

The Three Horseshoes Car Show

A huge thank you to everyone who came along with their cars on Sunday 19 September, and of course to all of you who came along to view them. We had a wonderful collection of cars and the day was a huge success. We will definitely be holding one again after the winter months.

Gerry and Julie



Chris and Julie Benham with some of the classic cars



On the Beat

with PCSO 6522 Chris Brabrook

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Hertfordshire residents targeted in banking app scam

- Residents selling items online targeted by scammers
- Scammers use fake banking app to pay for goods
- More than 30 victims reported in Hertfordshire

Hertfordshire Constabulary is warning residents to be wary when selling goods online after dozens of sellers were scammed.

The scammers target individuals who are selling valuable phones, cameras and other items via online selling platforms. The vendors were contacted about their items and when the scammer arrived, they pay for the item using a convincing banking app. The app can mimic apps from a number of banks and appears to show the funds being transferred to the victim's bank account.

Around 30 offences have been reported since May this year in Hemel Hempstead, Watford and Welwyn Garden City.

PC Colin Cheesewright, from Hertfordshire Constabulary's Victim Service Fraud Hub, said: "This scam is catching a lot of people out as it is very convincing. The scammer asks the victim to enter their bank details into the app and then it appears to show the amount being debited from the buyer's account. I would urge anyone selling an item to be sceptical about accepting payment via a banking app. Payment by credit card or using Paypal for Business is a more secure way of making a sale.

"Please help us to raise awareness by talking about this with your friends and family, especially if they are vulnerable or elderly." If you believe that you are a victim of this scam please report online to Action Fraud or call 0300 123 2040.

Visit our crime prevention pages for advice on avoiding scams.

Alternatively, you can report to us online, speak to an operator in our Force Communications Room via online web chat or call our non-emergency number 101. If a crime is in progress or someone's life is in danger, call 999 immediately.

Protect your vehicle this autumn

- Drivers given advice to keep vehicles secure
 - Free catalytic converter marked offered to drivers
 - Visit our Op Feline page to find a garage to mark your catalytic converter
- Hertfordshire Constabulary is advising drivers and businesses to protect their vehicles as thieves continue to target vehicles across the county.

Owners are being advised to follow crime prevention advice to make their cars and vans more secure as thieves continue to target catalytic converters and any valuables left inside vehicles.

Thefts of vehicles have increased in a number of areas, with thefts of certain keyless entry models also a concern.

Inspector Nicola Dean, from Hertfordshire Constabulary's Crime Reduction Unit, said: "There have been increases in vehicle related thefts in some parts of the county in recent months. Thieves are targeting the catalytic converters on specific car models such as the pre 2008 Honda Jazz, Toyota Prius (2004 to 2016 inclusive) and Toyota Arius (2012 to 2018 inclusive). They will also target any vehicles that have valuable items left on display, so please remove any items which may encourage a thief, such as bags, boxes, coats or loose change.

"We are still offering our free catalytic converter security marking service, which is available at garages across the county. We are also writing to owners of specific vehicle models that are being targeted in keyless thefts, to offer help to make their vehicles more secure. I would also urge the public to follow our advice, remain vigilant and report suspicious incidents in their neighbourhood, particularly where people are trying to get under cars in public car parks or on public roads. If you see this happening, please call 999 immediately."

Local Crime Information - Burglary - Outbuildings non-residential - Hinxworth

Between the dates of 7th and 8th of September numerous outbuildings (predominantly sheds) were broken into and gardening items and a bicycle were taken. On investigation it appears a vehicle was used in a field that backed on to premises in New Inn Road, Hinxworth. Some items were left behind, possibly the offenders were disturbed. Some of the gardening items and a bicycle were returned to the rightful owners.

Your local neighbourhood police team's 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/>

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for Caldecote, Edworth, Hinxworth and Newnham

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Exciting News for Village Voice

I am delighted to announce that Village Voice not only has a new editor but does in fact have two! The joint editors will be Karen Mills and Jan Olson-Williams. Karen and Jan are well respected residents of Hinxworth and will be stepping in from next month. Two editors working in close collaboration will bring a different dimension to the Village Voice, and I am confident and excited for its future. I am sure you will join me in warmly welcoming them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen and Jan, but also wish to thank the Parish Council for their invaluable support over the last year. A big thank you also to Richard Floyd who tirelessly prints your copies each month, and to the volunteers who trudge around through all seasons and weathers to make sure the Village Voice is delivered to your door. Thank you also to my son Jack who stepped in as graphic designer where my husband Mike left off. Finally, a big thank you to you all for the many kind words, support and contributions during my reign as Editor.

Lucy Wade

Please continue to support this fantastic publication by sending your ideas, articles and pictures to Villagevoice3@gmail.com



Karen Mills



Jan Olson-Williams

Remembrance Sunday 14th November 2021

Wear their medals with pride?

Hopefully this year we will be able to have the usual service in church followed by the War Memorial Remembrance event. It is a time to remember all the men and women who have given their lives not only in the two world wars but also in all the various conflicts since then. Also, to remember not only those in the Armed Forces but also those in emergency and other services.

One way of doing this is to dig out from the back of your furniture the medals of parents, grandparents, relatives, friends and colleagues to remember their participation and bravery.

Here are three medals quite often seen today. One such medal was the Defence Medal awarded, not just to the armed forces, but also for service in the above occupations in a non-operational area. The medal ribbon tells a story. Two broad stripes of green depicting 'this green and pleasant land' superimposed by narrow stripes of black, 'the black out', with a wide strip of orange representing the 'fire-bombing of cities'



Another usual medal quite often seen is the General Service medal, which has been worn by those who participated in the various active service theatres since 1945 most of them having green sides with purple in the middle. This one above, on the left, was from the sixties. Similarly, the Afghanistan general service medal known as the Operational Service Medal had its own design seen here on the right. The broad central red stripe flanked each side by a strip of Navy blue and one of light blue, to represent the three services, with an outer light brown to represent the Afghan landscape.

There are 20 veterans from the parishes of Hinxworth, Edworth and Newnham most of whom are named on the war memorial from the two great wars, who we remember at this service. They will each have their own wreath, with a brief description of their service, positioned on the wall. However if anyone wishes to place their relative's wreath instead, they are welcome to do so. Just let me know.

The church service starts at 09:45am and continues at the War Memorial from 10:45.

Alec Stephenson

e: alecstephenson@btinternet.com

Soup Lunch

The next Soup Lunch will be on Friday 12 November in the Village Hall 12.30 to 2pm. Everyone is welcome - no booking required just pop along to the hall for some lunch and a get together with friends. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Chris Hook

Autumn action on allotments

As Autumn closes in and the last of the summer crops are harvested, Hinxworth allotment holders are already looking forward to next year. Now is the time to plant overwintering onion sets, garlic cloves and spring cabbage plants for a crop next summer. It's also time to sow broad beans for an early spring crop. Brussels sprouts can be staked up to avoid wind damage and runner bean poles can be taken down. There's always something to do on the allotment! But it's not all about gardening. Some allotment holders met in the Three Horseshoes in early October for a convivial catch-up to discuss how best to keep the allotments thriving. A working party was set up to repair the rain catchers (there's no running water on the allotments) and to mow the paths and trim the weeds. There are also ambitious plans to renovate the ageing perimeter fencing. All in all, things are looking good. And although the allotments are fully subscribed at the moment, there may be an opportunity in the near future for anyone who fancies it to take over a plot. It is only £35 a year to rent an allotment and it is extremely rewarding. If you are at all interested please contact Hilary Perricone who will put you on the waiting list and you could be growing your own veg sooner than you think! . e: hilary.perricone@gmail.com

Happy gardening,

Tony Lloyd

Hinxworth and Edworth WI

What a super October WI meeting we had, but I am getting ahead of myself. First things first - the October meeting was an open meeting, and it was so nice to see partners and friends joining us. About 30 plus members and friends in total. Anki rattled through various items and WI news quite quickly so that we could settle down to the evening's talk.

Anki introduced Geoff Lambert to give us a talk on Medical Detection Dogs. Geoff then introduced us to his retired detection dog Buddy. The presentation that Geoff went on to give us was so interesting about the incredible work that medical dogs are doing now particularly in the detection of diabetes. Britain leads the world in this area which perhaps is not surprising as we have a long-standing love and understanding of our canine friends.

Geoff warned us that although Buddy was retired, he would probably be checking our breath afterwards for sugar overload from the biscuits, that was if he didn't eat them first as Buddy wandered happily amongst us sniffing out biscuit crumbs. We were amazed at how these dogs can be used. At present they are a major support for children with type 1 diabetes but are also used extensively to detect cancers, Parkinson's and epilepsy and latterly they have also been trained to sniff out Covid 19, processing as many as 80 people a minute. They are dedicated to the detection of human disease through canine olfaction. A dog's sense of smell is estimated to be 100,000 times more sensitive than a human's so a pretty powerful nose. Geoff's talk was truly engrossing and was followed by lots of questions from members and guests.

The next WI meeting is November 11 at the usual time of 7.30. Hinxworth and Edworth WI are a really friendly bunch and would love to see you. Come along to the next meeting, give it a go and make new friends. A warm and friendly welcome awaits.

Chrisi Hook



70'S ARE BACK!

Come and join us for a
**70's Disco at the
Village Hall**

Live music with Uche Eke
and Discovery Roadshow
Disco, Saturday 27th
November at 7.30pm

Get out your flares and
Dress to impress

Buffet platters served to
tables and Bar

Tickets £ TBC –
Reserve your space now
Helene - 07890 212194
Debbie - 07446357556

Church Services for November

- November 7 10.15 am Family Service, St Nicholas, Hinxworth
- November 14 9.45 am Remembrance Communion, St Nicholas, Hinxworth, followed by service at War Memorial at 10.55 am
- November 21 9.15 am Parish Communion, St Nicholas, Hinxworth
- November 28 9.15 am Parish Communion, St Nicholas, Hinxworth
9.30 am Holy Communion, St Vincent, Newnham

Assistant Bookings Clerk

The Village Hall Management Committee are looking for an Assistant Bookings Clerk.

If you can spare a few hours a month, have access to email, a printer and are reasonably IT savvy (internet banking and basic spreadsheets) - we'd love to hear from you!

If interested in joining our friendly team, contact Helene on 07890212194

Heidi to stay in Edworth.

Heidi arrived in Edworth way back in Oct 2002 having done a 3 month stint over the summer in the London Cow Parade posing outside the Albert Hall. She was part of a large herd of cows all scattered around various tourist spots in the capital to raise funds for the charity ChildLine. Michael Baim was instrumental in organising this huge event which went on to raise over a quarter of a million pounds when some of the cows were auctioned at Sothebys and others sold on-line. Heidi – real name Taxi Cow as she paraded in front of a black cab taxi rank – then found herself being boxed up and brought to Edworth to spend a happy retirement in Michael and Heather's garden. Michael and Heather are now moving to pastures new but thought it unfair to move Heidi, so I have been lucky enough to take ownership of her. She now sits in the front garden of our cottage watching the world go by. Watch out though as you might see her popping up round the village at local events when you could meet her in person.

Christine Hook



Heidi in her new home

Free Tree Saplings

North Herts Council is currently offering free tree saplings to residents in North Herts in a bid to increase biodiversity in the district, improve air quality and help us in our fight against climate change. The Council are asking for volunteers to assist their Grounds Team with distributing the tree saplings to residents who live in the parish. The idea is that residents will receive a single tree to plant in their gardens – "we have received requests from some residents asking for more, these requests will be considered but will not be prioritised when it comes to distribution." The tree saplings are expected to arrive in early November. So far, 1000 requests have been received for these trees, but potentially there could be up to 10,000 to deliver. If you are able to assist, or if you have any further questions, please contact:

Green.Space@north-herts.gov.uk

See press release for further details:

<https://new.north-herts.gov.uk/north-herts-councils-10000-free-trees-giveaway-express-your-interest-now>

Ashwell and Bassingbourn Patients' Group

Please note that we have decided to amend the name of our group in recognition of the fact that our surgery has two bases - Ashwell and Bassingbourn, so we are now the ABPG.

Notes from the September Meeting:

We welcomed our new Practice Manager, Katie Prince.

Staff News: Dr Hasham and Katie Prince are ill with Covid symptoms and 3 others are on sick leave. We wish them all a speedy recovery. In the meantime, the pressure is on for the remaining staff.

- New staff members have been appointed including a Physician's Assistant who will work alongside our GPs.

- A staff training programme has begun.

Flu Vaccinations: After a delay in receiving the vaccinations the campaign is now underway. Vaccinations are also obtainable at Ashwell Pharmacy.

Covid Booster Jabs: Dr Jarvis was unable to secure supplies for administration at our surgeries. Instead these vaccinations will take place at centres in Letchworth. The campaign is being organised nationally and those eligible will receive an invitation to attend.

Access to Ashwell Surgery: Face-to-face appointments are now being offered much more frequently at Ashwell.

Our Telephone System: This is a frequent cause for complaint and Dr Jarvis appreciated the irritation felt by patients. He is in regular contact with the provider but is frustrated by the lack of progress. There is talk of a new system funded by the local health body. We will have to wait and see what transpires.

Communications: Katie is very keen to improve the way our practice communicates with patients and this is something we will continue to work on with her. She intends to produce a guide to services for staff and patients alike which should be very useful.

Peter Chapman



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

IN OUR DELIGHTFUL HISTORIC ST MARY
MAGDALENE CHURCH, CALDECOTE SG7 5LD ON
SATURDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2021
AT 5.30 PM

COME AND ENJOY A CANDLELIT CELEBRATION OF
THE SEASON WITH MULLED WINE, MINCE PIES
AND HARMONIUM ACCOMPANIMENT.

TICKETS: £10.00 AVAILABLE FROM
GRAZYNA.TUTAK@NTLWORLD.COM
OR VIA FACEBOOK PAGE CHURCH OF ST.

MARY MAGDALENE, CALDECOTE.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE CHURCH'S
RESTORATION FUND