

Working Herts

The Working Herts website is now live! It is a great opportunity for the VCFSE sector to promote their job vacancies and learn how to retain an existing workforce. The website is user friendly and has three main functions:

- to promote working in the VCFSE sector in Herts
- to provide free promotion of jobs encouraging more people into the sector
- to provide an easy way for registered partners to fill short term and part time roles by drawing on the capacity of those currently working in the sector who wish to build a portfolio.



For more information go to: www.workingherts.org.uk

On the Beat

Local Contacts: PC 396 Tom Wollard, PCSO 6048 Hannah Moss
PCSO. 6522 Chris Brabrook and Sgt Ryan Champion I304

Stolen money returned to Hertfordshire scam victim

A vulnerable Hertfordshire resident who was scammed out of £18,500 by a fraudster, posing as a police officer, has been reimbursed by their bank. The victim was contacted in April 2022 by a phone call from someone claiming to be a police officer, who said they were investigating fraudulent activity on the victim's bank account. The fraudster asked the victim if they could withdraw cash from their account and check the serial numbers on the notes. The victim was instructed to stay on the phone whilst withdrawing the cash and told to take the money to a nearby car park, where it was collected by a man driving a delivery van.

The scammer contacted the victim two more times during April and May 2022, again instructing them to withdraw more cash and hand it over to a waiting courier.

The fraud was investigated by Hertfordshire Constabulary's Serious Fraud and Cyber Unit, whilst the Victim Support Team worked with the victim. Following a referral to the Financial Ombudsman, the victim was refunded in full by their bank.

Detective Inspector Pete Hankins, from the Serious Fraud and Cyber Unit, said: "We have seen a reduction in the number of reports of this type of courier fraud over the last year, but we believe there is still a significant number of residents who are being targeted by this type of scam. "Fraudsters use different stories to convince people they are genuine, the important thing to remember is that police officers or bank staff would never ask for people's bank details, like a PIN, or for cash to be handed over. You should never give your bank details to anyone. Usually the intended victim realises the call is not genuine and refuses to part with their details or cash. However, these fraudsters can be very persuasive and insistent, which has resulted in some people falling victim to this scam and subsequently losing thousands of pounds from their accounts."

If you receive a call you're not expecting, you should be suspicious. The vital things to remember are that your bank and the police would:

NEVER ask for your bank account details or PIN number over the phone, so do not disclose these to anyone, no matter who they claim to be.

NEVER ask you to withdraw money and send it to them via a courier, taxi or by any other means.

NEVER ask you to send your bank cards, or any other personal property, to them via courier, taxi or by any other means.

If you are not happy with a phone call and are suspicious of the conversation you have with the caller then please end the call and dial 101 or report online. Remember, when reporting a suspicious phone call to police, wait at least five minutes before attempting to make the call to ensure you're not reconnected to the offender.

Alternatively, use a mobile phone or test your landline by phoning a friend or relative first, to ensure you aren't still unwittingly connected to the offender. If you have concerns about your bank account, visit your local branch.

Appeal to trace driver from the A505

Police are appealing for witnesses of motorists to trace the driver of a Ford Puma, as part of enquiries into an incident on the A505 in Baldock.

The incident occurred at around 5.40am on Saturday 20 May.

It is reported that a blue Audi Q5 was seen being driven carelessly and being inconsiderate to other road users.

PC Ian Gould, who is investigating, said: "Our enquiries are continuing, and I am urging anyone with information to please come forward.

"We are particularly interested in speaking to the driver of a newly shaped Ford Puma who was in the area at the time and might be able to assist with our enquiries."

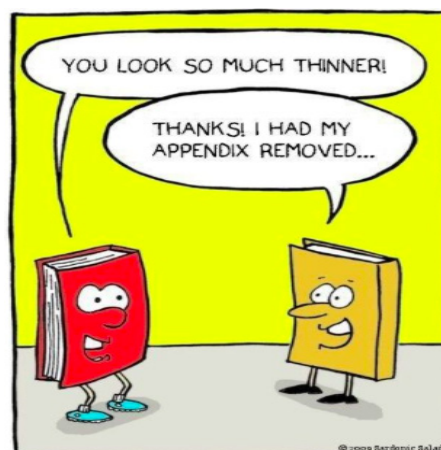
"If anyone has any information or dash cam footage that they think might be of some use to our investigation please email me via ian.gould@herts.police.uk."

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

Theft from Motor Vehicle, West End, Ashwell – On 5th May between 21:00 to 21:10 a vehicle parked at the location was targeted. Both number plates were stolen from the vehicle. 41/36571/23

Farm Burglary, Radwell – Overnight between 6th and 7th May, the offenders entered a farm in Radwell. The offenders searched some outbuildings and targeted a tractor that was parked on site. The offenders stole a GPS system with screens. 41/36679/23

Business Burglary, Hullocks Pit, Newnham - On 27th May at 20.50 a business was targeted on Newnham the offenders drove onto the site via the fields at the rear of the property. CCTV cameras were moved and containers entered, scrap metal was stolen from site. 41/43319/23



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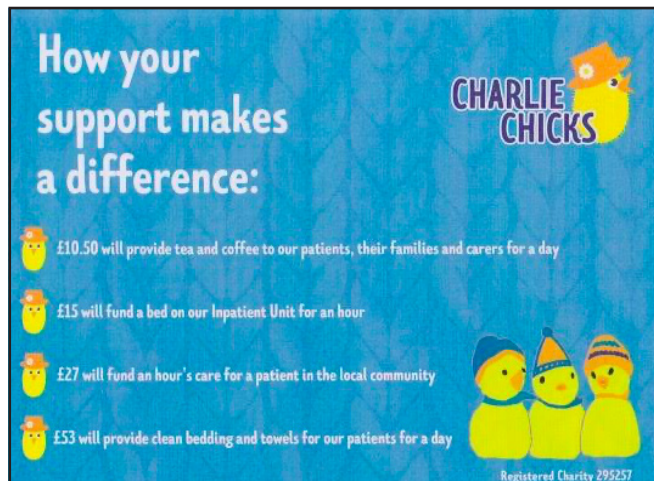
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for Caldecote, Edworth, Hinxworth and Newnham

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A Thank You from Charlie Chick!

The 2023 Charlie Chick campaign raised £18,000 for Garden House Hospice Care.



Thank you to everyone that knitted, stuffed, stitched, glued & purchased.

Katrina Hoskins

Insure and Donate

Alec Stephenson recently advised the Village Voice of a Home Insurance Policy that will donate £130 to St Nicholas' church if you take out a policy with them. More details can be found at: www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130 or call 0345 777 3322 and quote TRUSTPA.

Ashwell & Bassingbourn Patients Group

The NHS nationally and our local body (The Herts and West Essex Integrated Care Board) have announced plans to improve access to GP practices and Primary Care. For more details go to: <https://hertsandwestessex.icb.nhs.uk/news/article/82/primary-care-access-recovery-plan-what-it-means-for-you>

Peter Chapman



St Mary Magdalene's Church
Caldecote, Herts SG7 5LD

There will be a patronal service in Caldecote on
the feast of St Mary Magdalene
celebrated by the Rev. Christine Campbell

Saturday, 22 July 2023
at 16.30 pm

Ample parking, disabled access
Refreshments served after the service

Come and help us celebrate our Patron Saint's Day



HINXWORTH & EDWORTH VILLAGE HALL
Francis Road, Hinxworth SG7 5HL

ART EXHIBITION £2 ENTRY

9TH JULY 2023 1.00PM - 4.30PM

featuring works by famed
sculptor John W Mills,
local artists and photography

in support of
Hinxworth Art
Society

tea & cake
for sale

PLEASE BRING CASH FOR ENTRY AND REFRESHMENTS



Hold the Date - Family Fun Day

A reminder that the Hinxworth Village BBQ and Family fun day on Sunday 3rd September will take place in the grounds of our beautiful St Nicholas Church. All welcome to enjoy the BBQ, bar, brass band, dog competition, treasure hunt, cake stall, pony rides, tug of war and so much more.

I am looking for volunteers to help supervise the bouncy castle and run the tombola stall. Give me a call if you can help out on the day. My number is: 07910 540455.

Sonja Bentley

Parish Council Minutes

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 31st MAY 2023 AT 7.00 PM.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 4th May were agreed by the Parish Council Councillors. Proposed by Dick Cobb and seconded by Tony Dawson.

2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda. Nothing to report.

3. Correspondence: Hertfordshire County Council- Rural Strategic Plan – The Councillors will review this complex document and the appropriate response will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

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

Accounts 2022/2023: The Accounts are with the external auditor and will be returned for signing off at the next Parish Council meeting on July 6th .

5. Planning: Planning Consultations:

Application 23/01161/LBC Corner Cottage, Chapel Street. The Parish Council has no objection to this and therefore supports the application.

6. Highways:

Ashwell Road:- The vegetation along the road on the right hand side going towards Ashwell, from the church to Cuckoo Corner, requires cutting back as a matter of urgency. At present it is difficult for two vehicles coming in opposite directions to pass each other safely. This could lead to a somewhat dangerous situation. Steve Jarvis is to be notified.

Traffic Calming Feasibility Study: It is hoped that the first stages (verge gates) of the calming measures in the High Street should start in this financial year. However, we are still awaiting the revised proposals, so the necessary public consultations can be planned. Action on Steve Jarvis to report back to the Councillors regarding the current situation.

7. Village Hall: Nothing to report.

8. Recreation Ground: Five-a-side football: The Chairman has been approached regarding the possibility of five-a-side football taking place on a Sunday morning at the Recreation Ground. Unfortunately, this is not possible as at present the Archery Club have an annual agreement to use the Ground on a Sunday morning.

9. The Tennis Court: The Net Posts: Bob Scales and Dick Cobb plan to install the new net posts on Saturday June 3rd . The Councillors would like to thank Bob Scales for his help.

10. Allotments: The Allotment Group: The Parish Councillors discussed the sustainability of the allotments going forward as it is now thirteen years since the Allotment Group was set up. It has been agreed the Allotment Group at their next planned Committee meeting should come forward with suggestions of how they see the way forward and what is required to make this viable and productive. The Parish Councillors look forward to the proposals in due course.

11. Any Other Urgent Business: Nothing to report.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 6 th July 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Wendy Kitchener (Clerk)

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

Church Services For July

Sun 2nd Jul	09.15	Family Service	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 9th Jul	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 16th Jul	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sat 22nd Jul	16.30	Patronal Festival	St Mary Magdalene, Caldecote
Sun 23rd Jul	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 23rd Jul	09.30	BCP Communion	St Vincents, Newnham
Sun 30th Jul	09.15	Benefice Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth

Every Wednesday afternoon at 4pm we have a gentle Evening Prayer service at St Nicholas, lasting about 15 minutes.

New Curate

We're very much looking forward to welcoming our new curate, Paulet Brown-Wilsher, to our churches this month! Paulet will be ordained on the 1st July at St Alban's, and will then be a part-time member of the ministry team. Paulet lives in Wrestlingworth, but is very much looking forward to getting to know the people of Ashwell, Hinxworth and Newnham!

Reverend Chris Campbell

Cleaner Available?

Chris Avraamides has been in touch with the Village Voice to look for someone to clean for a few hours on a fortnightly basis. Chris lives in Hinxworth, if you are available to help she can be contacted on: 0790305076.

Three Horseshoes - Dates for your diary

Quiz Night - Wednesday 19th July

Come & test your general knowledge with our Quiz Master Dan

Gin and Jazz - Sunday 23rd July

Enjoy a great selection of gins whilst dancing along to Miss Jones and her fabulous jazz band

Boozy Blues - Sunday 20th August

Our annual boozy blues afternoon with Chris Lord and her Blues Express

Annual Car Show - Sunday 24th September

If you have a car you would like to show please let Gerry know and we will make space for you. Open to everyone to come and see the beautiful cars at our annual event.

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.

Julie & Gerry Methven

Hinxworth and Edworth WI June Meeting

A well attended meeting with both members and guests at the June Open Meeting. Everyone was warmly welcomed by Anki and the usual WI business and notices were dealt with. Anki then introduced the speaker for the evening - Siobhan Daniels "Retirement Rebel".

When Siobhan Daniels retired from the working at the BBC she made the decision to start living on her own terms. So she swapped her flat for life on the road and moved into a two berth motorhome and drove off on her first adventure. "I've got my gin bar," she says, "an oven big enough for Christmas lunch ... and a full-size shower and toilet." One of Siobhan's pet hates is ageism. Siobhan wants the narrative around ageing to change. It's a privilege to age - she says be proud of your wrinkles - they are not a negative but earned through life. Siobhan's story is an honest and uplifting story of how one woman stepped off the merry-go-round of life, slowed down and started enjoying the journey, because at the end of the day, age shouldn't be a barrier to having an adventure. She's on a mission to encourage others to do that too and to promote the enjoyment of growing older. Lots of questions followed Siobhan's talk - the best bit she says is the freedom to do as she pleases and the worst bit and I quote her words "Emptying the toilet can be a pain". A really good evening.

The next WI meeting is on July 13 - this is our usual garden meeting with the slightly earlier start time of 7pm. Anki will be sending out details nearer the date. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Chrisi Hook

Community Soup Lunch

Another most enjoyable lunch in June and so lovely to see so many of you once again. As ever three great soups on offer and a choice of puddings. All for £4.00 and profits going to local charities of our choice. Please nominate charities that are dear to you so that donations can be made. The next Community Lunch will be on Friday 14 July 12.30 - 2pm. If we have a heat wave like last year things might change slightly so please keep an eye on the Facebook page for details nearer the time. Looking forward to seeing you all at the July lunch.

Chrisi Hook

COMMUNITY LUNCH HINXWORTH & EDWORTH VILLAGE HALL Friday 14th July

£4



Price includes selection of homemade soups, breads & desserts plus tea / coffee

July

A poem by Susan Hartley Swett
(American Poet and writer - 1843 to 1907)

When the scarlet cardinal tells
Her dream to the dragon fly,
And the lazy breeze makes a nest in the trees,
And murmurs a lullaby,

It is July.



When the tangled cobweb pulls
The cornflower's cap awry,
And the lilies tall lean over the wall

To bow to the butterfly,

It is July.



When the heat like a mist veil floats,
And poppies flame in the rye,
And the silver note in the streamlet's throat
Has softened almost to a sigh,

It is July.

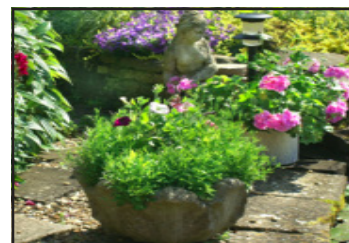


When the hours are so still that time
Forgets them, and lets them lie
Neath petals pink till the night stars wink
At the sunset in the sky,

It is July.



When each finger-post by the way
Says that Slumbertown is nigh;
When the grass is tall, and the roses fall,
And nobody wonders why,
It is July.



Wise Words for July

"If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal."

Emma Goldman - Russian born political activist, anarchist and writer (b. 27/6/1869 Lithuania d. 14/5/1940 Toronto)