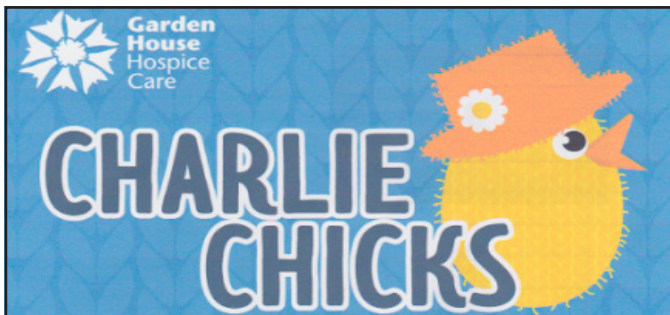


Knitting November for Charlie Chick

You are invited to be part of Charlie Chicks 2024 'Knitting November', in aid of Garden House Hospice Care in Letchworth.

Any level knitter welcome, no experience needed. Tea and Coffee will be provided. Come along to 8, The Barns, Edworth every Monday from 2-4pm.

It's a great opportunity to meet new people, learn something new and be part of the Charlie Chicks 2024 Campaign.



Katrina Hoskins

Garden House Hospice - Christmas Events 2023

Bright Lights & Bridges - Sunday 3rd December 2023

11.30am coach pick up and drop off from Letchworth, returning at 22.00. A Festive walk across iconic London bridges followed by a coach Christmas Lights Tour. The walk is from Victoria Tower Gardens South to Tower of London. Adults £35.00 & Under 16s £15.00. Booking are being taken via our website ghospicecare.org.uk/event/bright-lights-bridges

Friends of Garden House Hospice Annual Christmas Craft Fair - Sunday 10th December

Hitchin Town Hall, Brand Street, Hitchin, SG5 1HX. 12 noon to 4pm. Join us for an afternoon full of Christmas Spirit, stalls selling all kinds of handmade beautiful gifts. As One Community Choir will entertain from 2.30pm. Santa will also be paying a visit 3pm to 3.45pm. Bar for refreshments, Café for Snacks will be open.

Santa's Grotto - Saturday 16th December

Market Place, Hitchin. 11am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm. Santa and his elves look forward to seeing you. £4.00 per child with a present.

Farmers on Christmas Lights Tour - Saturday 16th December

Up to 150 tractors and farm vehicles adorned with Christmas lights and decorations taking to the roads of Baldock-Letchworth-Hitchin in aid of the Garden House Hospice Care. Planned route is: 6pm Baldock - High Street. 6.45pm Letchworth - Eastcheap and Leys Avenue. 7.30pm Hitchin - Hermitage Road, High Street, Market Place and Portmill Lane.

To make a donation please visit: justgiving.com/campaign/xmastractors

Wise Words

"My memory is my memory, it does what it does, gathers and curates as it seems fit, and there's as much truth in what I remember and how I remember it as there is in so-called objective facts."

Prince Harry (1984 -)

November's Cartoon



Ashwell Museum

For everyone interested in Ashwell Museum please note the following.

- We have a Tea, Cake and Talk afternoon on Thursday 9th November 2pm in the URC Hall Tickets £8 which includes your Tea and Cake. The Talk is ' Suffragettes in North Herts Tickets available from the Museum when open, Karen Mills (01462742155) or David and Sue Hall (01462743799).

- Next Year 2024 Wednesday 22nd May we hope to run a coach to Knole (Sevenoaks, Kent). This is a National Trust site and on the day there is an opportunity to visit the private gardens (a small charge) as well as the Conservation Studios, we do have to book. If you are interested please can you contact Karen Mills (01462742155), Hilary Masham (01462742416) or Monica Boggust (01462742463).

Karen Mills (Ashwell)

On The Beat - Local Crime

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Theft, High Street, Ashwell – On 8th September between 1400 – 1410 a female entered a shop in the High Street, Ashwell. The female distracted the shop owner and stole a mobile phone. The female was described as light brown skinned and wearing a head scarf, long sleeved top, medium bag and non-English speaking. 41/72473/23

Outbuilding Burglary, Hinxworth – On 14th September the offender entered a private farm track situated near to the victim's home address. The offender opened a container and removed a Suzuki Quad bike. The offender placed the quad bike onto a trailer connected to a small car and drove away along the track towards Hinxworth village. 41/73980/23



Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Sarah Faulder and George Eddell, who were married at Firle, East Sussex, on August 12th.

Wishing them every happiness.

Kathy Eddell

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The Three Horseshoes Classic Car Show

Towards the end of September there was a wonderful display of Cars on show at the Three Horseshoes. An afternoon was spent admiring the parade and enjoying a few drinks with neighbours, friends and family. Andy Hartree sent in a selection of pictures (below) into the Village Voice for you to enjoy.



A selection of Cars from the Three Horseshoes Car Show, submitted by Andy Hartree

Ashwell and Bassingbourn Patients' Group

The long awaited Patients Survey has now been posted on the Surgery website under "News Items" on the front page. The working party were as follows:- Katie Prince, and also latterly Jo Coleman both from the surgery. From the Ashwell and Bassingbourn Patients' Group there were Peter Chapman, Graham Lee, Wendy Kitchener and Rachel Capay who collated all the information from the survey responses, along with much further additional information provided by Katie Prince the Practice Manager. We were fortunate to have Graham Lee to provide the expertise to analyse, collate and compile all the information into the computer document now posted on the Surgery website. The Surgery Partners reviewed the document and agreed for it to be published. So it is hoped all patients will find the information useful. It is expected there will be printed hard copies of the Survey available in the Surgery in the near future.

Peter Chapman, Chairman

Alternative Christmas Card Scheme

As Christmas is approaching the Alternative Christmas Card Scheme in Hinxworth and Edworth means a donation can be made to one or both of the chosen charities instead of buying and sending Christmas cards to friends and neighbours in Hinxworth and Edworth. A printed Christmas card with seasonal greetings and the names of all the participants will be delivered to every house in the two villages before Christmas. Last year £1,305 was raised for the two nominated charities.

This year the chosen charities are the Garden House Hospice in Letchworth, which provides a wide range of services for patients, their carers, and families facing a life limiting illness; and Barnardo's who protect, support and nurture children across the UK.

If you would like to participate in the scheme I have set up a Just Giving page for the Garden House Hospice (www.justgiving.com/page/rachel-giles-1697399203396) and for Barnardo's (www.justgiving.com/page/rachel-giles-1697399540967). When donating, please tick "hide donation amount from public view". It is also imperative that you put the names of all the people in your household including surname, and if you have not participated before your address so that I can include all the contributors' names and addresses in the Christmas card (last year there were a number of anonymous donations and I was unable to include their names in the card).

If you prefer not to use Just Giving please put your contribution in an envelope with your name and address. Cheques can be made payable to "Garden House Hospice Care" or "Barnardo's". Please drop donations to me at Bury End Farm, Ashwell Road, Hinxworth by Monday 4th December. Email me at rachel@gilesunlimited.co.uk with any questions

Rachel Giles

VILLAGE HALL RACE NIGHT

Hinxworth & Edworth Village Hall
Saturday 11th November 2023
Arrive 7pm for 7.30pm start

Admission: £5 per person
to include nibbles and programme

★ Cash bar ★

Contact Helene 07890 212194
or Deb 07446 357556 for tickets
★ Tickets available until 4th November ★

Parish Council Minutes

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM.

Present: Mr N.Tiffin (Chairman), Mr R. Cobb (Vice- Chairman), Mr T Lloyd, Mr A. Dawson, Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk).

Other persons present: Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor. Apologies: Tom Tyson District Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 7th September were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Dick Cobb.

2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda. Nothing to report.

3. Correspondence: Polling Station Consultation: A link to this lengthy document received by the Council will be posted on the Hinxworth Parish Council Website.

4. Finance: Current Parish Council Funds: The Councillors agreed to the expenditure for the current month. Proposed by Tony Dawson and seconded by Tony Lloyd.

5. Planning: Planning Consultations:

Application 23/02211/FP Pear Tree House, Chapel Street, Hinxworth. The Parish Council agreed to "no objection" to this application.

Application 233/02241/AD The Three Horseshoes, High Street, Hinxworth. The Parish Council agreed to "no objection" to this application.

Application 23/02243/LBC The Three Horseshoes, High Street, Hinxworth. The Parish Council agreed to "no objection" to this application.

Application 23/01891/FPH: The Stables, Pulters Farm Barn, New Inn Road, Hinxworth. The Parish Council has received a decision notice regarding this application.

6. Highways: Traffic Calming Feasibility Study: Steve Jarvis reported the Phase 1 funding has been approved and the gates have now been ordered. He now reported the revised consultation document and plans on Phase 2 is done and will be sent out for comment in due course.

Grass Cutting: This is still awaited.

7. Village Hall: Manhole Cover: The manhole cover alongside of the Village Hall is broken. The Parish Council has arranged for it to be repaired and notify the Village Hall Management Committee accordingly.

8. Recreation Ground: Parking: The Parish Councillors have been notified that when the Village Hall is in use along with the Recreation Ground parking in the car park can be a problem. Therefore, they request all users of the car park ensure they park to enable the space to be used to maximum effect. If necessary on extreme circumstances an overflow area will be used if ground conditions allow.

The Gate/ Pedestrian Entrance: Connor Methven intends to commence the work in October.

The Caravan Club: The Hertfordshire Caravan Club held their Annual rally on the Recreation Ground between 15th and 17th of September. The weather was good and as always the Caravan Clubbers had an enjoyable weekend.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments: The Allotment Group: Dick Cobb met with the Allotmenters and a plan of action was discussed and agreed regarding the upgrade of the water facility.

David Eddell is to produce the plan and the likely costing. The Parish Council will fund this out of the monies held from the Allotmenters subscriptions. The Parish Councillors also welcome Lizzie Cree to the position of Allotment Chair person having taken over from Hilary Perricone, who we thank for her efforts.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

The War Memorial Clock: The annual clock maintenance is due. J. James of Saffron Walden is to be contacted to arrange a date.

Additionally the clock tower building is in need of some repair. The Memorial is a listed building therefore the Councillors will seek advice on the way forward and possible options.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd November in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Wendy Kitchener (Clerk)

Church Services For November

Sun 5th Nov	09.15	Family Service for All Saints	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 12th Nov	09.45	Remembrance Sunday, then onto War Memorial	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 19th Nov	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 26th Nov	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hinxworth
Sun 26th Nov	09.30	BCP Communion	St Vincent's, Newnham

Remembering those who have died... On Sunday 5th November, at 5:00pm, we will be holding a Requiem Mass for All Souls at St Mary's, Ashwell

This is a special service where we remember all those who we love, whom we see no longer, and during which we will read the names of those who have passed away, both recently and longer again. All are welcome at it, and if you would like a particular name included, please do email Chris (chris@revcc.uk)

Every Wednesday afternoon at 4pm we have a gentle Evening Prayer service at St Nicholas, lasting about 15 minutes (excludes 25th Oct).

Christmas Tree at The Three Horseshoes

The Three Horseshoes will be hosting the inaugural 'Hinxworth Christmas Tree' this year.

On Christmas Eve, villagers will be welcome to come along and hang their bauble on the tree. This can be personalised with names or decorations....let your imagination run wild!

More details will be in next month's Village Voice.

Pop into the pub to see our new Winter menu....

Join us for Quiz Night on the Third Wednesday of each month

Copy Date: Please send all copy/pictures for the December edition by November 20th. E: villagevoice3@gmail.com

Hinxworth & Edworth WI Update

The October WI meeting was very well attended and we also welcomed two guests. Chrisi Hook took the chair starting off the meeting by welcoming everyone, giving out apologies from those members unable to attend and running through one or two other WI items, before handing over to the speaker for the evening - a lovely lady called Ruth Ten Hove who is a physiotherapist of many years. She outlined her talk first and then went on to demonstrate simple but very effective exercises that we can all do everyday in our own homes to improve and strengthen us and aid our balance. We all had a go following Ruth's lead and were quietly impressed with ourselves. Ruth recommended the 'Stronger My Way' website to find out more explaining that the 'Stronger My Way' delivers physio-approved, reliable advice to help us maintain and improve our strength so that we can better do the things that matter most to us. Refreshments followed during which Ruth was kept busy answering all our questions. At the end of the evening the raffle was drawn and this time the lucky number was Annette's ticket which was a lovely way for us all to say goodbye to Annette as this was her last meeting before she and Patrick leave the village to start on the next chapter of their lives. The next WI meeting is on the 9th November at the usual time of 7.30pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone then.

Chrisi Hook

Community Lunch

Once again such great support for this event - thank you everyone for coming along to this event. As you know the profits from the lunches go to charities of our choice and this time we raised £100.00 for Herts Vision Loss who help support and empower people in Hertfordshire with visual impairment. Thanks must also go to the wonderful soup makers and also to all those who helped wash up, sweep up and clear the tables and chairs at the end of lunch. The date for the next lunch is 10 November 12.30 to 2pm so a date for your diary. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Chrisi Hook

COMMUNITY LUNCH
HINXWORTH & EDWORTH VILLAGE HALL
Friday 10th November



£4

Price includes selection of homemade soups, breads & desserts plus tea / coffee

Hinxworth allotments: a plan for growth

There's growing interest among Hinxworth allotment holders after a group of green-fingered gardeners met in the Three Horseshoes to get to know each other better and formulate a plan for the future.

The group thanked Hilary Pericone, who is stepping down after a number of years running the Allotment Society, and thanked Lizzie Cree for taking over.

On the agenda were finances, fundraising, publicity and practical measures such as repairing and maintaining the boundary fence, mower and all-important rainwater-catchers.

The group was pleased to hear from Dick Cobb that the Parish Council was prepared to make available up to £1,000 for essential work. This will come from a £5,000 pot of money paid in rent by allotment holders since the allotments were established and ring fenced by the Parish Council in case the allotments fail and the plots have to be cleared and returned to an arable field.

The first project to benefit from these funds will be refurbishment of the rainwater catchers which are the only source of water, given that there is no mains water on the site. David Eddell is heading up a working party to discuss how best to proceed and a site meeting has already been held to get the ball rolling.

A working party is also planned for November 19th to repair the boundary fence with new posts already purchased. Other ideas discussed were an open day, including barbecue, free mini plots for children, an honesty box for surplus produce, a seasonal recipe of the month, donating produce to the soup lunch and more frequent news articles for the Village Voice.

A rota will be set up from next spring for mowing the communal areas. Lizzie also said she would contact UK Power Networks to ask them to trim the trees behind the allotments.

New chair Lizzie said she was keen to promote a sense of community amongst allotment holders and to spread the word around the village. By pulling together she hoped to ensure the future sustainability of the allotments and encourage better use of the plots.

She also hoped to make better use of the WhatsApp group for general allotment chat and growing advice.

In future there will be an AGM and a spring meeting to discuss the upcoming growing season.

Lizzie thanked everyone for attending, adding that it was vital to secure the future of the allotments as an important feature of Hinxworth village life.

Tony Lloyd



Proudly showing the 'fruits of his labour' from his allotment, photo courtesy of Jamie Stepien.