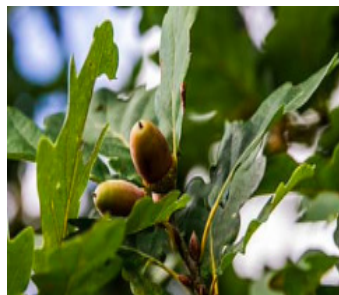


## Some Little Known Oak Facts

- On an average year a mature oak tree produces 2,000 acorns
- Only 1 in 10,000 acorns goes on to produce an oak tree
- Acorns used to be used by humans to make coffee and flour



- Joshua erected a stone under an oak tree as the first covenant of the Lord
- The Royal Oak is the third most common name for a pub
- Some of the most important western documents, including the Magna Carta, Newton's Theories and Mozart's music, were written in oak gall ink
- In Roman times a crown of oak leaves was given to anyone who saved the life of a citizen, it was called a "civil oak"
- Oaks are more likely to be struck by lightning than any other tree
- Oak is the symbol of your 80th wedding anniversary!

**Source JustFunFacts and BBC \* Forestry Commission 2019. First Release Sept 2019**



## On The Beat

### First Hare Coursing Arrest

As this year's harvest gets under way, so too does the illegal sport of hare coursing and Hertfordshire has already had its first arrest this season. On Friday 15 July at around 8:45pm, coursers were spotted near Wallington. A 4x4 vehicle was then located near to Slip End at Ashwell but failed to stop for police. Local Royston rural officers PC Jon Seppings and PCSO Hannah Moss managed to stop the vehicle at 9:20pm. The occupants of the car, five men and five dogs, made off on foot pursued by officers. Edward Connors (21) from Banstead in Surrey was subsequently arrested and charged with dangerous driving, failing to stop for police, driving with no insurance and hare coursing. Two dogs were also seized. Connors has been released on police bail and will appear at court in due course.

For any other information related to hare coursing you can report information online, speak to an operator in our Force Communications Room via our online web chat, or call the non-emergency number 101.



## Be Wary Of Fake Banking Apps

Scammers have targeted individuals who were selling valuable phones, cameras and other items via online selling platforms. The vendors were contacted about their items and when the scammer arrived, paid for items using a convincing banking app. The app mimicked apps from a number of banks and appeared to show the funds being transferred to the victim's bank account.

Four offences were reported during July in Hemel Hempstead, Letchworth, Stevenage and Watford. Detective Inspector Pete Hankins, from Hertfordshire Constabulary's Serious Fraud and Cyber Unit, said: "We are still seeing people being caught out by this scam as the app is very convincing."

The scammer asks the victim to enter their bank details into the app and then it appears to show the amount being debited from the buyer's account. I would urge anyone selling an item to be sceptical about accepting payment via a banking app. Payment by cash, credit card or using Paypal for Business is a more secure way of making a sale.

## Witnesses Sought Following Incident On A505

Detectives investigating an incident on the A505 Baldock bypass are appealing for witnesses and information. The incident occurred near the roundabout at junction 9 of the A1M, towards Royston, at just before 4pm yesterday (Monday 1 August). It was reported that a man had exited his vehicle after coming to a stop. He was struck by another vehicle, described as being a rust orange/red colour, which then made off from the scene. Officers attended, alongside the ambulance service and road closures were put in place.

The man suffered GBH level injuries and was taken to hospital. Sergeant Mike Ball, from the North Herts Local Crime Unit, said: "Our enquiries are continuing at this time to establish the circumstances around what happened and to trace the vehicle involved. As part of this, I am appealing for anyone who saw the incident, or events leading up to it, to please come forward. 'I'd be particularly keen to hear from anyone who may have captured dash cam footage of the incident itself, or of a rust orange/red coloured vehicle travelling in the area. 'If you can help, please get in touch.' Anyone with information is asked to please contact Sgt Ball via email or call 101.

## Local Crime: G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Vehicle Interference, Dixies Close, Ashwell - Overnight between 20th and 21st July a car was entered into in Dixies Close. The vehicle was rummaged through, but nothing was taken. 41/58247/22

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

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September 2022

for Caldecote, Edworth, Hinxworth and Newnham

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St Nicholas was built 700 years ago this year. To commemorate this huge milestone, we are having a village celebration including;

- ☐ Best dog in the village (just bring your pooch along no need to sign up before) 2.30pm
- ☐ Children's historical fancy dress competition. Costumes from anytime in the last 700 years
- ☐ Village Tug of War
- ☐ Treasure hunt for juniors and not so juniors
- ☐ Brass band
- ☐ Pony rides on "Dash the Pony" 2.30-3.30pm
- ☐ BBQ, Bar & Lovely Cake - please bring cash no payment machine
- ☐ Have a go bell ringing with Paul Watler

For catering please let Sylvia Scales know in advance if you are joining us via email [sylviamedia@gmail.com](mailto:sylviamedia@gmail.com)

All welcome, join us on  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2pm – 5pm  
in the grounds of the church

(no tickets or entry fee, but bring cash for bar, BBQ etc)



## Ever Wanted To Ring The Church Bells?

As part of our 700 year celebrations at St Nicholas Church on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Paul Watler has offered to supervise twelve lucky people to "Have A Go" at ringing the church bells. It is solely by appointment and if you wish to be one of the lucky dozen, you need to book in advance with Paul. Sessions are from 1pm - 1.15pm (4 people) 1.15pm - 1.30pm (4 people) and 1.30pm to 1.45pm (4 people) on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Over 16s only. Please contact Paul to book on 07790 525201 or paulwatler@btinternet.com. Ding dong as they say!

**Sonja Bentley**

## Support Revd Chris As She Walks The Thames

Revd Chris will be walking the Thames Path from Putney Bridge over 10th & 11th Sept. The walk is 'non stop', so she'll be walking continuously (apart from food and toilet stops) for 100km. All in aid of the St Nicholas' 700th Anniversary Roof Appeal

She'd be thrilled if you could sponsor her. The easiest way to do this is via Just Giving: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Christine-Campbell30>. Or else give her a donation at the BBQ on the 3<sup>rd</sup>! Good luck Revd Chris!

## Concert for Ukraine

The Concert for Ukraine held in St Nicholas Church, Hinxworth on July 23<sup>rd</sup> raised the astonishing sum of £1355 for the Baldock and Ashwell Action Aid Ukraine. A huge thank you to all who bought tickets, gave donations, contributed the wine and helped in any way, especially moving the pews to and fro. Thanks too to the Baldock Community Orchestra who played with such vigour and commitment.

**Patrick Forbes**

## Super Sunflowers

To support our Ukrainian guests the Allotment Committee shared details of their Summer Sunflower Competition. The Sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine and it's been fabulous to see so many people join in with the summer growing challenge!



Plus another great winning entry for the adults category (pictured right) from Jamie Stepien. Jamie won a bottle of champagne.

There are more entries shared in this month's Village Voice, thank you to everyone for taking part! And a big thank you to Tony Lloyd for donating prizes and judging entries.

Mélie (pictured left) and Toby Knibbs entered their sunflower & won the children's category. Their prize was a bug hotel. Adeline Guillot said 'The sunflowers may not have grown very tall but they have enjoyed seeing them grow at the allotment.'





## Thrifty Adventures - A Big List Of 'No Cost' Or 'Low Cost' Activities

Jump over the stepping stones at Batford Springs	Paddle in the rivers at Hartham Common	Visit Howard Park and Gardens	Play in the park at Bancroft	Explore new parks around you with ParksHerts
Visit the Lavender Farm	Spend the day at The British Schools Museum	Visit Hitchin Market	Find the magic at Scott's Grotto	Spot the Meerkats at Cedars Park
Picnic at Verulamium Park	Walk the Sculpture Trail in Broxbourne Woods	Complete the Summer Reading Challenge	Go Geocaching	Visit Herts Archives
Listen to an Audiobook through the Borrowbox app	Go for a bike ride	Explore the Alban Way	Swim at an outdoor pool	Take a ride at East Herts Miniature Railway

This summer, beyond your front door, but not that far from your doorstep, there's lots for everyone to do all over Hertfordshire. Here's a big list (see above) of 'no cost' or 'low cost' activities in our county, as voted for by Hertfordshire residents, providing a whole world of wonder for children and their parents. Check out THE Healthy Little Trips webpage to find your next day out – how many of the Fifty Thrifty Adventures will you tick off the list? Go to: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/littletrips](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/littletrips).

### Hand Build Pottery Classes

£85 for a 6 week course. This includes all materials, glazes and firing for 2 pieces. the course starts on Tuesday 13th September, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. 2 to 3 places left. Please contact Helene on 07890212194.

**Helene Donohoe**

### Hinxworth and Edworth WI

The next meeting of the WI will be 8th September at the usual time of 7.30 in the village hall. It will be lovely to see everyone again after the summer break. Any new members out there? Please do come along to our meeting - we are such a friendly bunch and a warm welcome always awaits. See you in September.

**Chrisi Hook**

### Soup Lunch Update

The next Soup Lunch will be on the 9th September at the usual time of 12.30 to 2pm in the village hall. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone again after the summer break. As you all know all the profits from these lunches go to local charities and so far this year we have made over over £350 in donations which is wonderful. Don't forget to note the September lunch in your diaries.

**Chrisi Hook**

### Wise Words



"An eye for eye only ends up making the whole world blind."

**Mahatma Gandhi**  
(2/10/1869 to 30/1/1948)

### Church Services For September

Sun 4th Sep	09.15	Special 'Thanksgiving' Service for 700th Anniversary & Harvest	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 11th Sep	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 18th Sep	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 25th Sep	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 25th Sep	09.30	BCP Communion	St Vincent's, Newnham

### Three Horseshoes - Dates For Your Diary

#### Quiz Night - Wednesday 21st September

Come along to test your knowledge and have some fun with your fellow villagers and neighbours!



#### Annual Vintage Car Show - Sunday 25th September

Admire some classics in the pub car park whilst enjoying some refreshments with enthusiasts.

### Support Sarah In Her Great North Run

On the 11th September, Sarah Abbassi will be taking part in the Great North Run and is raising money to support Guide Dogs for the Blind. Training has been particularly tough in the heat but Sarah is preparing well and looking forward to the big day!

If you would like to make a donation to support Sarah please drop off cheques or cash to Sarah at Cammocks, Chapel Street.

# Hinxworth Art Society



Wednesdays 10am to Noon  
Hinxworth Village Hall  
Francis Road, SG7 5HL



The HAS was set up some years ago to encourage and develop the enthusiasm of amateur local artists. We enjoy getting together each week to work on our individual projects. If inspiration falters the coffee and tea helps!

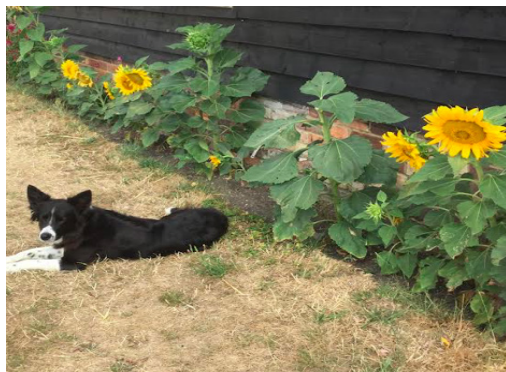
Visiting professional artists offer ideas and guidance on a wide range of activities. Many of us will remember the flamboyant fun of Charles Evans approach to watercolour and acrylics whilst Jeremy Ford's free techniques with pastel gave some of us a new medium to consider.

We have been pleased to gain a reputation as a friendly and welcoming social group. The exhibitions of members' work are well attended and many of us sell work to visitors from a wide area.

Our library of books, DVDs and equipment is quite extensive and is freely available to members. Some DVDs are projected in a different room from time to time at the request of members.

We are always happy to welcome visitors and even happier if they become members.

Contact [hinxworthas@btinternet.com](mailto:hinxworthas@btinternet.com)



**Sue Wilson sent in these pictures of a bumble bee and Nell enjoying her sunflowers.**



**Some tall & bountiful sunflowers, submitted by Graham White.**



**Experimental 'plum' sunflowers (above & left), submitted by Karen Mills.**

## Hinxworth Tree History

Did you know that in 1982, 40 years ago, the then Hinxworth Parish Council (Harry King, Carolyn Devaney, Simon Marlow, David Tebbutt, Beryl Crocker and Connie Stanton) bought our old sewage works from the District Council to transform it into a three-quarter acre wood for the village? The site is adjacent to the recreation ground.



The County Council donated almost 400 trees - a mixture of Oak, Ash, Beech, Hornbeam, Maple, Wild Cherry, Alder, Poplar and various Willows.

A year later, in December 1983, a tree planting day was arranged. What fantastic vision and what a wonderful gift to the current village population. A lasting legacy!

## PCC Minutes

No PCC meeting took place in August, therefore no minutes are available until after the next meeting. The last minutes shared in the Village Voice were from the meeting held on 7th July 2022.