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for Caldecote, Edworth, Hinxworth and Newnham

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VE Day Tea Parties

Despite the cancellation of the village street party to celebrate the VE Day and the 100 year anniversary of the Hinxworth War Memorial and Clock Tower, a good time was still had. Many villagers hung out bunting and Union Jack flags. The sunny weather brought impromptu tea parties outside many people's houses, serving afternoon tea with scones and cakes etc. (and some stronger beverages) whilst still maintaining social distancing.

These are a few of the pictures of the celebrations



Hinxworth War Memorial and Clock Tower, March 1920

First Virtual WI Meeting

Hinxworth and Edworth WI enjoyed its first virtual WI meeting on May 14. Only 12 members braved the new style meeting but all went well, so big thank you to Sylvia for organising it. Once everyone had got themselves logged on to the site Sylvia started the meeting in the usual way with WI business matters and area notices etc. then quickly got on to the fun part of the meeting – a quiz! Twelve questions in total – we went into the results though as I confess nobody got 12 out of 12 or indeed anywhere near. Lizzie Cree was the overall winner and got a well-deserved round of applause. Two members then recited a poem each with the meeting ending in a general chat amongst the group. Watch out for Sylvia's email in advance of the next on-line meeting. It is good fun and great way to catch up with fellow members. Anyone with doubts about how to log on can check in with Sylvia and she will include your name next time and help get you log on. Best wishes to all the members.

Chrisi Hook

Scrubs bags

Many thanks and much respect to the ladies who made well over 200 bags for not just the Lister Hospital, Pine Hill, Stagenhoe and the Leonard Cheshire Home. I took the bags to my contact in Hitchin, Stella Farr [see picture], whom I had met in Costa Rica in February! who was delighted and very impressed by the efforts of so many of the ladies in our WI. The day after I took them another 43 were delivered to my doorstep coinciding with a request from Carol Cheney for some of them to go to our local district and community nurses. I was pleased to be able to give her these final 43 and to know that they are going to our local health care providers.

Sylvia Scales

Open Gardens and Allotments

There hasn't been much interest in this event yet so I am hoping that some of you are just shy, or keep forgetting to get in touch! Please email me if you would be willing to open your garden or show your allotment, perhaps in August. Many thanks in anticipation! Sylvia Scales sylviamedia@gmail.com

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On the beat

with PCSO 6522 Chris Brabrook

Warning as fraudsters take advantage of coronavirus confusion



Hertfordshire Constabulary is warning residents to be cautious as a number of coronavirus related scams have been reported. Unfortunately fraudsters are using the current situation to take advantage of those who are most vulnerable. Action Fraud recorded a 400% increase in virus related fraud this month.

One scam claims that people can donate to the efforts of the World Health Organization or the Centre for Disease Control to combat the virus, by asking people to pay via a bitcoin link. Another scam appears to be from the government website Gov.uk, claiming that people are entitled to tax and national insurance refunds. Both of these arrive in email form or as posts on social media, with links to click for more information.

Reports have also been received in other parts of the UK of text messages being received from Gov.uk stating that the recipient has breached regulations and will be sent a fine in the post. Another fraudulent email claiming to be from Hertfordshire County Council asks parents of children who receive free school meals for their bank details. Corona virus themed phishing emails with infected attachments containing fictitious 'safety measures' have also been targeting people in the UK.

If you have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime, report it to Action Fraud at actionfraud.police.uk. Alternatively you can contact herts.police.uk/report, speak to an operator in our Force communications room via online web chat at herts.police.uk/contact or call our non-emergency number 101. If a crime is in progress or someone's life is in danger, call 999 immediately.

Chief Inspector Sam Khanna from Hertfordshire Constabulary's Serious Fraud and Cyber-crime Unit, said: "People need to remain vigilant during this period of change and confusion. Many people are sharing posts and forwarding on attachments. We all need to be vigilant and remember not to click on suspicious attachments or links. Phishing scams aim to trick you into revealing your personal data or lure you to a fake website that looks like your bank or other online accounts. Sometimes these emails or posts can be very convincing. Never click on links in emails or download attachments unless you are 100 per cent sure they are legitimate. It's also really important to make sure you keep security software up to date, always install the latest updates on your computers and mobile devices to protect yourself from the latest threats.

Here's what to look out for:

- Getting an email or text out of the blue asking you for your personal or financial info. Don't take the bait!
- Messages asking you to confirm or verify your personal or financial details are a common lure used by criminals. Don't get hooked.
- Phishing reports to @Actionfrauduk show that telecoms companies, tech brands and Government departments are the most commonly spoofed sectors.
- Don't respond to messages or calls that ask for your personal or financial info.
- Create strong passwords using three random words. For example such as a fruit, a colour, and make of car i.e. Yellowappleford!! Use passwords with over 15 characters, using upper and lower case, numbers and symbols.

- Use a different password for every login and use either a password manager or if you don't want to/can't do that, write them down if you can't remember them. If you do write them down don't leave your password list in plain sight.
- Use two factor authentication wherever this is an option, which requires two different methods to prove your identity before you can access a service. This is usually a password and another method, such as a code sent to your mobile phone.

For more simple tips on how to protect yourself online, visit cyberaware.gov.uk.

Hertfordshire Police

email: chris.brabrook@herts.pnn.police.uk Tel: 01438 757935

Ring 101 if you have suffered a crime or need police within a couple of hours. Ring 999 for an 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.

Polite Message to Dog Walkers

To some dog walkers using the adjacent public path to our garden.

Can you please dispose of your filled dog waste bags by taking them home? The land next to the path IS NOT for you to throw your filled dog waste bags.

This is our garden! It is not the first time that this has happened, with dog waste being hidden on our land or put in our recycling bin that is awaiting collection. Please obey the country rules and take your waste home!

Susan Hillier - Orchard Lodge, Chapel Street



Clapping for the Front-Line workers

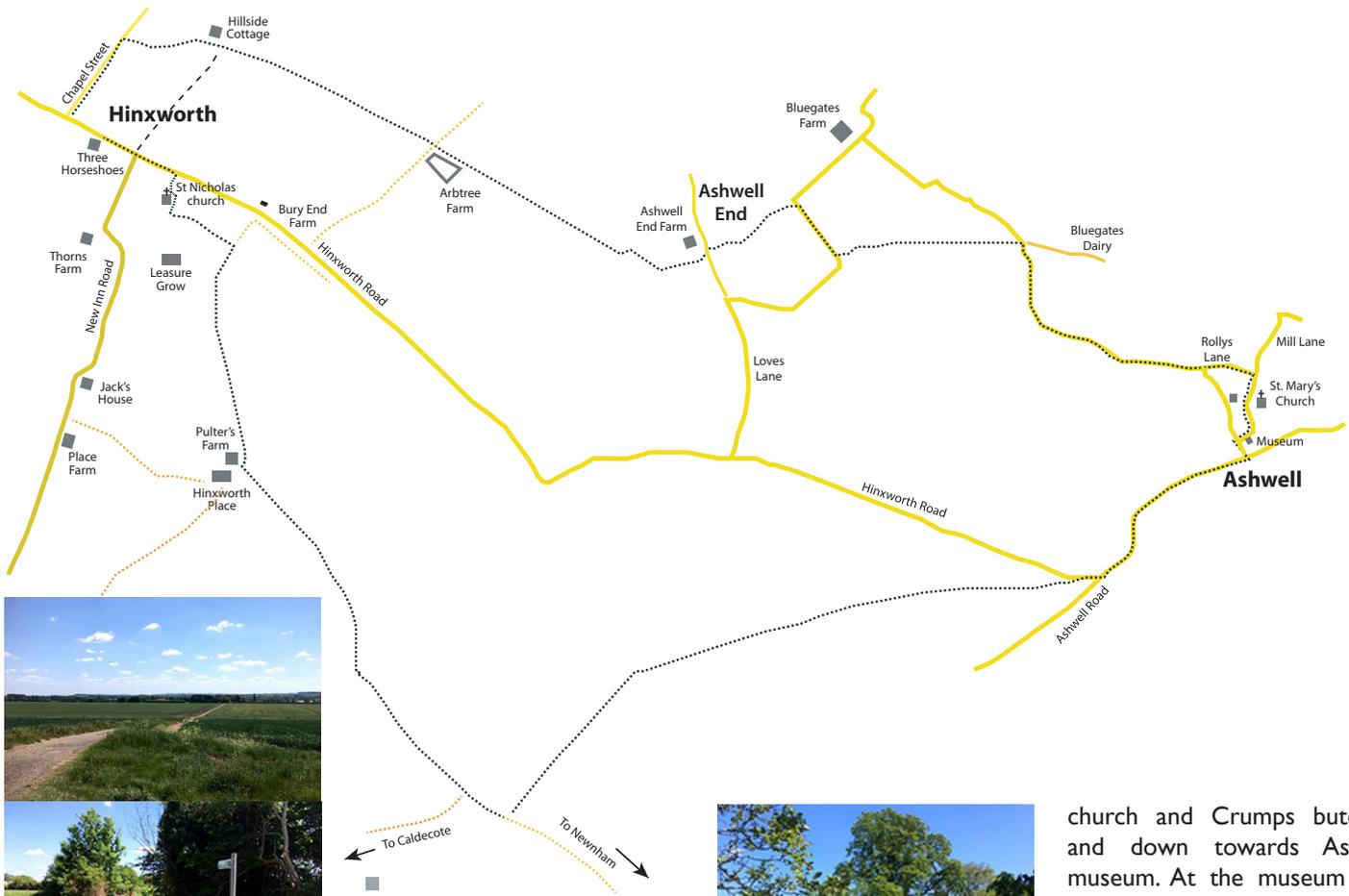
Having tried unsuccessfully to get Francis Road folk into their pyjamas the week before, on the 7th May we dressed up and joined in the nationwide clapping session, continuing afterwards with a chat over a glass wine or beer under the VE celebratory bunting!

Sylvia Scales



Aerial view of Hinxworth Allotments, how they have been transformed this year. Photo by kind permission of Peter Gabriel

A walk to Ashwell



Following the interest in last month's walk I have put together another circular walk, this time to Ashwell. Starting again from the Three Horseshoes, Hinxworth, the walk takes just over 2 hours at a moderate pace.

From the Three Horseshoes turn right and walk along the High Street until you get to the Chestnuts house opposite New Inn Road, turn left along the grassy track towards Hillside cottage. At the top turn right and follow the track down towards Arbtree Farm, enjoy the views across the fields to Ashwell. You will see the spire of Ashwell church in the distance. Once at

the crossroad path by Arbtree Farm continue straight ahead across the field onto the next field where there is a fenced paddock. Keep to the path until you cross over a small wooden bridge through a hedge. Once through turn left and continue until you reach Loves Lane at Ashwell End,

Cross the road here and to the left follow the signed footpath until you come to a road, turn right and follow the road for a short way until you see another footpath sign on the left. Follow this path across the green field until you reach the road which comes out opposite the turning to Blue Gate Dairy Farm. Turn right and carry on down the road to Ashwell passing through a tree lined avenue.

When you get to Rolly Lane turn left, this will take you past Ashwell



church and Crumps butchers and down towards Ashwell museum. At the museum turn right and then next left and out onto the main high street. Turn right here and follow the road out of Ashwell until you reach the Hinxworth road. Cross the road here and keep to the left taking the footpath just past the first house and follow the path uphill.

As you climb the hill stop awhile and enjoy the fantastic views of Ashwell and the Cambridgeshire countryside beyond. The path continues for some way with the hedge to your left keep walking to the end of the path where it joins another footpath, Turn right following the path back towards Hinxworth, after about a mile you will pass the garden of Hinxworth Place on the left and then Pulters Farm, bear right and continue down the path past the back entrance to Leisure Grow, until you reach the small bridge over the stream. Cross the bridge and walk towards St Nicholas' Church. Pass through the gate to the church yard and continue through to the road, turning left and back along the High Street. Finish at the Three Horseshoes gasping for a beer!

The BBC Domesday Project

900 years after the original Domesday Book was written the BBC in 1986 published the BBC Domesday Project. The project was to capture the essence of life in the United Kingdom by documenting the everyday life of ordinary people throughout the UK population. Over a million people contributed to this project, schools and community groups were surveyed and asked what they thought would be of interest in another 1000 years. One of the places surveyed was Hinxworth, these are some extracts about village that some of you may have contributed to at that time.

The Public House - Hinxworth

THE THREE HORSESHOES - Life in the pub can be frustrating and hard work but never boring! For the pub to run smoothly we really need to keep to a routine but unfortunately living in the country doesn't go hand in hand with efficiency e.g. when some calves were delivered to a farmer one escaped and tried marathon running! What should have been a normal lunchtime with just a few business people and locals enjoying their ploughman's and a pint turned into a riot as the locals rushed out to help round up the offender. Even in the bad winter of 1981/82 when the village was temporarily cut off as snow drifted across the road people fought their way to the pub as if embarking on some great adventure. Everyone crosses our threshold at some time or other to eat or drink or even to beg or borrow.

Hinxworth's social concerns

Since we are a rural community most of the things which concern us are to do in some way with the environment. Every year tempers are roused when the straw stubble is burnt off resulting in the pollution of the atmosphere, the destruction of trees and hedges by "accident", and black smuts in many houses. Another thing which people are becoming increasingly worried about is the proliferation of the aerial spraying of crops with dangerous chemicals causing damage to wildlife and people who inadvertently come into contact. Again there is the tendency of farmers to grub up hedges and footpaths to make fields larger and easier to manage for large machinery. The other main concern we have in the village is the lack of a speed limit which has resulted in the death of one young boy; we have campaigned to no avail as yet.

Home life in Hinxworth

"I can remember when most cottages were occupied by farm workers employed in the village or in Edworth. Few had electricity or water indoors. Lighting was by oil lamps, cooking by oil or "range" and drinking water came from taps in the street. Yet 5 grocers, 3 bakers and 3 butchers all called regularly. The church had a large congregation, there was a chapel a school, a post office, resident policeman and road-man, a shop, a bakery, a men's club and the buses were always full! Now few houses are occupied by farm workers most having been sold off; only one butcher calls and no other tradesmen; and the chapel, P.O. and school have gone. On the other hand we are now on mains drainage and electricity, although there is still no gas, and the community as a whole is certainly wealthier."

A Working Woman:

I am a married woman with a daughter of 23, I've lived here for 13 years. My husband and I own and work in two shops in Stevenage. Since I work most days most of my social activities take place in the evenings I belong to the W.I... and am on the Village Hall management committee. Also I do Keep Fit and craft classes. I shop in Stevenage and do housework on my day off on Friday. I enjoy living here and find there are plenty of opportunities to get involved in village life.

A Housewife's view:

My day is very busy what with having to walk the two dogs, I get my 3 year old son David ready for play school in Ashwell and my husband off to work by 8:30 am. I clean the pub in the morning, amuse my son in the afternoon and once a week lead a Brownie pack. My husband works a 5 1/2 day week so we only have Sundays together.

These are a few of the topics that were covered in the survey if you want to see more visit National Archives website where this unique record has been preserved for future generations.
<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20120213182627/http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/domesday/dblock/GB-520000-240000>



An aerial view from the archive (circa 1986) shows Hinxworth recreation ground and Francis Road. Note the is no children's play area and the woodland at the side had not yet been planted.

The Three Horseshoes

Take away Menu

Beer Battered Cod Landlord beer battered cod served with rosemary salted chips, mushy peas, tartare sauce & lemon wedge	12.9
Steak & Ale Pie Served with mashed potatoes, market vegetables and gravy	12.9
Chicken Green Thai Curry Tender pieces of chicken breast in a medium Thai spiced sauce with lime leaves and served with basmati rice	12.5
Pan Seared Crispy Duck Breast Served with plum sauce, dauphinoise potatoes and kale	14.9
Chorizo and Broad Bean Risotto Spanish sausage & Italian rice. Simple!	11.9
Buttemut Tagine (ve) Red onion, chick peas and cranberries served with roasted veg couscous	12.9
Buttermilk Chicken Burger Chicken breast soaked in buttermilk with a good dusting of our own crispy coating, sweet chilli mayo served with rosemary fries	12.9
The Shoes Burger 2 x 3.5 oz steak burger, smoked streaky bacon, emmental cheese, jalapenos, guacamole and fresh lettuce served in a toasted bun with rosemary fries	12.9
Classic Double Cheese Burger 2 x 3.5 oz steak burger, emmental cheese and fresh lettuce served in a toasted bun with rosemary salted fries	10.5

Please order on the day before you require your delivery. Telephone or message Julie on 07772919553.

We will deliver to your door free of charge. Available Wednesday lunch, Friday lunch, Friday evening, Saturday evening and Sunday Lunch (Roast dinners available on Sundays).

All of our food is served on our crockery. If this can be available for collection within 24 hours from your doorstep this would be appreciated.

To avoid contact where necessary BACS payments are accepted to the following bank account - GP & JA Methven trading as The Three Horseshoes - Account number 64447146 - Sort Code 55-50-44 Many Thanks for your continued custom. Stay safe

Hinxworth.

If you don't see what you fancy on the above menu, please talk to us. We will accommodate where possible.

For gluten free please advise when ordering.

All food is prepared in our kitchen where nuts and cereals containing gluten and other allergens are present and our menu descriptions do not include all ingredients. If you have a food allergy or intolerance, please let us know before ordering and we will advise you accordingly. So be warned! Our ice cream is cold, our coffee is hot, and our kitchen contains nuts!

Note that this is only a sample menu and subject to availability of produce, please check with us for any specials added.