

## Sunflowers in New Inn Road

Beautiful sunflowers growing alongside the footpath in New Inn Road.



With thanks to Sue and Tim Wilson

## Charity Golf Day

Following on from the Charity Golf Day in July and the money raised. The charities concerned (Crisis and Crohn's and Colitis UK) have written thank you letters which also outline how the money raised will help their cause. These letters can be viewed in the Three Horseshoes Pub, Hinxworth.

With thanks again to those who contributed.

## Our Beautiful Footpaths

I am sure all dog walkers in the area will join me in sending out a huge thank you to Malcolm the gardener who does a splendid and endless job of keeping our byways and footpaths neat and tidy. It is very much appreciated.

## Yoga Classes

From Wednesday 8 September I will be running yoga classes at Hinxworth Village Hall at 7pm

The classes are for all abilities. Cost will be £8 for one hour. If you are interested please contact me.

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Sunday 19th September  
Please bring your car to the Horseshoes for 11am  
All welcome to participate or view.

Copy Date: If you would like to contribute to the Village Voice or have a small add you would like included, please submit your piece by September 20 for the October edition to:

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## Our New Parish Priest

Our new parish priest is Chris Campbell, assistant curate at St John the Evangelist, Hills Road, Cambridge. She trained to be a teacher, having worked in the charity sector for some time with the Dyslexia Institute and with Imperial College where she had studied applied mathematics. She entered teaching through a scheme whereby she was thrown straight into the classroom and taught maths in London for pupils aged 11-18, as well as specialist teaching in further maths and in one-to-one settings.

She moved with her family from London to the Cambridge area when her daughter Charlotte was two, Emily was born the day after they moved. The girls are now 13 and 11. Chris soon became involved with her local church in Waterbeach, with children's work, pastoral work and preaching. People began to say, as they do, "have you ever thought about being a vicar?" After a period of discernment, in 2016 she went to Westcott House Theological College in Cambridge to train for ministry.



Chris Campbell

Chris says "It will be great to live in a village again, getting to know people and discovering their gifts. We like walking and nature, and recently enjoyed finding otter poo on Skye. We also paddleboard and kayak, so will have to find out where that will be possible, probably not at Ashwell Springs! The girls are happy about the move, the house is lovely and are especially pleased that there are mature trees in the garden. They will be commuting to their present school in Cambridge."

Chris also enjoys Lego, craft and painting. Iain is relieved to find there's enough cupboard space in the Rectory for his recording equipment.

Chris says "After my licensing service on the 29th September, I'll be arranging a few coffee mornings and walks, depending on how active you feel, which will be open to anyone who would like to join me, as a way to get to know both you and the villages better. Dates to be announced soon – all will be welcome."

Patrick Forbes



**HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
**ST GEORGE'S CHURCH**  
**EDWORTH**  
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**SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD**  
**AT 10 AM**

## Church Services for September

September 5th at 10.15am Family Service, St Nicholas, Hinxworth

September 12th at 9.15am Parish Communion, St Nicholas, Hinxworth

September 19th at 9.15am Parish Communion, St Nicholas, Hinxworth

September 26th at 9.15am Parish Communion, St Nicholas, Hinxworth

9.30 am Holy Communion, St Vincent, Newnham

## Village Voice Seeks New Editor

Having worked on the Village Voice for the past 3 years, 2 with my husband Mike and then a year with the help of my son Jack, I think it is time to step aside and give someone else the opportunity to do this interesting and rewarding job. I have had tremendous support from the Parish Council as well as Richard Floyd who kindly organises the printing of the copies, and my thanks go out to them.

So, if you feel you would like a bit of a challenge and would like to take over this invaluable service then please contact me at villagevoice3@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Lucy Wade, Editor

## On the beat

**PC Mark Ellwood 371 & PCSO 6531 Penny Tomsett,  
PCSO Chris Brabrook 6522 Sgt Jon Vine 1841**

**Operation Feline returns to tackle ‘cat’alytic converter crime.**

Drivers reminded to get catalytic converters marked

•Free security marking offered to Herts drivers

•Catalytic converter thefts continuing across the county

Hertfordshire Constabulary is reminding drivers that they can get free catalytic converter marking, as part of Operation Feline, to help drivers protect their vehicles

Catalytic converter thefts have continued this year, with thieves targeting the units due to the valuable metals they contain and can be removed fairly quickly.

Operation Feline aims to help drivers protect their catalytic converters and provide practical crime prevention advice to help deter thieves. As part of the campaign certain garages across the county are offering free security marking services.

Inspector Nicki Dean, from Hertfordshire Constabulary’s Crime Reduction Unit, said: “Thieves particularly target specific hybrid models, such as the pre-2008 Honda Jazz, Toyota Prius (2004-2016) and Toyota Arius (2012-2018).

“We are reminding drivers that we are still working with local garages to offer free security marking. So far we have marked close to 1000 vehicles since the launch of Operation Feline in 2020. We would also urge the public to follow our advice, remain vigilant and report incidents of suspected catalytic converter theft, 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.”

Details of the security marking scheme can be found on our Operation Feline pages. In order to minimise the chance of becoming a victim we offer the following advice:

•Lock your car whenever it is left unattended and keep it in a garage when parked at night if possible.

•When using a garage is not possible, park close to fences, walls or a kerb with the exhaust being closest to the fence, wall or kerb to make theft difficult.

•Consider fitting CCTV on your home or driveway, to help deter thieves.

•Use PIR or LED security lighting to make your vehicle more visible and this can also act as a deterrent.

•If your catalytic converter is bolted on, consider having the bolts welded to make removal difficult.

•Fit protective coverings on catalytic converters, such as the Toyota manufactured CATLOC device, (these are made for Toyota Prius made between 2004 and 2009) as these can make it much more difficult for thieves.

•Have your catalytic converter etched or forensically marked, and put stickers in the windscreen to say this has been done.

•Look for car parks with a Secured Car Park sign which have recognised levels of security. If you have a garage at home, ensure you use it and lock it properly.

•Noisy gravel on your drive can help deter a would-be thief, as they don’t want to alert you to their approach.

•Never leave valuable items or tools on display in your vehicle as this may encourage a thief to break in.

## How you can help protect your local heritage sites

•There are more than 100 Grade One Listed building in Hertfordshire.

•Members of the public are being urged to help police protect these important sites.

Did you know there are more than a hundred Grade I Listed buildings in Hertfordshire, with 41 in East Herts alone?

These buildings are of great national importance and value, and it is vital we protect them.

You are able to find your local heritage sites on the National Heritage List for England (NHLE), which also identifies scheduled ancient monuments alongside the locations of all listed premises.

Sadly, these buildings are vulnerable to heritage-based crime, such as anti-social behaviour and theft of materials and valuables.

The price of lead and copper has risen over the past few years, meaning that heritage buildings are often targeted for thefts of these metals. In order to prevent these crimes, and catch those responsible, police need your help.

You can help just by educating yourself around the location of your local heritage sites and keeping a closer eye on them whilst going about your daily business.

You can also sign up to Heritage Watch. This would enable you to be kept up to date with any police activity regarding your local heritage sites. If you would like to sign up, please email PC Amy Griggs with your name and expression to get involved. If you have any suggestions, or comments in relation to heritage-based crime, you can let us know via our anonymous community voice feedback platform ‘echo’. We would love to hear what you think we could be doing and how you believe communities can help to protect these sites.

If you believe you have witnessed suspicious activity around a heritage site or have information about a crime, please call the non-emergency number 101 or report online. If you see a crime in progress, please dial 999 straight away.

## Local Crime Information

Ashwell, Hinxworth Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Criminal Damage, Caldecote – On the 29th July overnight the church in Caldecote was damaged. The offenders have gained entry and smashed windows, emptied bottles of bleach and smashed crockery at the location. 41/58224/21

## 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/>

## Advance Notice – Soup Lunch

Fingers crossed that we will soon be able to start our monthly Soup Lunch get together again now that the village hall is open.

I am pleased to say that the hall has a lot of bookings which is good, but this also means that the first suitable date available for Soup Lunch will be Friday 15 October, (so everyone - hold the date please and watch this space in the next issue of Village Voice for confirmation). We are looking forward to seeing all the regular lunch goers and new faces too. Everyone is welcome and as before all profits go to local charities.

**Chris Hook**



## New Bus Service

From 19 September there will be a new “demand responsive” bus service to many North Herts villages including Ashwell, Bygrave, Caldecote, Clothall, Graveley, Hinxworth, Kelshall, Newnham, Radwell, Rushden, Sandon, Therfield, Wallington, and Weston. Passengers will be able to book a journey by phone, app or via a website to Baldock, Buntingford, Hitchin, Letchworth, Royston or Stevenage. They will also be able to travel from one village to another. The journeys can be booked between 30 days and 3 minutes in advance. The service, which is being run by the County Council, will run from 7.00 until 19.00 Monday to Saturday and 10.00 until 16.00 on Sundays. Bus passes and Saver cards will be valid on these buses.

Because they are demand responsive buses they will only run when and where they are required. For Ashwell, Bygrave, Graveley, Newnham and Radwell they are in addition to the current regular bus services, which continue unchanged. For the other villages they will be the first buses for several years. You can see more details at [www.intalink.org.uk/hertslynx](http://www.intalink.org.uk/hertslynx).



## TV Cameras come to the area

Those eagle-eyed amongst you, may have caught a familiar sight on BBC East News last week with pictures of Hinxworth High Street and New Inn Road. It turned out that BBC News had come to our area to report on our apparently high carbon footprint. It culminated with an interview with Hinxworth’s very own Rochelle Mortier. I contacted Rochelle soon afterwards and she kindly wrote a piece outlining her very interesting experience as follows:

A couple of weeks back, I heard the pleasant tones of BBC Look East’s political reporter, Ben Schofield, on my answer machine. Ben wanted to know whether I wanted to help out with some filming that he had to do in the local villages. I was intrigued and returned his call. Ben explained that the villages of Newnham, Hinxworth and Radwell had a very high average carbon footprint according to a recent academic report and wanted to speak with local home-based businesses.

My initial reaction was one of surprise; I requested to see the report, which is available online: <https://www.carbon.place>. Indeed, our villages scored in the worst 1% of small areas in England! The report analyses our average individual carbon footprint based on consumption data including, the energy used to produce the goods and services that we buy, the car journeys that we make, plane travel, fuel consumption to heat and power our homes etc., Invariably, given the vast amount of data used in the analysis, assumptions have been made. Having worked on climate change reports in the past, I agreed to be interviewed.

On a sunny August afternoon, Ben Schofield and his cameraman Richard appeared. I served them Mortier’s Earl Grey tea (what else?!) and spent a pleasant couple of hours answering Ben’s questions. We chatted about the new local on-demand bus service that would link up our villages with towns like Royston, Letchworth and Stevenage. We wondered whether cycle paths might encourage more cycling with the added health benefit. Did we really consume so many high energy goods and services? How many cars does each household need? Are Electric cars the answer? All the while fine tea was being savoured, the honeysuckle smelt sweet and the threat of our climate changing irrevocably hung undeniably in the air.

## Rochelle Mortier



Rochelle Mortier being interviewed For BBC News

