

The March Hare BrewPub, Dunton, Beds



At the beginning of 2022 North Beds, South Beds and East beds CAMRA combined voted the March Hare as their County Pub of the Year 2022 for the whole of Bedfordshire. Since then John and Janice Pritchett have installed a brewery at the March Hare. You now have real ale being brewed in a pub right on your doorstep, where John delights in serving real ale of the highest quality.

Although more expensive than British brewing equipment, John went for an American brewing system, which should have been delivered in July 2021 but only arrived on the 19th October 2021. Because of the pandemic, BREXIT and problems with the delivery of freight, it took three months to get the brewing equipment from Toledo (manufacturer) to Detroit (container depot) to Halifax (yes Canada) to Manchester (UK) to Rotherham to Dunton!

There are five core beers, Bitter No 1, 3.8% ABV, Mr Sedgewicke's Stout, 3.5% ABV, Triple Star, 4.2% ABV, BGB (British Golden Beer), 4.4% ABV, Driver Jackson's Shunters Yard Bitter, 4.5% ABV, together with Santa's Sack 3.8% for Christmas.

March Hare BrewPub Opening Hours

Monday	6pm-11pm	Tuesday & Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	6pm-midnight	Friday	5pm-midnight
Saturday	6pm-midnight	Sunday	1pm-10.30pm



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Ease The Squeeze with North Herts

Did you know that North Herts Council have a section of their website dedicated to helping residents to manage the cost of living. This includes lots of resources offering advice and practical tips to make savings whilst also helping the environment. For more information you can go to: www.north-herts.gov.uk/squeeze.

We've had a look at some of these and added a few tips and suggestions which we hope you find useful.....

Download the HeatApp

Did you know you could save up to around £70 a year on your fuel bills just by using the Herts Energy Advice Tool (HEAT) app? This easy-to-use energy saving app is for all Hertfordshire residents and available for free from Apple and Android app stores for your phone or tablet. The app is designed to take you through your home, room by room, to answer questions to identify how you may be able to reduce your energy use, and in turn save you money.

Broadband & Phone

With money tight, your broadband and phone might be something you consider doing away with - but there is support to lower your broadband and telecoms contracts. Firstly, are you out of contract? Ofcom reports that millions of people are out of contract for their phone, broadband and pay-TV, so could get a better deal. There are a number of comparison sites which Ofcom accredits to help you make an informed choice and get the right deal.



Supermarket Offers

Iceland - Letchworth and Hitchin - If you're 60 or over you can get 10% off your shopping in store at Iceland and The Food Warehouse with no minimum spend. To redeem you need to show your driver's licence or a senior bus pass/railcard.

Morrisons café - Letchworth - Kids eat FREE when an adult spends £4.99 or more on a meal - this is thought to be an ongoing offer.

Love Food, Hate Waste

Discover some simple hacks, tips and guidance to make the most of your food at home. Find out why it's so crucial that we all do our bit to save our food from the bin - and protect our beautiful planet at the same time too.

Every little thing you do, everyday, makes a huge difference. By working together, it soon adds up if you times each small action by 66 million people living in the UK. And, you'll save money on your shopping bill too! Go to www.lovefoodhatewaste.com for more information.

Visit a Warm Space

As it's more expensive to heat your home this winter, you can visit a local 'Warm Space'. Baldock Library is open for you to pop in. Check their opening times online.

Travel

£2 Bus Fare Cap - The government has introduced a £2 bus fare cap meaning a single bus journey will cost no more than £2 on most routes across Hertfordshire, from 1 January to 31 March. The scheme is designed to support families through the cost of living pressures and also applies to the HertsLynx on-demand bus service.

Petrol and Diesel Price Check - There are lots of different websites and apps to find the cheapest fuel in your area - Money Saving Expert recommends PetrolPrices.com to find the Cheapest Fuel Near You, just register and follow the steps.

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Oh What A Beautiful Ball!

A big thank you to all those that helped to make the Hinxworth and Edworth VHC Ball another success. The chandelier and table decorations took centre stage, tuxedos were donned, and Uche Eke and Discovery Roadshow kept us dancing all evening.

Profits from the Ball are being donated to the church roof repairs.

Here are some photos from the event featuring Jim Woodward looking fabulous in his tux!



Helene Donohoe on behalf of the VHC

Thank You for the Windows

Thank you to Sharon Dawson who organised the Advent Windows of 2022! This year we saw some beautiful creations with various themes and festive wonders! A huge thank you to everyone who shared their windows and festive treats with the village.

We have been running this event for ten years and the Village Voice editors were wondering whether anyone had any new ideas for next Christmas - we have lots of time to prepare and it would be great to bring some new energy and ideas to a festive village event....if you have any suggestions or would like to be involved please email us at villagevoice3@gmail.com.

Ali Keeps The Bells Ringing

The Village Clock keeps tickingThanks to Alistair McGaw, who lives on the High Street, opposite the clock tower. Ali took over the task from Gordon Hayden almost 4 years ago. He winds the clock twice a week.



One of our Village Voice Editors (Jan Olson Williams) was lucky enough to meet him recently and to see the inside workings of the clock tower, pictured above.

Ashwell & Bassingbourn Patients Group

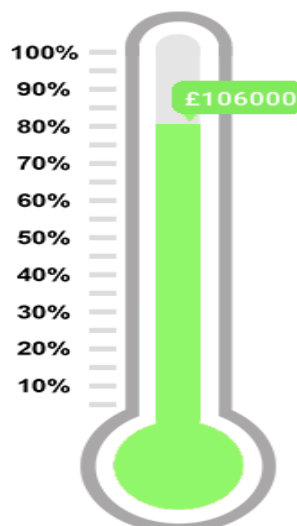
Patient Survey About Appointments

Ashwell Surgery is seeking to provide a more efficient and user-friendly appointment system for patients. Therefore, to help us improve the current system we are launching a survey of patient opinion. This survey will soon be available on the surgery website: www.ashwellsurgery.co.uk. Please check the website from time to time to see when the survey form becomes available. We hope to hear back from as many patients as possible.

Peter Chapman

Church Roof Fund Update

Goal: £136000



We have raised £106,000 towards the total of £136,000 and so the shortfall is now about £30,000

Donations can be made using the following methods to the church's account with Lloyds Bank - Direct donations to code 30-94-30 and account number 01065282. Or www.JustGiving.com/pccstnicholashinxworth or by cheque payable to 'PCC of St Nicholas Hinxworth'.

Thank you for your continued support.

Alec Stephenson

Parish Council Minutes

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 5th JANUARY 2023 AT 7.00 PM.

Present: Mr R Cobb (Chairman), Mr N Tiffin (Vice Chairman), Mr A. Lloyd, Mr A. Dawson, Mr B. Higgins, Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk)

Other Persons Present: Steve Jarvis County Councillor, Tom Tyson District Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 1st December were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Tony Dawson.

2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda:

Boundary Changes: Every household in the Village has received a notice from Tom Tyson headed "Local Government Boundary Commission review proposes changes that would significantly affect our Villages". Representation to the consultation has to be made by January 9th. For further information see the website as detailed on the notice. The Parish Councillors support the version proposed by North Hertfordshire District Council.

3. Correspondence: Nothing to report.

4. Finance: Current Parish Council Funds: The Councillors agreed to the expenditure for the current month. Proposed by Nick Tiffin and Tony Dawson.

The Precept 2023/2024: The Parish Councillors discussed an increase to the precept by 2% to £10578. In addition there should be £140 received from the North Herts Council Tax Reduction Scheme subject to final approval at the Council meeting on 23rd February 2023. The revised precept of £10578 demand for Hinxworth was proposed by Richard Cobb and seconded by Nick Tiffin and agreed by the Councillors.

5. Planning: Planning Consultations: 22/03168/PNQ Farrowby Farm, New Inn Road & 22/03311/FPH Corner Cottage Chapel Street. The Councillors agreed to no objection to these applications. Planning Consultation: 22/03214/FPH Hinxworth House, New Inn Road. (Richard Cobb declared an interest and left the meeting for this item). After a discussion the Parish Councillors agreed to "no objection" to this application. NHDC Planning Department has been notified of the above.

6. Highways: Traffic Calming Feasibility Study: Steve Jarvis is to confirm the planned High Street meeting to take place on January 23rd with the Highways Department. This is to discuss the Traffic Calming Feasibility Study which is nearly completed. All Councillors are able to attend on that date.

7. Village Hall: Nothing to report.

8. Recreation Ground: The Repair to the Gate Entrance to the Recreation Ground: Quotes are still awaited.

The Children's Play Area. The annual inspection has taken place. There are a few minor repairs required. It is planned for a rolling maintenance programme for the area.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments: Water Availability: There needs to be further investigation as to how water can be supplied.

11. Any Other Urgent Business: Nothing to report.

12. Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd February 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Wendy Kitchener (Clerk)

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

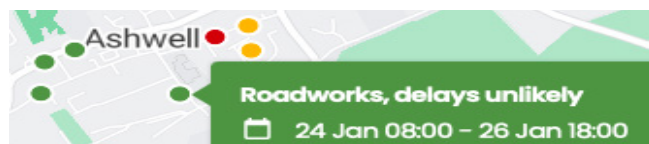
Church Services For February

Sun 5th Feb	09.15	Family Service	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 12th Feb	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 19th Feb	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Wed 22nd Feb	16.00	Evening Prayer for Ash Wednesday	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 26th Feb	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 26th Feb	09.30	BCP Holy Communion	St Vincent's, Newnham

There is also a short service of Evening Prayer at St Nicholas most Wednesday afternoons at 4pm, all welcome.

Check Road Closures - One.Network

With so many recent road closures in the area we thought we'd share this useful site which plans, monitors, communicates and analyses traffic disruptions. You can reach this by typing One.Network into your browser and search the relevant postcode, here's an example of a recent update.



Ashwell Flea Market Is Coming

All sorts of weird and wonderful things for sale on Saturday 4 March 2023 from 9.30-1.00pm at St Mary's Church, Ashwell.

Free Entry plus Tea and Coffee will be available

Hinxworth and Edworth WI Dec Meeting

Our first meeting of 2023 was well attended. Anki our president opened the meeting by reading out the apologies from those who were unable to attend. The minutes of the December meeting were signed and other matters discussed. She then handed over to our speaker Nick Sheridan who shared with us his adventures taking part in the 2018 Round the World Clipper Yacht Race which he referred to as his mid life crisis. Nick gave us a very interesting talk on the challenges they faced on board a racing yacht, a lot of the time was spent trying to work or sleep with very large waves and the clipper at a 45° angle, this made even the most simple tasks very difficult, a very interesting talk and enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be on February 9th at 7.45pm in the village hall, our speaker is the Reverend Christine Campbell talking on 'Pythagoras to Parables', it is an open meeting and also the month we celebrate our WI birthday, we look forward to welcoming anyone who would like to join us.

Sue Wilson

Community Soup Lunch Update

Just wonderful to see so many of you at the Community Soup Lunch - the first of this New Year and a great success, thanks not only to everyone who came but to the "super soup" makers - all three soups were totally delicious. Volunteer soup makers are always welcome so please let me know if you would like to be added to the rota. The next Community Lunch will be on 10 February 12.30 - 2pm. No reservations necessary and everyone is welcome. All profits are donated to charity. See you all again then.

Chris Hook

Getting Through February!



Ned Ward (1667-1731) also known as Edward Ward, was a satirical writer and publican in the late 17th and early 18th century in London.

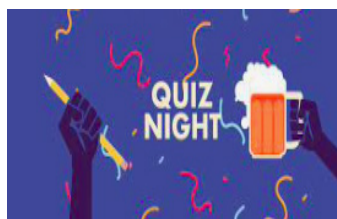
His poem recommends that the best way to get through February is to wrap up warm and drink lots of sherry

Not a bad idea!

'February'

He who would, in this Month, be warm within,
And when abroad, from Wet defend his Skin,
His Morning's draught should be of Sack or Sherry,
And his Great Coat be made of Drab-de-berry.

The Three Horsehoes



Look out for our amazing Guest Chef Nights coming soon. Dates to be confirmed. Check it out on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and in the pub.

This month's Quiz Night will take place on Wednesday 15th February. This is an ever popular, fun evening. Come along to challenge your friends and neighbours....



Keep an eye out for our new menu with some of your old favourites and some new recipes.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



Some Wise Words

"When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years."

Mark Twain

Did You Know?

Mark Twain accurately predicted when he would die. When he was born on November 30, 1835—mere weeks after Halley's Comet was at perihelion, or closest to the sun. It appears roughly every 75 years, and Twain predicted he would die the next time it graced the sky. As he put it in 1909, "I came in with Halley's Comet in 1835. It is coming again next year, and I expect to go out with it.... He ended up passing away at his Connecticut home on April 21, 1910, one day after Halley's Comet's perihelion.

KTS Present The 39 Steps



Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th February

Starts at 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm

£8 adult £5 concession

Students at The Knights Templar School have been working hard to prepare for their School Production, The 39 Steps. This will take place at the School from 7th - 10th February. You are welcome to come along to enjoy the performance from local talent.

Tickets are available by emailing: dramaboxoffice@kts.school. Be sure to get your tickets soon!

Bin Collection Changes Coming in 2025

The council has agreed proposals to change how bins are collected in North Herts. The Council claims that this will reduce waste and increase recycling, make the services more effective and efficient and help keep service delivery costs as low as possible.

What is changing?

Purple bin collections will move to a three-weekly collection cycle.

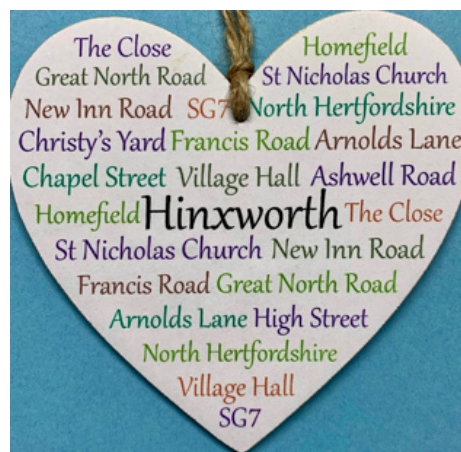
Why?

- Introducing a three weekly collection cycle will:
- Help increase the district's recycling rate.
- Reduce waste by encouraging residents to free up space in their purple bin.
- Reduce carbon emissions by an estimated 60 tonnes as collection vehicles would be out for less time and cover a lower mileage
- Save around £270k a year, a substantial reduction in the current landscape of rising costs and other pressures on council budgets

When?

The changes will come into effect in 2025.

Frequently Asked Questions are available at: <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/bin-collection-changes-faqs>.



Area Hearts Available on Etsy

Personalised 'area hearts' are available to buy on Etsy and can be created for any area. Here's the Hinxworth creation! For more information visit Etsy and search: 'areaheartsbyclaire'. These retail for £7.50.