

## Anyone for Tea? - July 5, 2021

Would anyone like to help organise a Village Tea Party in July to commemorate the inauguration of the NHS in 1948? From this year July 5th will be known as NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day. All over the country, communities are being asked to hold a fundraising tea party to raise funds for the NHS Charities Together and The National Care Association Charities. We were not able to have our planned Centenary Celebration for the Village Memorial last year, so it seems fitting that we have a get-together in support of the amazing work that all front-line workers have done on our behalf over the last year and a half. At the moment July 5th is not designated as a Bank Holiday so it would probably be better held at a weekend in early July. So far, I envisage a grand picnic (bring your own! just to make things really simple) on the recreation ground! If you have any ideas and would like to help get this organised, please get in touch with Sylvia Scales by email at: [sylviamedia@gmail.com](mailto:sylviamedia@gmail.com)



### The Three Horseshoes

#### Take Away Menu

##### Mains

Traditional Fish & Chips	12.9
Pork Cutlets (GF)	11.9
Classic Steak and Guinness Pie	12.9
Half Butternut Squash (VE) (GF)	10.9
Baked Lemon Sole (GF)	12.5
House Tikka Masala (GF)	12.9

##### From the Grill

Mexican Chicken Burger (GF)	12.9
The Shoes Burger (GF)	12.9
8 oz British Sirloin Steak (GF)	18.0
Steak Manwich	14.5

##### Salads

Tuna Niçoise (GF)	13.5
Buffalo Chicken Caesar Salad	11.9

##### Sunday Roasts

All served with rosemary roasted potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, fresh seasonal vegetables and chef's gravy	
Topside Beef served Rare	
Pork Loin with Crackling	12.9
1/2 Roasted Chicken	
Vegetable Wellington	
Nut Roast	
Roast Lamb	13.9

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.



## Hello all doggies!

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My name is Bosun I am a JR-cross  
I go for a daily walk with the boss  
He often sees me sniffing the ground  
Where another dog's poo or bag was found  
It's not a nice smell I have to say  
The bosses should always take it away  
My poo he always collects with a bit of trouble  
As he finds it difficult to bend over double  
Into the bushes he throws it  
And putting the bag back in his pocket  
Is ready for the next one I have to do  
As I quite often do a second poo  
You see bosses it is really simple  
If it is left it annoys other people!  
With thanks to Alec Stephenson and Bosun

## Supermoons in our night sky

Four Supermoons will be gracing the night sky in 2021 - the first two have already happened. Supermoons occur when a full Moon is at its closest point to Earth. This means they look very big and bright in the sky.

The first Supermoon of 2021 appeared on March 28. It was called a Super Worm Moon because March's full Moon is always known as a Worm Moon. The next was visible in the early hours of April 27 and was called a Super Pink Moon, again due to the time of year and not so much the colour of the Moon itself. Then on May 26 we can expect a Super Flower Moon. The last Supermoon of 2021 will occur on June 24 and will be a Super Strawberry Moon.

Full Moons can have lots of different nicknames and they are often associated with what farmers would refer to the Moon as at a particular time of year. Moonrise and Moonset are said to be the best times to view a Supermoon.

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## Life Slowly Returns

With the easing of Government restrictions following the pandemic lock-down, life in the villages is showing some encouraging signs of returning to normality. The Archery Club is back up and running, the Three Horseshoes opened its doors once again for drinks and food in the garden and plans are afoot for some exciting summer events from tea parties in Hinxworth to lunches in Newnham. Watch this space or further announcements for your diaries. In the meantime, a happy May Day to all.

Lucy Wade – Editor



Here are some welcome additions to the family of Susan and Martin at Orchard Lodge, Chapel Street. "We actively encourage wildlife on our property, having several ducks, moorhens and pheasants" says Susan, "one day we even had 14 Canadian Geese in the garden!"

with thanks to Susan and Martin Shaw

## Archery Returns to Hinxworth



Hinxworth's Archery Club made a welcome return to the recreation ground after the end of the Covid lockdown on the 31st March. A certain sign that summer is here and that outside sporting activities are now permitted under the national guidelines.

This year 2021 marks the 22nd year that archery has been practiced on the rec. in Hinxworth and it is a pleasing sight to see the traditional sport back at the heart of the village. Social distancing is in operation so only one archer per target at present, but this may change when normal conditions allow.

Beginners' lessons are being planned for April/May in Hinxworth for local area residents wanting to start in this exciting and most rewarding sport offering enjoyment, relaxation, fitness and friendly companionship.

If you are interested in taking part or learning more please contact David at [davidosmond51@gmail.com](mailto:davidosmond51@gmail.com) or text: 07958 655870.

## Church Services - May 2021

May 2 10.15 am Family service, St Nicholas, Hinxworth  
followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting

May 9 9.15 am Parish Communion, St Nicholas, Hinxworth

May 16 9.15 am Parish Communion, St Nicholas, Hinxworth

May 23 9.15 am Parish Communion, St Nicholas, Hinxworth

9.30 am Holy Communion, St Vincent, Newnham

May 30 9.15 am Parish Communion, St Nicholas, Hinxworth

## Foxhollow Nursery – Hinxworth

Foxhollow Nursery have announced that although they will not be re-opening their greenhouse for the sale of plants etc. they do intend to continue with the sale of pelargoniums and hanging baskets to order. Compost will also be available, which has been a great favourite in the past. Please contact Foxhollow Nursery before calling in to arrange a suitable collection time.

Telephone Margaret on 07767012398 e: margaretdryden-smth@hotmail.co.uk



## Hinxworth and Edworth WI

As is tradition with Hinxworth and Edworth WI, one meeting a year is organised and hosted by the members. What a great evening it was too. Sylvia opened the meeting and made a few quick announcements about forthcoming WI meetings and then handed over to the members with Heather Baim taking over at this point. She started this part of the meeting by explaining that the members had all got together in order to give each of the committee members a small gift to show their appreciation. Each committee member had been given a M&S gift token - it was such a lovely surprise and very well received by each of the committee members – thank you.

Heather then introduced the speakers for the evening – Barry and Gill Goodman who presented an illustrated talk entitled “Good Morning, Lords and Ladies”, introducing some of the more unusual calendar customs of England with songs and pictures. Barry has been involved in folk music and song for the past fifty years and divides his time between a number of folk-related activities. Together with his wife, Gill, he ran the Luton Folk Club from 1974 to 1981, and was an organiser of the Luton Folk Festival in the 1980s and into the 90s. Barry is now an organiser of Unicorn Ceilidhs, held monthly Baldock.

During the evening Barry sang songs from the English tradition as well as some of his own compositions, accompanying himself on concertina or guitar. Barry and Gill’s talk was also illustrated showing some of the more unusual English customs including the very local Ampthill Sunrise May Day celebration.

We were thoroughly entertained and learnt so much about the customs around our countryside. It was great to hear that so many annual events that had been lost over time are now being resurrected and are very popular again.

The next meeting will be the AGM on the 13 May.

Chrisi Hook

## The Village Book

In 1973 when we first arrived in the village, I started the Village Book, which recorded all the different activities going on in Hinxworth. It started with the Women’s Institute reports in the local newspaper, which I would cut out and paste in. I then went on to Births, Marriages and Deaths, (hatch, match and dispatch). Various other things were recorded and it was quite labour intensive in those days. With the advent of The Village Voice it became much easier, and I was able to collect all copies of The VV in folders. I would go down to the church after a wedding or a funeral to see if any of the order of service had been left by the congregation and would add this to the book (amazing how many are left behind.) However, as John and I are leaving the village in June to go and live near our daughter in Scotland, I am appealing to someone to take on and care for this book and possibly add to it in due course. Anybody interested would be most welcome to borrow the book to look through before making a decision.

Please contact me if you are interested:

Carol Cheney Tel: 01462 742602



## Community Litter Pick - Saturday 8 May 10am - 12 noon

I am sure you will all have noticed that the amount of rubbish which has collected over the past year has increased. We were not able to go ahead with last year’s litter pick but would like to do so this year. So far, the council have suspended all extra litter collections until further notice. However, I am hopeful that there are many of you out there who will not let this put you off!

If you are interested in participating in this local litter-pick please turn up at 12 Francis Road on the day and you will be given an area of roadside for you to collect litter. To ensure social distancing the areas of verge will already have been decided so that you will not have any undue contact with other litter pickers. Please wear a mask and heavy-duty gloves. Black bags will be provided, we also have some litter picker sticks and plastic high-visibility tabards but if you have got your own and thick gloves so much the better!

Unfortunately, if the council cannot collect the picked litter, I will have to ask you to take it home to dispose of in your own bin, so I would recommend that you only collect 2 bags’ worth, but I will let you know on the day if this will be necessary. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sylvia Scales

## On the beat

with PCSO 6522 Chris Brabrook

### Have your say on how we police your area

#### Are you and your bike ready for summer?

• Police are encouraging the public to check that their bicycles and motorbikes are roadworthy.

• Throughout the two-week campaign, officers will be out on patrol across Hertfordshire, engaging with bikers and cyclists.

With the weather warming up and lockdown restrictions easing, police are encouraging the public to check their bicycles and motorbikes are roadworthy before taking them out.

The appeal from Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire police forces comes ahead of a national 2 wheels campaign, which runs between 12 and 18 April.

Throughout the two-week campaign, officers will be out on patrol across Hertfordshire, engaging with bikers and cyclists. Chief Inspector Simon Tabert said: “Bicycles and motorbikes may not be roadworthy after being locked up over the winter, even if they were good condition on the day they went into storage.” “Tyres can deflate over time and parts can seize so it is very important that people check their vehicles carefully before riding them. It is far better to fix an issue before setting off on a journey than discover a fault while out riding and potentially be involved in a collision.”

While the Government’s stay at home rule has ended, people are reminded that they should minimise domestic travel and not take long journeys unless absolutely necessary.

As well as ensuring pedal cycles and motorbikes are fit for summer, riders are urged to check they have the right equipment and that it is fit for purpose.

Anyone interested in learning more about motorcycle safety can attend one of this year’s Bike Safe workshops which are delivered by the police and start next month.

### Protect your vehicle this spring

• Operation Feline launched to help drivers secure vehicles

• Catalytic converter theft on the increase

• Free security marking service offered to local drivers

Hertfordshire Constabulary is urging drivers to make sure they keep their vehicles secure this spring following increases in motor vehicle crime.

Crime in general has fallen since the first lockdown began, however there has been an increase in certain types of vehicle crime. Thefts from motor vehicles increased 20 per cent in March (up 59 from 302 in March 2020).

Theft of catalytic converters has also risen with over 700 offences in the last six months\* (1 October 2020 – 31 March 2021) compared with 454 in the same period in 2019/20. However, in the last two weeks there has been significant drop in the number of offences reported apart from in the Stevenage, North Herts and Dacorum areas.

Keyless thefts of vehicles also continue to be an issue. This is where thieves use a device to bypass a vehicle’s security system, by using the signal from the vehicle’s key fob to unlock and start the engine.

Devices can also be used to clone key fobs if a criminal manages to get access to a fob. There have also been several reports of a scam targeting vehicles being sold privately, where criminals arrive to view the vehicle and switch the key fobs with a replica. They then return at a later time and steal the vehicle using the stolen fob.

### Man summoned to court in connection with hare coursing incident in North Herts

• The incident occurred in North Herts.

• A 32-year-old man was arrested.

• Anyone who witnesses suspected hare coursing is asked to contact police straight away.

A man has been summoned to court in connection with a hare coursing offence, following an investigation by Hertfordshire Constabulary’s Rural Operational Support Team (ROST).

Police were called on the afternoon of Monday 4 January following an incident on private land in North Hertfordshire.

It was alleged that several sight hounds had been used to pursue game on the land, contrary to section 30 of the Game Act 1831.

A 32-year-old man was subsequently arrested.

He was released on bail and has been summoned to appear before Stevenage Magistrates’ Court on Wednesday 5 May.

If you believe you have witnessed hare coursing taking place, please dial 999 straight away.

If a crime is not currently in action, you can report information or incidents online, speak to an operator in our Force Communications Room via our online web chat or call the non-emergency number 101.

### 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/>