

» Village Voice «

November 2016

for Caldecote, Edworth, Hinxworth and Newnham

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'Meet The Neighbours' Cheese & Wine Evening.

Do you live in Hinxworth or Edworth? Are you new to the Village? Have you moved into Hinxworth or Edworth during the last five years? Have you been here ages but are unaware of what the Village has to offer? Have you been here even longer and just lost touch?

what's on offer is amazing

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above, why not come along to the Village Hall for drinks and nibbles on Friday 18th November. 6.30pm — 8.30pm? We are hoping to have a representative from as many of the local clubs, organisations and businesses as we can. From archery to artists, sewing to soup lunch. You will be amazed at what 'Our Villages' have to offer.

all we need is you

What better way to spend a Friday evening than meeting new friends or renewing old acquaintances? You may be inspired to join or rejoin one of the many clubs or organisations, but if not, then that's ok too. Your company is all that's required.

Sponsored by Hinxworth & Edworth WI.

Viv Hughes

Hinxworth Village Hall Christmas Bazaar



Saturday 26th November 2016
12 to 4 p.m.

Teas & coffees, local crafts
New stalls plus entertainment
with Cool Caricatures by
Femi and a visit from Santa

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Stalls are still available and  
to book your individual  
slot with Santa, call Jan Rayn-  
ham on 01462 742258



This is Ted Merrick who is a regular on his bike through villages from Steeple Morden to Hinxworth from Monday to Friday for many years, approximately 20 miles in total. He has moved to Baldock in the last fortnight. Marvellous! He is 80 years young on his next birthday and we think he is fantastic!!

Barry Huber

## Advent windows



Hinxworth live advent windows will be running again this year. This has been a great village event for the last two years and gives you the chance to show your creative side by dressing a window in your home with a Christmassy display. One window is then revealed every day, to secure your date, and prevent her hounding you mercilessly, contact Amy Moss by 18th November on 07855 478427 or Amylloyd79@hotmail.com



Remembrance Sunday  
Service 9.45 am November  
13th St Nicholas Church.

All welcome

## Join the Alternative Christmas Card Scheme

Christmas is on the horizon again so it'll soon be time to buy your Christmas cards!

### hospice and save the children

Our Alternative Christmas Card Scheme in Hinxworth and Edworth has been going for 12 years now and usually raises well over £1,000 for the two charities we support — a local hospice, Garden House this year, and a charity active in the developing world. For 2016 Save the Children has been suggested as the latter. They will ensure how our contributions can best help the many thousands of children who are now suffering as a result of natural disaster or conflict — in Haiti, Yemen, the Middle East and elsewhere.

### delivered to all of Hinxworth and Edworth

The idea is that those taking part in the scheme support either or both of these charities by donating the money that they would otherwise have spent on buying and sending Christmas cards to their friends in Hinxworth and Edworth. A printed Christmas card with seasonal greetings and the names of all the participants will then be delivered to every house in these villages just before Christmas.

### how to join the scheme

If you want to participate in the scheme again or join for the first time please put your contribution in an envelope and drop it in to me at "Cammocks", Chapel Street, Hinxworth, preferably by early December. Either write a cheque made out to "Garden House Hospice" or "Save the Children Fund"; though you may, of course, wish to divide the money between both. If your contribution is in the form of cash, please don't just hand it to me if we happen to meet, because I may well have forgotten about it by the time I return home! Remember to write your name on the envelope and which cause or causes you would like to support. Better still, if you are a UK taxpayer and would like to make your contribution through Gift Aid so that it is worth another 25% to the charity concerned, just write "Gift Aid" on the envelope too.

Janet Fair [janet.fair@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.fair@btinternet.com) - 01462 743137

## Hinxworth Village Hall Management Committee Christmas Dinner Party

Saturday 10th December - 7.15pm

Can't believe it's that time of year already! We do hope you can join us again! This year our meal will be served by Capers Catering — many of you probably know they are of high standard and have an excellent reputation. All the usual again this year. Drink on arrival. Three course meal with coffee or tea. Singer Uche Eke. We thought about a change but he's just too good! Supporting Disco.

### kilts acceptable

Dress code is very smart or formal - we will again be dressing the hall for the occasion, and this year without giving too much away! If any of you men have one, kilts will be an acceptable attire.

### book and balance by Nov 25

Ticket price £39.50. A deposit of £12.50 or full payment if you prefer is payable when booking a place or table and the balance must be paid before November 25th. This is due to the booking terms and conditions of the caterers.

Call Helene or Debbie for further details on 07890 212194 or 07446 357556. Looking forward to seeing you there!

VHMC

# Neil is best in Britain



Hinxworth Archery Club's Neil Bridgewater won the 2016 National Series Championship to become the undisputed top compound archer in Britain.

Crowds gathered at Wollaton Hall in the heart of Nottingham on the 24th September to see 32 of the top archers in Britain go head to head. It was a day packed with drama, right from the start.

## a very close finish

Shoot-offs were a feature of the men's compound competition. Top seeded Adam Ravenscroft secured his place in the gold medal final. There he met defending champion Hinxworth's Neil Bridgewater, who had defeated Simon Froggatt. Their semi-final ended at 144 all, forcing the first shoot-off of the men's competition. Both hit the X-zone but Neil's arrow was a few millimeters closer to dead centre, giving him victory.

The final between Adam and Neil was also incredibly close but Neil pulled ahead to secure his second title with a 144 to 141 win. He said, "I'm absolutely amazed. I didn't think I was that good. I really enjoyed it, again, and I hope to come back next year to defend my title."

Well done Neil.

Hinxworth Archery Club

## Hinxworth and Edworth WI

Biggleswade Flower Club gave us a demonstration on flower arranging. The ladies Pat, Ann, Jane, Moira and Maureen, President of the Flower Club, came armed with blooms in many colours to show us how it should be done. First Pat placed her very large tall glass vase on a turntable. The stem of the vase was filled with fir cones and in the top a large square of Oasis in which to put the flowers. She filled it with a beautiful arrangement of orange and yellow flowers with trailing foliage to finish.

## not one for small hands

Next up was Ann who showed us how to make a hand tied bouquet, selecting in this case red, purple and lilac. She held all the flowers and foliage in one hand while adding to it with the other and then tying it with raffia, and arranging it in toning paper. This was not a job for anyone with small hands or arthritis, though it did look lovely when finished. This was followed by Moira who made a striking arrangement on a tall stand in orange and brown. Jane who was next to show, said her first love was sewing and second love was flowers. She filled a wooden trug with assorted foliage and gladioli.

## five lucky ladies

Last but not least, Maureen made a contemporary arrangement in orange and purple, five orange roses with purple decoration and fairy lights, all ready for Christmas. All these arrangements were raffled and five lucky ladies took home their amazing displays.

## needle felting?

Our next meeting is on Thursday November 10th when Jan Youngman will show us how to master needle felting. Hinxworth Village Hall 7.45 pm. All welcome.

Carol Cheney



Remembrance Sunday -  
Wear your medals and  
poppies with pride

picture: Royal British Legion

Remembrance Sunday is on the 13th November. It is always held on the nearest Sunday to the 11th November when the First World War ended at 11 am on that day in 1918. The day is also dedicated to the men and women who have served in the Second World War from 1939 to 1945 and many other conflicts since such as Northern Ireland, Falklands, Iraq, Afghanistan, Sierra Leone, Somalia to name some, and many others which have probably been forgotten by many people.

## the young need to know

I think it is important that our younger generations remember these conflicts and the contributions made by these service people and others based at home on their behalf, such as the Home Guard. One way to help them do this is to wear your own medals on the left chest and those of relatives and friends on the right. These are not only military medals but also those awarded for good conduct, long service and other activities. So I say dig them out, dust them off, give them a polish and wear them with pride on the day.

Alec Stephenson

*Alec Stephenson joined the Army in 1962, attended Sandhurst and was commissioned in July 1964 into the Royal Artillery. He served with Commonwealth units in Malaya and Borneo. He left the Army in 1981 at the end of his 19 year contract. He always watches the Remembrance Sunday service and parade at the Cenotaph and is always struck by the veterans with white berets who served in ships on Atlantic convoys and on convoys to Russia.*

## The Horseshoes' first year



Three Horseshoes' Gerry and Julie have been here for a year. They opened on October 22nd 2015. How are they doing? "It's gone well, better than expected. It's going well. We've been lucky, as a pub, to meet everybody. We have had a lot of work done on the building and the garden. We are staying. We will chuck in themed evenings, more music. We've done a few acoustic nights and they have been well received. Many of the village clubs have had meals here. The menu is about to change, as is the wine list. The Christmas menu is now available upon request. We can accommodate 51 people sitting down for a meal."

"We're looking forward to another good year. We love it here, we've met some lovely people." Great, on to the next year. Thanks, both of you.

Patrick Forbes

# Hinxworth Parish Council

Notes of a meeting of Hinxworth Parish Council held on 6th October 2016 in the Village hall at 7 pm.

Present: Mr R. Cobb, Vice-Chairman; Mr D. Osmond; Mr E. Sore; Mr N. Tiffin; Mrs W. Kitchener, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr R. Lewis.

Other Person Present – Hilary Perricone for the Allotment item.

**1. The Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of 1st September were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed.

**2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda:** The War Memorial: The project is now completed. The Parish Councillors conveyed their thanks to K & L Buckingham, the Contractors, Geoff Burrows for his professional advice and to Eric Sore who managed the project on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Parish Councillors also conveyed their thanks to the organisations who helped to fund the project. The Robert Clutterbuck Trust £1250, The Village Hall Management Committee £500, Tony Hunter County Councillor from his HCC locality budget £500, St Nicholas PCC £200. The project cost was £7300 the shortfall of £4850 was funded by the Parish Council.

The trees behind the War Memorial: Whilst the above work was going on it became apparent that the three silver birch trees behind the rear wall of the War Memorial are now overgrown. It appears these are undermining the foundations of the wall therefore the Parish Councillors have agreed for them to be felled. Quotes for the work are to be obtained.

**3. Finance:** Current Parish Council Funds: The Councillors agreed to the expenditure for the current month.

**4. Highways:** The following issues are still outstanding: a pothole by Capmore Farm; a pothole by The Close; the gully in the High Street adjacent to the junction with Homefield requires clearing. The 30 mph speed sign at the entrance to the Village from Edworth, on the left, is obscured by overgrown hedges. These items have been reported to Hertfordshire Highways but no action has been taken.

**5. Village Hall:** David Osmond reported that the Village Hall Management Committee hoped to attract further events in the Village Hall such as wedding receptions.

**6. Recreation Ground:** The Rubbish Bin: The Parish Council are to put in place a contract with North Herts District Council for the bin to be emptied weekly.

**7. The Allotments:** Hilary Perricone attended for this item as the incoming Chairperson of the Allotment Association. Hilary notified the Councillors that another Hinxworth resident has come forward to take two of the vacant plots. Out of the twenty plots this will now reduce the number of the vacant plots to seven.

**8. Any other urgent business:** Councillor code of conduct: The Parish Councillors agreed unanimously to continue with the Code of Conduct already in place. Hinxworth Parish Council Website: This requires further consideration. To be discussed at the November meeting.

**12: Date of the Next Meeting:** Thursday November 3rd 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Wendy Kitchener - Clerk Hinxworth Parish Council

## Pictures of the village wanted please...

Any old photos of village properties or people working around the village going back as far as possible but nothing too recent would be very gratefully received by Claire Hay or Sylvia Scales. If you want to email me to come and fetch them I would be more than happy. I will scan, copy and return them to you.

### ....and there's a return!

Anyone who can help is welcome to a copy of our village presentation to WI when it is complete!

Many thanks

Sylvia Scales [sylviamedia@gmail.com](mailto:sylviamedia@gmail.com)

## Farrowby Farm for fine foods

# Hedgehogs: Autumn Juveniles

PLEASE check bonfires and leaf piles  
before lighting this autumn  
I might be fast asleep inside xx



At this time of the year hedgehogs are very busy eating lots of food to get ready for hibernation. Normally they breed in spring or summer, but often go on to have second litters.

Such youngsters are called Autumn Juveniles. Hedgehogs need to weigh at least 600g to hibernate successfully, but those born in autumn are simply too small and vulnerable to hibernate.

### how to save a juvenile

With their population plummeting for the last 60 years, these little ones need saving. If you find a small hedgehog or a big but obviously unhealthy one, please capture it, place it in a deep-sided box lined with newspaper, then call one of the rescue organisations below for advice.

**Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital**, based at Shepreth Wildlife Park, Tel: 07505 651968. Out of hours emergency line: 07771 457693.

**Hettie's Helpers**, based in Letchworth Garden City, and run by a dedicated couple. Tel: 07398 680401.

### be ready to travel

Please note they are extremely busy so please be prepared to take the hedgehog to them rather than expect them to come and collect it. They are both charity organisations and rely on public donation to run, so any donation is much appreciated.

For more info, visit <http://www.sheprethhedgehoghospital.co.uk/> and <http://www.hettieshelpers.co.uk/>. They are also on Facebook.

Ryoko Johnston

## New Mothers' Union Branch in Ashwell

Mothers' Union reopens in St Mary's Church Ashwell in November. There has been much interest in starting up the branch after an absence of many years. The name is known all over the world. It is in fact, the largest Anglican organisation in the world and has over four million members. Mothers' Union is celebrating its 140th anniversary this year and has branches in 83 countries working to support families and communities.

### learn about the Amish

Our first meeting will be on Thursday 10th November, 10.30am in the Parish Room, Ashwell. Our speaker will be Susan Roberts and her topic is: "The Old Order Amish", a people of God, a people apart, a people together in words and pictures from my previous life growing up in Ohio.

Everyone is welcome and if you are interested in becoming a member, do give me a call on 01462 742277.

Caroline Evens

### copy date

Please send all copy and pictures for December's edition to Patrick Forbes, 18 Francis Road, Hinxworth SG7 5HL, e-mail [villagevoice3@gmail.com](mailto:villagevoice3@gmail.com) by November 20th.

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## On the beat

with PCSO 6522 Chris Brabrook  
**Drones join the force**

Drones are the latest in new technology to join the frontline of policing in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire following a successful trial of the intuitive devices.

The tri-force policing alliance carried out a nine month trial and trained officers in the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, UAVs, before introducing the operational use of UAVs in June.

### drones can help find missing persons

The drones can be used to support operations and investigations, and to help ensure the safety of the public. The devices, which have the ability to capture high-definition video and take high-resolution photographs, can assist in the search for missing people, document crime scenes and chemical incidents, and support fatal and serious collision investigations. Across the three forces a total of 16 pilots have been trained from departments including Roads Policing and Armed Policing.



### four drones @ £1000-1200

The tri-force is making operational use of four drones which cost in the region of £1,000-1,200 each, and can reach speeds of up to 36 miles per hour. The drones can be flown up to a height of 400 ft and in winds of up to 25 miles per hour, but must remain within the view and control of a pilot at all times.

Inspector Mark Farrant from Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Joint Protective Services said, "Exploring the efficiencies of new technology is key to helping us face the challenges of modern policing. The drones give us greater scope to capture evidence in real time, supporting our ultimate aim of protecting the public and fighting crime. Following the trial in which the devices assisted at the scenes of collisions and in police training, we anticipate this new resource contributing hugely to the work of the three forces – not to mention the obvious benefits to officer and public safety."

During its operational concept phase the drone has so far been utilised at a number of incidents across the three counties.

### Hertfordshire Police contact

chris.brabrook@herts.pnn.police.uk 01438 757935

Ring 101 if you have suffered a crime or need police within a couple of hours. 999 for immediate response if you have just suffered a crime and for hare coursing.

### Bedfordshire Police Contact

For readers in Edworth, in emergency dial 999 or 112 from your mobile. Non emergencies ring 101, or 112 from a mobile.

## Dates for your diary

November 3rd Hinxworth Parish Council Village Hall 7 pm  
November 5th Ashwell Fireworks and bonfire night, see this page  
November 10th Mothers' Union, Church Room Ashwell 10.30 am  
November 11th Soup Lunch Hinxworth Village Hall 12.30 - 2 pm  
November 11th HYP Swap Shop Hinxworth Village Hall  
November 13th 9.45 am Remembrance Communion 9.45 St Nicholas  
November 18th Village walk, meet Three Horseshoes 10.30 am  
November 18th Meet the Neighbours 6.30 - 8.30 pm Village Hall  
November 20th Village Voice copy deadline  
November 26th Christmas Bazaar Hinxworth Village Hall 12 - 4 pm  
December 3rd Ashwell at Christmas. See above for details.  
December 10th Hinxworth Village Hall Christmas Dinner Party 7.15

## Soup lunch in November

The next soup lunch will be served on Friday November 11th in Hinxworth Village Hall from 12.30 pm until 2 pm. Unrivalled choice of soups and puddings, plus coffee or tea, all for just £3. All welcome.

## Church Services

November 6th 10.15 am Family Service St. Nicholas, Hinxworth  
November 13th 9.45 am Remembrance Eucharist, St. Nicholas,  
November 20th 9.15 am Parish Eucharist, St. Nicholas, Hinxworth  
November 27th 9.15 am Parish Eucharist, St. Nicholas, Hinxworth  
9.30 am Holy Communion, St. Vincent, Newnham

## Ashwell at Christmas December 3rd

As part of Ashwell at Christmas on Saturday, 3rd December, the Christmas Fair at St. Mary's will take place in the Church from 9.30am – 2.30pm. Stalls include Arts and Crafts, Cakes and Cards and Presents and Prizes. The Choir will sing carols, and refreshments will be available.

Winter Wonderland will be at the U.R.C. from 10.00am – 1.00pm, The Guides will be selling food and wrapping presents in the Parish Church Room and the Museum will be open. Come and join us to celebrate the start of the Christmas Season.

## Walk this way

Why not join us for the next Hinxworth Village Walk? We will meet at 10.30 am at The Three Horseshoes, Hinxworth, on Friday 18th November. It will be a gentle and pleasant walk followed by a light lunch. What better way of spending a Friday morning? All welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

## HYP members enjoy trampolining

The HYPstars bounced away a few hours down at the new trampoline park in Stevenage on Friday 7th October. They all had lots of fun and the girls even had a volleyball game whilst bouncing against some adults and they won! They also enjoyed bouncing off the trampoline onto an inflatable bag, whilst doing flips and other cool stuff!

As it had recently been Jonah's 10th birthday, Karen presented a cake to him and everyone sang a Happy Birthday. Thoroughly exhausted after all that bouncing they enjoyed Slush from the snack bar.

### super ambassadors

Karen and Debs were on duty and commented on how well behaved the children were. It's great that we can take them on these kind of trips and be proud of their behaviour. They are super ambassadors for our village.



## Swap shop

Our next session is Friday 11th November where we are having a "Swap Shop"! Think back to the 1970's The children can bring any stuff they want in the hope of swapping it with other HYPStars! We will be being assessed by ProAction at this session.

Jayne Whitfield

**Ashwell Primary School PTA presents  
Ashwell Fireworks and Bonfire Night  
Saturday 5th November,  
Small Gains, Station Road, Ashwell.  
Gates open at 5pm. Display at 6.30pm.**

Crumps hot dogs, mulled wine, beer and soft drinks! Cake and treat stalls! Glow sticks and toys!

Advance tickets available from The School Office.

Family tickets, two adults and two children £12. On the gate Family ticket £15 or £5 per adult, £3 per child, under 4's free. Please walk to Small Gains or park on Station Road or Lucas Lane as parking on site is very limited.

**If you have a story for Village Voice, or a free small ad, or would like to take pictures for us, contact the Editor, 01462 742015.**