

## Up, Up and Away!



Did anyone else see the balloon flight from the field next to the main road in early May?

The balloon lifted off over the field at the back of Chapel Street and flew north towards Manor Farm.

It was a lovely sight.



## On the Beat

### Our Non - Emergency Number 101

#### Reminder to be vigilant when using online selling sites

Police in North Hertfordshire are reminding the public to think of personal safety and security first, when considering travelling to meet someone to hand over property they have advertised for sale online. Incidents of people attempting to sell items such as mobile phones and laptops via online marketplaces and being tricked into delivering goods to thieves, have been reported in the town.

PC Thomas Wollard, from Royston Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team, said: "If you are selling items online, please do so safely." "We have had reports of victims, who sometimes have no local knowledge about the location they are visiting, arriving at an arranged meet up point, handing over goods to potential purchasers for examination and the offenders running off with the item without paying for it." "If you use online selling sites please exercise caution, especially in circumstances where payment has not been made in advance and you are asked to travel to sell an item."

It is recommended to look at the buyer's profile to check their history and that they have genuine details. If you are arranging to meet someone to sell or buy an item, always meet in a busy public place covered by CCTV – check the location on a trusted mapping service if the buyer suggests it to check it is not isolated or unsuitable looking – and take someone else with you. Also be wary of people who offer to pay over the odds for an item. Many people use these sites to buy goods at a reduced price so, if an offer sounds too good to be true, it usually is. If you have any suspicions or concerns about the person you are dealing with, walk away.

### G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

A very rare Month as there was no reported Crime of note that effects the local community, let's hope this continues!

## North Herts Talking News

Would you like to receive weekly recordings of local news stories and national magazines? Stevenage and North Herts Talking News (SNHTN) are here to help. We cover Stevenage, Hitchin, Letchworth, Baldock, Royston, Stotfold, Arlesey and surrounding villages. Articles read are taken from the local Comet and Royston Crow newspapers. This is a completely free service run entirely by volunteers for those with impaired vision, sight loss, or any physical condition which prevents the reading of a newspaper, to help keep up to date with what's going on in the local area. National magazines are also downloaded from the RNIB together with other interesting and useful articles.

Each week you will receive through the post a memory stick containing the recordings selected, read by our volunteer readers. You will be able to listen by inserting the memory stick into a player, which we can lend you and which is very easy to use. One of our volunteers will bring the player to your home and explain how it works. You may like to have a friend or relative with you on this occasion so that they too can learn how to use it. When you have finished listening to the memory stick at your leisure for that week, you simply post it back to us in the plastic wallet provided with the return address already printed on it – no postage costs involved – so that we can use it again.

Many of our listeners find that by using this service they feel less isolated and more involved and look forward to receiving their Talking News each week and hearing the regular friendly voices of our readers. Our readers enjoy reading to you and you will get to know them week by week.

If this is something that you think would interest you please do contact us. Our dedicated telephone number is 07856 736108 and our email address is [info@snhtalkingnews.co.uk](mailto:info@snhtalkingnews.co.uk). We also have a website with more information and a sample recording for you to listen to. This is [www.snhtalkingnews.co.uk](http://www.snhtalkingnews.co.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you soon.



Nessie is funded by Hertfordshire County Council to support parents/carers of children and young people with emotional and mental health issues. The aim of this work is to help parents/carers develop a positive and more confident approach to supporting their young person, whilst offering a chance to gain peer support; useful strategies and practical tools.

What we offer:

- \* Free online and face-to-face workshops on a range of mental health that affect children and young people
- \* Parent Support line Tel: 07932 651319 (open Thursdays 9 am - 12 pm or by appointment)
- \* Private moderated Facebook support groups:
- \* NESSie Parent/Carer Support Group
- \* 1-1 support and advice sessions
- \* Peer support groups: A confidential group, where parents will have an opportunity to share their experiences, support each other through challenges, and identify coping strategies.

For more information go to: <https://nessieined.com/hertfordshire-parents>

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## Edworth's Coronation Celebrations

A big thank-you to Katrina Hoskins for sharing some of the wonderful pictures from the Edworth Coronation Party - it looks like you all had a fabulous time celebrating this historic event!



Pictures from the Coronation Party in Edworth, submitted by Katrina Hoskins

## Good Neighbours



Many of you might have seen members of the Scales family on the first May bank holiday checking the grass verges and ditches around Hinxworth, picking up litter.

Vicky Scales (pictured left) told us that they had collected 4 bags full of rubbish, just in one morning...

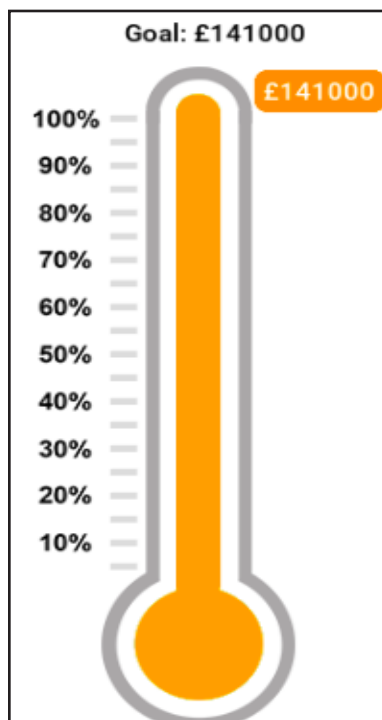
A big Village Voice thank you to them !

## A Big Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone in the village and Edworth for their good wishes, kindness, and support and visits since I became unwell in February, also the friends who visited me in hospital and rehab across the Lister, Welwyn and Bedford. Their support gave me so much encouragement to become determined to get better and recover as soon as possible. I will never forget all your help. Love Biddy.

**Bridget Sheldrick**

## Church Roof Fund - We Did It!!!



We have achieved the funds required for the roof project. A big thank you to grants from several charities, local Businesses and particularly to all of you in the village who have contributed so generously. The church's funds are now somewhat depleted so looking to the future we need to build the finances again. So, I encourage you to start regularly contributing via a standing order.

*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 4th MAY 2023 AT 7.00 PM.

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

Apologies: Steve Jarvis County Councillor, Tom Tyson District Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 2nd March were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Proposed by Nick Tiffin and seconded by Tony Dawson.

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

3. Correspondence: Nothing to report.

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: Wendy Kitchener as Financial Officer responsible has provided the Councillors with the draft accounts for 2022/2023. These have yet to be audited by the External Auditor ready for “signing off” by the current Chairman (Richard Cobb) and the Financial Officer responsible (Wendy Kitchener).

AGAR Certificate: The exemption certificate for 2022/2023 has now been signed by the current Chairman (Richard Cobb) and the Financial Officer Responsible (Wendy Kitchener) and will be forwarded PKF Littlejohn LLL (Ref: SBA Team) 1 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London E14 4HD. The accountants responsible for overseeing the Smaller Authorities (England).

5. Planning: Planning Consultations:

Application 23/00794/FPH: Hinxworth House, New Inn Road. The Parish Council has no objection to this application

Application 23/00441/S73: Farrowby Farm, New Inn Road. The Parish Council has received a decision notice regarding this application.

Application 23/00409/FPH: The Paddock, High Street. The Parish Council has received a decision notice regarding this application.

6. Highways: Potholes: There are an additional number of potholes on the road that runs from the Dunton Road to the County border with Hertfordshire and into Hinxworth. These have already been notified to Central Bedfordshire Council by members of the public and can be viewed on Central Bedfordshire Council website. Their response is as per complaint reference 388124 as follows “Maintenance work is planned for this area and the issue will be resolved as part of these works”.

Traffic Calming Feasibility Study: It is hoped the calming measures in the High Street are likely to commence as financed in 2024/25 budget after the usual public consultations. The Councillors are now awaiting Steve Jarvis to report back to them.

7. Village Hall: Nothing to report..

8. Recreation Ground: The Repair to the Gate Entrance to the Recreation Ground: Connor Methven has provided a quote for the work. The Parish Councillors agreed to accept the quote. The work should commence in the near future.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments: Water Collection Facilities: The Councillors suggested the allotmenters meet to decide as to how they wish to proceed.

11. Any Other Urgent Business: May Local Elections May 4th: Hinxworth Parish Councillors Richard Cobb, Nicholas Tiffin, Tony Lloyd and Tony Dawson remain as Councillors in an “uncontested” election and will be in post from May 9th .

The Election of the Chair and Vice- Chair from May 9th: Tony Lloyd proposed Nicholas Tiffin as Chair, seconded by Tony Dawson and agreed unanimously. Tony Dawson proposed Richard Cobb as Vice-Chair, seconded by Tony Lloyd and agreed unanimously. They will therefore take up their positions on May 9 th . Bryan Higgins has resigned from the Council, therefore a vacancy now exists for a Councillor to be co-opted onto the Council.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 1st June 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Wendy Kitchener (Clerk)

Hinxworth Archery News

On the 16th April Hinxworth Archer Neil Bridgewater won the Clophill WA 720 Tournament both single and double rounds in the Masters division. Creating a new British national record for both and a new European record for the single round he also equalled the European double round record.

Neil continues to hold his position with the British elite Compound Squad and is the highest ranked compound archer in Hertfordshire. Congratulations!

David Osmond

Church Services For June

Sun 4th Jun	09.15	Family Service	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 11th Jun	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 18th Jun	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 25th Jun	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth

No service at St Vincent’s, due to the Newnham Lunch

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

Hold the Date - Family Fun Day

The bouncy castle is booked and excitement is starting to build for the Hinxworth Village BBQ and Family fun day on Sunday 3rd September in the grounds of our beautiful St Nichols Church. All welcome, 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

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

## Hinxworth and Edworth WI May Meeting

May is the month for the WI AGM and Anki outlined the agenda that we would be following to be in line with all the other WIs around the country. And so the meeting started as usual with apologies from those members unable to attend - quite a number this time so holiday season must have started for some of us. Anki, as president, then went on to recap on the past year, particularly noting some of the outstanding speakers that we had. She finished her summary by thanking all the committee members and members for their ongoing support and loyalty during the year. Next (as Anki had played a dual role this year), she donned her secretary's hat and again summed up the year recalling some of the highlights throughout. Everything was duly signed off and we went on to our normal meeting.

The speaker this month was Kay Eldred giving us a talk entitled "The Sandy Garden and Craft Show - Past and Present". Kay was a great speaker and really entertaining. What a history the Sandy show has had. The first show took place in 1868 and has been going every year since with exceptions for the two World Wars. The show was at one time far bigger than it is now and was so popular that it was even visited by royalty when King George V entered his labrador and Princess Mary entered her rabbit coming first and highly commended respectively. The show is much smaller now but no less popular and takes place each September. There are classes for everyone to enter so worth thinking about for this year.

The next WI meeting is on Thursday June 8 at 7.30 in the village hall. The speaker - Siobhan Daniels - is here to give us a talk entitled "Retirement Rebel". This will be an open meeting so please do come along. Enquiries and further details from [ankiandchris@live.co.uk](mailto:ankiandchris@live.co.uk). See you then.

**Chrisi Hook**

## Community Soup Lunch

Another wonderful turnout from the all local communities. Some new faces too which was wonderful. Thank you all for supporting this monthly lunch. Proceeds always go to local charities and causes so your support is so appreciated. Once again a lovely choice of soups on offer (big thank you to the "souper soup makers"). If you would like to volunteer once in a while to make soup for this event please do let me know. The next Community Lunch will be on June 9 12.30 to 2pm. See you then.

**Chrisi Hook**

**COMMUNITY LUNCH**  
**HINXWORTH & EDWORTH VILLAGE HALL**  
**Friday 9th June**



**£4**

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

HINXWORTH & EDWORTH VILLAGE HALL

# ART EXHIBITION

9TH JULY 2023 1.00PM - 4.30PM

featuring works by famed  
local sculptor John Mills

£2 ENTRY



TEA AND CAKE FOR SALE

ANY BUDDING ARTISTS / PHOTOGRAPHERS IN THE VILLAGE  
HAVE YOUR WORK INCLUDED IN THE EXHIBITION  
CONTACT HELENE 07890 212194

## Wise Words

"Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake".

**Napoleon Bonaparte**

French statesman August 15, 1769 - May 5, 1821

