

On The Beat

Van owners urged to review security following rise in tool thefts.

Police are once again urging van owners to review their security following a rise in thefts from motor vehicles across Herts.

Over the past fortnight, several offences have been reported to police, many of which involve holes being drilled into vans, during daylight hours, and tools being taken from within.

Detective Inspector Manjit Khela, from the Herts Local Crime Unit, said: "We understand that theft of any property is upsetting for victims and is particularly frustrating when tools are stolen, as this has a huge effect on peoples' livelihoods.

"We're determined to do all we can to stop it from happening and patrols have once again been increased, both overt and covert.

"We've also been working with van owners, to offer advice, free tool marking, signage, cameras and alarms. "Sadly, it takes just seconds for an opportunist thief to strike and we're now seeing these offences occurring in broad daylight, rather than overnight. "With this in mind, we'd urge drivers to please review the security of their vehicles during the day and ensure they aren't giving thieves the easy target they are looking for. "Wherever possible, try not to keep tools in vans. I fully appreciate it's not always easy or convenient to remove them, but it's the best way to keep them more secure. If removing them is really not an option, you could also consider installing a good quality tool safe and additional locks, to add an extra level of protection."

If you witness any suspicious activity taking place around vehicles, please call 999 straightaway.

Local Crime

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Theft of Horsebox, Hinxworth Road, Ashwell – On 3th August a horsebox that was situated at a property was targeted and stolen. The offenders made off in a direction unknown. 41/62596/23

Theft of Numberplates x2, Radwell Lane - On the 26th to 28th August two vehicles had numberplates removed from cars parked in Radwell Lane, Radwell. 41/68407/23 + 41/68884/23

Your local Neighbourhood Police Teams website

<http://snt.herts.police.uk/Teams.aspx?TeamID=G01>

Useful Links

<http://www.herts.police.uk/>

<http://www.doglost.co.uk/>

<http://www.stolenhorseregister.com/>

Royston Rural Neighbourhood Team Tel – 01438 757935



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October's Cartoon



Don't Miss North Herts' Most Important Victorian Artist

Come to see the district's most prominent painter from the Victorian era, Samuel Lucas, at North Herts Museum in Hitchin from 9 September to 12 November.

Samuel Lucas (1805 -1870), pictured below was born in Hitchin and lived there all his life. He is probably best known for his large oil painting of Hitchin Market Place as it was around 1840 (pictured below), which is on permanent display at the museum. He was born into a Quaker family and was primarily a businessman, farmer and brewer, who painted in his spare time. His work has been displayed at the Royal Academy and is in the collection of the British Museum.

This exhibition concentrates mainly on his watercolours and drawings, including over 40 pieces covering his interest in local landscapes and wildlife, and also his work as a Quaker in the anti-slavery movement.

Cllr Tamsin Thomas, deputy Executive Member for Arts & Enterprise, said: "Samuel Lucas is a very important artist, farmer and anti-slaver for North Herts. This exhibition focuses on his detailed sketch drawings and watercolours with his unique style and technique."

North Herts Museum is located on Brand Street, Hitchin, open Tue-Sat 10.30am-4.30pm and Sun 11am-3pm, this exhibition and general admission is free.



For more information check out @northhertsmuseum on Facebook and Instagram, @nhertsmuseum on Twitter, visit the North Herts Museum website or call 01462 474554.

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for Caldecote, Edworth, Hinxworth and Newnham

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A Fabulous Family Fun Day!

The afternoon of Sunday 3rd September was a glorious day for the St Nicholas Family Fun day and BBQ. The sun shone brightly, the sausages sizzled and there were happy smiling faces everywhere. Thank you to all who came and joined in the fun.

Special thanks to Hilary Perricone and Kathy Eddel for organising another great dog show. Gerry Methven, Sharon and Tony Dawson for the bar. Richard, Robin and Wendy for the BBQ. Rosemary Smythe for the pony rides and Alec Stephenson our MC. And everyone else that helped to organise the day, there are so many to thank.

Sonja Bentley



A busy afternoon at St Nicholas'. Photo by Peter Hoskins



Fenton & Julie performing. Photo taken by Peter Hoskins



Village Tug of War. Photo taken by Peter Hoskins



The brass band in full swing. Photo by Andy Hartree



Delicious treats are served! Photo by Andy Hartree



The Bygrave Bell Ringers kept everyone entertained
Photo by Andy Hartree

**The event raised £951.60 for
Church Funds.**

Thank you for your support!

Parish Council Minutes

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM.

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

Other persons present: Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor, Tom Tyson District Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 6th July were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Dick Cobb.

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 Nick Tiffin and seconded by Tony Lloyd. Jayne Whitfield who audited the 2022/23 Accounts is to receive a cheque for £50.00 which she will donate to Letchworth Garden House Hospice. We would like to thank Jayne again for her support in this.

5. Planning: Planning Consultations: Application 23/01891/FPH. The Stables, Pulvers Farm Barn, New Inn Road. The Parish Council agreed to "no objection" to this application.

6. Highways: Traffic Calming Feasibility Study: Steve Jarvis reported stage one funding has been approved and the gates have now been ordered. As soon as these are received, possibly within the next few weeks these will be installed.

Grass Cutting: Hertfordshire Highways have now cut the verges at the road junctions in and around the Village. Steve Jarvis is now trying to ensure all other verges in and around the Village are also cut.

7. Village Hall: Nothing to report.

8. Recreation Ground: The Archery Club: A request has been received from the Archery Club for them to install coloured brushes to define the archery boundary lines. Tony Dawson notified the meeting of how these would be installed. Possibly fifteen in number to be permanently in place to surround the boundary of the Archery site as and when the Archers use the ground. The Councillors are satisfied the installation of these on a permanent basis will not cause any problem for other persons using the Recreation Ground or hinder grass cutting.

The Caravan Club: Will hold their Annual Rally on the Recreation Ground between 15th and 17th of September.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments: The Allotment Group: The final numbers of the group who have "paid-up" their subscriptions from September 1st should be finalised by the end of the month. Dick Cobb will then arrange a meeting with the allotmenters regarding the viability and way forward for the site and he hopes to report back, if possible, at the next Parish Council meeting on October 5th.

11. Any Other Urgent Business: The Village BBQ and Family Fun Day: This was held on Sunday September 3rd at St Nicholas Church. The weather was good and it was well attended and a great success. The Parish Councillors convey their thanks to all those who organised the event for their hard work. Likewise, they also thank everyone who attended for their support.

12. Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 5th October 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Wendy Kitchener (Clerk)

Church Services For October

Sun 1st Oct	09.15	Family Service - includes a goodbye to Patrick and Annette	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 8th Oct	10.00	Harvest Festival with Communion	St George's, Edworth
Sun 8th Oct	16.30	Harvest Festival	St Vincent's, Newnham
Sun 15th Oct	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 22nd Oct	09.15	Service of the Word	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 22nd Oct	09.30	BCP Communion	St Vincent's, Newnham
Sun 29th Oct	10.45	Benefice All Age Communion	St Mary's, Ashwell
Sun 29th Oct	---	No service	St Nicholas, Hinxworth

Every Wednesday afternoon at 4pm we have a gentle Evening Prayer service at St Nicholas, lasting about 15 minutes (excludes 25th Oct).

Ann's Whimsical Houses Available

Ann Fraser is a member of the Hinxworth Art Society. When we gathered for the first meeting after the summer break, she showed us some fabulous coloured pictures she had created. I was so impressed I immediately asked if I could buy two of them. She then told me how she had hit on her new art idea.

"I started doing Gelli prints just after Christmas and I have found it very addictive so have ended up with lots of printed papers. Some of these I made into decent paintings which I showed at the local exhibition, to exhibit these I used foam board to mount them.

I then had lots of spare Gelli prints and foam board that I needed to use. I came up with the idea of cutting house shapes out of the foam board and I decorated them from the Gelli prints. I then mounted little streets of 3D houses on board. With some further hand decoration I ended up with the little "Whimsical houses."

I asked her whether she would accept commissions which could feature appropriate house types and numbers. She is very happy to respond to enquiries. Her email address is annfraser@btinternet.com. Better still, why not call in on Wednesday mornings at Hinxworth Village Hall from 10 am, meet the artist, have a cup of coffee and see her work?

Patrick Forbes



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

Hinxworth & Edworth WI Update

Such a great way to kick off after the summer break - a talk all about chocolate. And not just a talk either but a demonstration and tasting on chocolate techniques and ideas for tempering chocolate ourselves. Carol Jones was the chocolatier (assisted by her colleague Shirley) and gave us a really interesting talk on the history of chocolate and insights into our chocolate eating habits (apparently about 11kg per person per year - that's a lot of chocolate). Carol had lots to tell us, many samples of her chocolate work was on display and samples for us to taste were handed round, also a little goody bag of chocolate treats for each of us to take home. Whilst the chocolate was setting Anki talked the members through WI updates and federation dates for our diaries. The meeting closed at 9.30. The next meeting will be Thursday October 12 at the usual time of 7.30pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone then.

Chrisi Hook

Community Lunch

The September Community Lunch was so well attended. It was wonderful to see so many lovely familiar faces and new faces too. Thank you so very much for your support. And of course a big thank you to all who helped prepare and serve lunch, tackled a mountain of washing-up and to those who helped clear and tidy the hall afterwards. A real community effort and such a great atmosphere during the lunch as everyone caught up with each other after the summer break. As you all know profits from the lunches go to charities that we choose. This time £100.00 has been donated to Redwings Horse Sanctuary. More suggestions from you please for your favourite charity. The next Community Lunch (when some warming soups will be served once again) will be Friday October 13th 12.30 to 2pm. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Chrisi Hook

COMMUNITY LUNCH HINXWORTH & EDWORTH VILLAGE HALL Friday 13th October



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

What's On at The Three Horseshoes.....

30th September

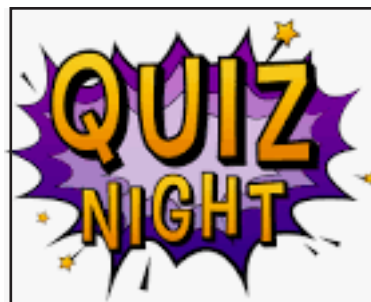
Guest Chef Night

With Mucca Cambridge

11th October

Guest Chef Night

Curry Night With Chef Ramsey



Join us for Quiz Night on the Third Wednesday of each month

And finally, A big thank you to everyone that attended our Guest Chef night on 12th August. Greek night with Justin Ramsey was a huge success and Justin very kindly donated his profit of £900.00 from the night to Cancer Research. We are now looking forward to Justin's curry night on 11th October.



Ashwell & Bassingbourn Patients Group

We are pleased to announce that the report from the Spring Survey About Appointments is now available on the surgery website. We hope that patients will find this helpful.

Peter Chapman, Chairman

Ashwell Book Sale



The 23rd Ashwell Book Weekend at St Mary's Church Ashwell - Saturday 7th October 10.00am-5.00pm and Sunday 8th October 1.30pm-4.30pm. Entrance £1.00, children under 16 free. A great selection of second-hand books to browse and buy for children and adults, both fiction and non-fiction. Tea, coffee and home-made cakes available. Money raised goes to the St Mary's Restoration Fund.