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for Caldecote, Edworth, Hinxworth and Newnham

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Amnesty concert = £1500+

Help Hinxworth's Memory Lane



Kate Romano and Simon Marlow

Some 100 villagers and friends enjoyed the Concert for Amnesty hosted by Simon and Frances Marlow at their house on Sunday September 4th. The concert featured Kate Romano - clarinet; Simon Marlow - piano playing Brahms' Sonata in F Minor and the Finzi Bagatelles. This was followed by music from singer Sarah Hughes accompanied by Tom Marlow - piano, A J Brinkman - bass.

An amazing array of delicious cakes accompanied cups of tea, and the concert made over £1,500 for Amnesty International. Congratulations to all concerned!

Macmillan Coffee at Farrowby Farm



In aid of Macmillan with craft stalls, yard sale, raffle, bouncy castle and face painting. Saturday October 1st 10 am - 4 pm. All welcome. New Inn Road, Hinxworth SG7 5EY

Soup lunch in October

The next soup lunch will be served on Friday October 14th 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.

Dates for your diary

October 1st - decorate St Nicholas Church for harvest festival 10 am
October 1st and 2nd Ashwell Book Weekend, St Mary's Church
October 1st Macmillan Coffee Day Farrowby Farm 10 am - 4 pm
October 2nd Harvest Festival, St Nicholas Church 10.15 am
October 6th Hinxworth Parish Council, Village Hall 7 pm
October 9th Harvest Festival St Vincent, Newnham, 4.30 pm
October 13th Hinxworth and Edworth WI, Village Hall 7.45 pm
October 14th Soup Lunch, Hinxworth Village Hall 12.30 - 2 pm
October 21st Village Walk, meet Three Horseshoes, Hinxworth 10.30 am
November 18th Meet the neighbours 6.30 - 8.30 pm Village Hall
December 10th Hinxworth Village Hall Christmas "do"

Calling all villagers - can you help? The WI are planning to do a trip down memory lane about what life in the village used to be like from about 80 years ago since we shall be celebrating our 80th birthday next year. So, do you have any photographs of village properties that we could scan and return to you? If so please give me a call and I will collect and return.

In addition if you are a longer term resident and have any particular memories particularly of what life was like pre and post second world war even if the memories have been handed down to you. We'd love to hear and record them.

Please get in touch if you can help. Thank you.

Sylvia Scales 742505 and Claire Hay 742477

Celebrate Harvest Festival

St Nicholas Hinxworth Harvest Festival will be celebrated at 10.15 am on Sunday October 2nd. It would be great if adults and children could help to decorate the church on Saturday 1st at 10 am. Please bring tinned food and dried goods we can give to Baldock Food Bank. There will be refreshments after the service.

St Vincent, Newnham, Harvest Festival Evensong with Ashwell Choir will be on 9th October at 4.30pm.

Come and celebrate God's goodness with us.

Calling all local clubs, organisations and businesses.

The WI. are sponsoring a 'meet the neighbours' evening on Friday 18th November. We would like as many organisations as possible to be represented. Please contact Viv Hughes for more information.

Tel: 01462 743227 or e-mail hattricks@btconnect.com

Newnham party raises £662

At our English Caravan Company party on September 3rd we raised a fantastic £662! Funds are going to Cancer Research UK, Cystic Fibrosis Charity and to Newnham Village Hall.

Mission Pizza, one of our Teardrops fitted with a wood burning oven, treated everyone to truly amazing pizza. Sandie and Jim, the owners, very kindly donated their time and ingredients for free.

We had a 'guess how many balloons in the VW Beetle competition', (103).

Faces were painted and photo booth picture frame dressing-up happened. The raffle was a huge success, we've never seen so many raffle prizes!

PA proposal leads to marriage

Prominently, via the PA system, I also proposed to Lyn, she did say 'yes' to huge applause! So we now have a wedding to plan.

Richard Stark

Book Fair October 1st and 2nd

The 17th Ashwell Book Weekend will be held in St. Mary's Church, Ashwell, on Saturday 1st October from 10am - 5pm and on Sunday 2nd October from 2 - 5pm. There will be thousands of books for you to browse through and buy at bargain prices. Refreshments available. Entrance £1. Children free. Proceeds for the Church Restoration Appeal.



Bonfire peril - save hedgehogs

As autumn deepens, some of us collect fallen leaves and twigs into a pile to make bonfires. There is Guy Fawkes Night on the 5th of November. Bonfires give us so much joy and warmth. However, such leaf piles are very comfortable and attractive places for hedgehogs to sleep in or even to hibernate.

check bonfire

Sadly, there are incidents when hedgehogs are burnt alive or inhale smoke. To avoid such tragedies, please check the pile thoroughly before starting a fire, making sure there are no animals inside.

Better yet, build the pile for bonfire as near as possible to the time of lighting.

Ryoko Johnston, Newnham

Villagers visit Lindisfarne



pilgrims walk across the sands

On August 15th 15 parishioners from Ashwell and Hinxworth set off for a five-day break organised and led by Robert Evens, our Rector. Careful planning ensured that we arrived when the tide was low to allow us to cross the Causeway on to the island of Lindisfarne. The rhythm of the tides is a dominant factor in the daily lives of the islanders - it controls the arrival and the departure of the many visitors.

We stayed in an ancient three storied stone building used as a Retreat centre, called OpenGate, run by volunteers on a bed and breakfast basis. As the sun shone every day we enjoyed the delightful walled courtyard. The days began with a Communion Service in the Parish Church, a beautiful building with an enormous primitive carved oak statue of St. Cuthbert's coffin being carried on the shoulders of six monks.

Robert had arranged an interesting programme, one highlight being a pilgrimage of one and a half miles across the sands from the mainland to the island at low tide. The pilgrim route was marked by long poles with an occasional little hut on tall supports with a ladder for the pilgrims who needed a refuge from drowning!

vocal seals and escaping sheep

Mary Fleeson, a local artist, gave us a lesson on drawing and designing using the Celtic Knot. She sells her work in her shop and was clearly very talented with a good eye for colour. The Island also had much to offer visitors: a splendid castle built on a high rock and restored by Lutyens; fine ruins of an abbey to explore, seals who became quite vocal at dusk; escaping sheep and interesting cottages.

blessed by sunshine

We enjoyed our evening meals - a choice of two pubs and one hotel. Lunch at the Post Office was popular with home-made picnic takeaways or a table in the old car park. We had a very happy five day stay, blessed by sunshine, well planned by Robert, and enjoyed enormously by all those fortunate enough to go.

Judy King



WI meet the Samaritans

Two lovely ladies, Janet, and Jayne Whitfield, came and spoke to us on Thursday evening, September 8th, about the Samaritans.

Samaritans was set up in 1953 by Reverend Chad Varah, an Anglican priest, after he heard of a 14 year old girl committing suicide because no one had explained to her the bodily changes a girl of her age could expect. She was so worried that she had an incurable illness, that she took her own life. He felt there was a need for an organisation for people to contact if they felt the need to talk to someone about their day to day worries, and so Samaritans was born.

fewer will die if listened to

There are 201 branches in the UK and Ireland, a Festival branch, and a Correspondence branch. It costs £5 million a year, part funded by the government, has 21,000 volunteers and is open 24 hours a day for emotional support. They listen to people of all creeds and none. 6,500 lives are lost to suicide each year. Fewer people would die if they were listened to and asked open-ended questions by the volunteers. Volunteers do not judge and conversations are totally confidential. They just want to know the caller's feelings. Bereavement caused by loss of a loved one or loss of a beloved pet make up some of the calls. 78% of callers are not suicidal.

samaritans are ordinary people

Samaritans are ordinary people. They do six shifts total 6 hours a week, daytime, evening and night. They work in the office in twos and it costs £20,000 a year to run a branch. They have an outreach arm, Janet is director of that with special interest in Network Rail. They also reach out to schools and colleges. Jayne feels that that is her special interest. They are trained how to approach people. Passengers often use the railways to commit suicide, so Samaritans visit stations twice a year. They also visit hospitals, and in this area, Littlehey Prison, to support staff. There is a listening scheme, where prisoners are trained to listen to other prisoners.

Many of the young use text or emails to contact the Samaritans. It was a most enjoyable and informative evening beautifully presented.

how to contact Samaritans

Number for the Samaritans 116123, free phone, email jo@samaritans.org or www.samaritans.org

The next meeting will be on Thursday October 13th in The Village Hall, Hinxworth, at 7.45pm. The Speaker will be Moira Fuller on Flower People. All visitors and new members welcome.

Carol Cheney

'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

Farrowby Farm for fine foods

Hinxworth Parish Council

Notes of a meeting of Hinxworth Parish Council held on Thursday 1st September 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

Present: Mr R. Lewis, Chairman, Mr R. Cobb, Vice- Chairman, Mr D. Osmond, Mr E. Sore, Mr N. Tiffin, Mrs W. Kitchener, Clerk. Other persons present – four members of the public.

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

2. **Finance:** Current Parish Council Funds: The Councillors agreed to the expenditure for the current month. Annual Accounts: Wendy Kitchener reported the annual accounts for 2015/2016 have been signed off by BDO, the external auditor. No issues were raised.

3. **Highways:** Various Issues: A pothole by Capmore Farm -a pothole by The Close - the gully in the High Street adjacent to junction with Homefield requires clearing. The 30mph speed sign at the entrance to the Village from Edworth, on the left, is obscured by overgrown hedges. This has been reported to Hertfordshire Highways but no action has been taken.

4. **Village Hall:** David Osmond reported that an external power point had been installed and painting maintenance work carried out.

5. **Recreation ground:** The "Bonfire" area: In the past Villagers have been allowed to deposit burnable rubbish in this area. The Parish Councillors have now agreed that this facility can no longer be used. Therefore, Villagers are to be asked to dispose of their burnable rubbish by other means. The rubbish bin: this appears not to be being emptied regularly.

6. **The allotments:** The current allotment licence will remain unchanged. A new allotmentee has come forward to take a vacant plot.

7. **Any other urgent business:** The War Memorial: the work has commenced. Unfortunately no further funds have been forthcoming. Of the pledges made at the AGM in April only two have provided funds: Tony Hunter, Hertfordshire County Councillor, and the Village Hall Management Committee. It has been noted the silver birch tree at the rear of the War Memorial may be causing a problem to the rear wall. Work to the tree may be required. As this may be subject to a Tree Preservation Order, NHDC are to be contacted for their advice.

The land adjacent to Cantlebury: The Parish Councillors, over the past months, have been notified by a number of village residents of their concern regarding the work taking place at the site. The relevant authorities, NHDC and Hertfordshire Highways, have been notified and both have visited the site. As work is moving on apace and it appears there are further current issues which are the responsibility of Hertfordshire Highways, they have agreed to visit the site again at a date to be arranged.

Hinxworth Parish Council Website: This is ongoing. It is to be discussed further at the October meeting. A Scarecrow Festival: The Chairman has been approached by an interested party who is forming a committee to hold the said event next year. Councillor code of conduct: This is to be discussed at the Parish Council meeting in October.

12: **Date of the next meeting:** Thursday October 6th 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Wendy Kitchener - Clerk Hinxworth Parish Council

A Reminder....

We are sure Hinxworth and Edworth Villagers are aware there has always been, more by default, a bonfire pile of burnable material, left by local residents over the year on the Recreation Ground area. This had always been made ready to burn on November 5th.

As you can see from the Parish Council Meeting notes of September 1st the Parish Councillors have agreed that in future no such bonfire will be allowed. Therefore please ensure all such material is disposed of by other means. Thank you.

Hinxworth Parish Council

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HYP News

Despite having to postpone our trampoline park trip to October the children had a fab time down at the Village Hall on Friday. It was a very lively session and the children were all in high spirits. We welcomed Jonah's friend Darcy from Ashwell. Elizabeth organized a mammoth game of hide and seek. If anyone ever wants to avoid someone at a Village Hall function, then ask one of our HYPstars as they know some amazing hiding places. I am sure if Harriet hadn't surrendered herself she would still be hiding now. Here's Thomas before he sets off to find them all.



Thomas wins chocolate challenge



After that we had a chocolate challenge where the children had to taste 10 different chocolate bars and identify which brand they were. Thomas was the winner with 10 out of 10.

happy birthday, Grace

At the end of the session we sang Happy Birthday to Grace and presented her with a cake for her 11th birthday on 15th September. All the children eagerly awaited the awarding of the HYPstar cup which went to Thomas for being extremely collaborative. I am not sure any of them knew what that meant but they were all pleased for Thomas, none more so than Thomas himself! A big thanks to Jane Hartree who was on duty with me.

trampoline and birthday plans

The trampoline park trip will be our next session on Friday 7th October. I am also planning our AGM & 2nd year anniversary...I can't quite believe we have been going for two years now. It will probably be at the beginning of November and anyone from the village is welcome to join us.

Jayne Whitfield

Jean's doors grace surgery

A few months ago we changed the doors to the waiting room. Although the previous ones were very elegant and totally in keeping with the design of our building, they were extremely heavy and quite a few patients had difficulty in using them. So much so that we had to install a bell to summon reception staff to offer assistance. We were therefore delighted to receive a legacy which enabled us to change the doors from being manual to automatic ones. For a while confusion reigned as patients became accustomed to the roundabout route through the lobby. However we now have clear signage to direct the hesitant!



Hinxworth resident

The legacy came from former patient Jean Brown who lived in The Rickyard in Ashwell having previously been a Hinxworth resident for many years. She wanted to say a "thank you" to our surgery for the care she had received and it is as a result of her generosity that we can all enjoy this great improvement to the facilities. Thank you, Jean!

Peter Chapman, Ashwell Patients' Group

On the beat

with PCSO 6522 Chris Brabrook
Could you be a special?

Herts. Constabulary is recruiting volunteer police officers to join its dedicated Special Constabulary, with a focus on rural policing.

Could you help to police 275,000 acres of Hertfordshire countryside in your spare time?



240 specials already in place

The force aims to have 400 specials by the end of 2017 and is well on its way, with more than 240 already in place and 30 applicants through to the final stage of enrolment for September's intake of new recruits. Intakes are normally four to 12 would-be specials and there is a further large intake expected in November. The force is looking for new Special Constables and Rural Special Constables to join the team from all areas across the county.

understanding rural issues

Rural Special Constables are dedicated to the needs of rural communities and have been specially trained to have an understanding of rural issues and the countryside they serve. They work alongside the force's Rural Operation Support Team, ROST, and local Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

from flytipping to hare coursing

They can be involved in a huge range of policing issues from investigating heritage crime, preventing hare coursing and dealing with fly tipping, to tackling poaching and investigating wildlife offences.

Not sure if you fit the bill as a special? Perhaps you know a family member, neighbour or friend who is aged 18 or over and wants to actively play their part in keeping Hertfordshire a safe place? More information on Hertfordshire Police's web site. Go to www.hertspolicecareers.co.uk

New Chief Constable appointed

Hertfordshire has a new Chief Constable. Charlie Hall is Deputy Chief Constable of Norfolk, and was the preferred candidate of Hertfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner David Lloyd. Members of the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel agreed with the appointment at a meeting in Welwyn Garden City.

'highly experienced'

Mr Lloyd said: "I am very pleased that the panel members confirmed my choice of candidate. Charlie Hall is a highly experienced and well regarded chief police officer and I look forward to working with him in the coming years."

Mr Hall, pictured, added: "I am delighted that the panel has endorsed my candidacy for Chief Constable in Hertfordshire and would like to thank members for their support. I look forward to working closely with the Commissioner, officers and staff at the Constabulary, partner organisations and the public in the years to come."



Hertfordshire Police contact

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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.

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.

Church Services

October 2nd 10.15 am Harvest Festival, St. Nicholas, Hinxworth

October 9th 9.15 am Parish Eucharist, St. Nicholas, Hinxworth

4.30 pm Harvest Festival St Vincent, Newnham

October 16th 9.15 am Parish Eucharist, St. Nicholas, Hinxworth

October 23rd 9.15 am Parish Eucharist, St. Nicholas, Hinxworth

9.30 am Holy Communion, St. Vincent, Newnham

October 30th 9.15 am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, Hinxworth

Hinxworth weddings



picture: Jason Williams Photography
Joe Vallely and Abigail Smith were married in St. Nicholas Church on September 3rd. The reception was held at Edworth Barns.



Thomas Day and Tessa Smyth were married in St Nicholas Church on September 10th. The reception was held at Glebe House Farm. Our best wishes for every happiness to these two couples.

Save this Christmas "do" date

VHMC Christmas "Do" to be held on Saturday 10th December 2016. Further details to follow.

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 21st October. 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.

Ever wanted to learn Bridge?

Experienced teacher for beginners available to give lessons and get you started. I have taught over 40 beginners and all are still enjoying playing. I live in Newnham. Contact Carol on 07816 507315

copy date

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