consideration.

St Nicholas Church: Geoff Burrows reported to the meeting the urgent repairs required to the Church totalling approximately £120K. He is therefore advising the Parish Council that the Parochial Parish Council intends to "fund raise" in and around the Village to pay for the work.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting then closed at 9.15 p.m.

Church Services for June

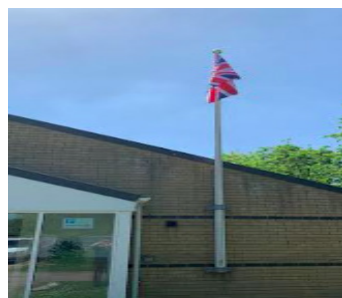
Sun 5th Jun	09.15	Family Service - Pentecost & Jubilee	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 12th Jun	09.15	Parish Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 19th Jun	09.15	Parish Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 26th Jun	09.15	Parish Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 26th June	09.30	BCP Communion	St Vincent's, Newnham

* Note: From this month, our monthly 'Family Service' at St Nicholas, on the first Sunday of the month will begin an hour earlier, at 9:15am. This will help us in coordinating services across our three villages. Do ask Chris or the Church Wardens if you have any questions about this.

Village Hall Update

We were up against Eurovision, but 10 teams joined us for the Village Hall Jubilee Quiz night. The winning team was the Foxes Red. Big thank you to the VHM - Jo Perricone, Debbie Hawthorne and Liz Oliver for all their hard work on the night. Huge thank you to Tom Oliver for all his help with the P.A. and sound system.

We held a raffle for Ukraine and raised £165, the VHM are adding the door money to the £165. We received kind donations from Chris Donohoe at Willows Property Services, Simon from Leisure Grow and the VHM and Terri Bowden from Stevenage. All the winners were very pleased with their summer themed hampers. Photos compliments of Jim's Jokers.



Big thank you to Jo and Tony for putting up the flag at the village hall, in preparation for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Helene Donohoe

Wise Words

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

Mother Teresa (26 August 1910 - 5 September 1997)



18th Century York Town House Built In Hinxworth

How many of you have noticed a tall Georgian house in Hinxworth's High Street? Alan Raynham started building the house just before he and Jan moved to Hinxworth in 2009. Then there was a gap of two years before their garage was converted into a workshop. "Jan is into pottery and she said 'you need a hobby' so she bought me the drawings. It was going to be a doll's house for the grandchildren. And it went from being a bog standard doll's house to a house based on a 1762 grand house, Fairfax House, York which has been renovated back to its original condition. There are 11,500 bricks, all tiny London stock, all stuck in place, all bought from the manufacturers. The paintings, all miniatures, have been painted by members of the Hinxworth Art Society. They have done about 30 with another twenty coming. I don't know how they do it, they are brilliant."

"I am thinking of building a basement for the kitchen and staff accommodation. Everyone who knows me says, 'how the hell have you done that?' The bricklaying was easy – I know how to do that. Now I'm into staircases. The first one took me about three months to make in wood with a marble effect. I've never done a staircase in my life, it's miniature. Two steps forward one step back, two steps forward three steps back. The first one took me eight weeks to make, the second one just one week."

How much work is left to do? "About a year. I'm not going to furnish it. That's not a hobby, that's just putting a hand in my pocket. If I build a basement, that will take a couple of years, another project." My youngest son's wife, Emma, she's going to have it. She has two daughters. They love it."



Patrick Forbes

Hinxworth Puppies for Sale

For Sale Beautiful KC Registered Fox Red Labrador Retriever, Sire by Ettinsmoor Kangaroo Joe, Health checks done on both parents, marvellous temperaments, ready at the end June, please contact Hilary for more details on mobile 07825046640 or email hilary.Perricone@gmail.com

Hilary Perricone

Hinxworth and Edworth WI May Meeting

The May meeting of the WI is always reserved for the AGM so a slightly more serious meeting than usual although the glass of wine on offer did help things along very nicely. Hilary started the AGM by giving her treasurer's report detailing the income and outgoings of the WI over the previous 12 months. It was generally agreed that we need to do some fund raising events so that we can continue to pay for speakers each month so look out for notices of forthcoming events. Hilary finished her report by thanking the members for their continuing support. Next Jan Youngman gave her report as secretary. Jan summed up the year so well with all its ups and down reminding us of previous meetings and funny incidents along the way. Anki then brought this part of the meeting to a close by signing off the treasurer's and the secretary's reports. Sadly for the WI both Hilary and Jan are stepping down from their respective roles although they will both continue to be members of the WI. Anki then asked for names of anyone who would like to become a committee member and so we welcome Jan Raynham and Sue Wilson onto the committee. The next meeting is on June 9 at 7.30pm with a presentation on Eco Products. New members always welcome.

Chrisi Hook

Annual Newnham Village Lunch

The Annual Newnham Parish lunch will take place on Sunday 24th July at 1pm at Newnham Hall Cottage. Tickets are £15 for Adults and £4 for Children (under 12). Please bring your own plates, crockery, drink and glasses. Tickets from Trish Farr 0781617849, Fiona Hughes 01462 742709 and Lyn Stark 07540690066.

On the Beat

Primary school children in Ashwell have been taking part in a community project to tackle speeding in their village. The children from Ashwell Primary School have been helping to promote the new 20 mph speed limit through the village and officers from the Royston SNT visited the school to explain what speed limits are and why they are important. The children were then asked to design a poster to put up around Ashwell to highlight the new 20 speed limit using the '20's plenty' logo. The winning entry was designed by Charlie Sharp from year four. The children were also asked to look for speed signs when they are out in the car and check the speed their parents are driving. If parents are exceeding the speed the children were asked to tell parents to slow down! PCSO Chris Brabrook said: "It was great working with the children on this project and I was really impressed by how engaged they were and their enthusiasm for tackling the issue of excessive speed. All of the poster designs were excellent, and I'd like to thank all those that took the time to design one."

Local Crime: G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote - No reported crime of note.

Look out for the Sign!



As one of the many fund raising activities for a new roof on our beloved little Church of St. Nicholas, we shall be holding a monthly coffee morning on the First Saturday of the month the next one being; 4th June from 10 to 12.30.

If you think you can help us out on any of the days and/or make a cake it would be very much appreciated (please email hattricks@btconnect.com).

Viv Hughes