

## Hinxworth & Edworth Through the Ages - Extended Edition

Frank Croton, who lived in Hinxworth from 1988 - 2014, recently shared some pictures from the Hinxworth & Edworth Calendar, published in 1996 & 1997. We thought you would like to see some of the pictures along with a few others recently sent into the Village Voice. You can share any photographs you may have by emailing them in to [Villagevoice3@gmail.com](mailto:Villagevoice3@gmail.com).



Pictured above, The Old School House



Pictured above, The Cammocks



Pictured above, The Chimes & The Cottages, High Street



Pictured above, St George's Church, Edworth



Pictured above, top row, from the left: Will Clark, Bob Rollins, Bill Clements, Frank Clarke, Teddy Brooks, Fuzzy Clark. Bottom row, from left to right: PC Claude Watler, Frank Watler, Frank Clark



Pictured above, Mr John Richard Sale & May Clements

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## An Early Spring Bloom

Thank you to Sue Wilson who shared a picture of two early daffodils which appeared on 22nd December. Whilst this is premature for the time of year, it gives us hope that Spring will be with us soon!



Pictured above, early daffodils on New Inn Road

## Wise Words

"In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer."

Albert Camus

## Community Wellbeing Hub

On Thursdays from 30th January, a new community wellbeing hub will open. It will be in the URC (Ashwell) hall from 2-4pm and is run by Compassionate Neighbours, who have been trained by the Garden House Hospice. It will be an opportunity to participate in a restorative and strength building exercise group, have a cup of tea and a chat and gain information about local support services. If you think you would benefit from attending the hub, please do come along on a Thursday afternoon, at 2pm, no formal referral is required. This is a local collaborative project for community members in Ashwell and surrounding villages. It has been led and organised by Ashwell Churches (St Mary's and the URC), Ashwell Parish Council, Garden House Hospice and has the full support of Ashwell and Bassingbourn General Practice.

## Article from The Garden House Hospice

### Ashwell's Flea Market

This will take place on Saturday 15th March 2025, from 9.30-1.00 pm at St Mary's Church, Ashwell.

"All sorts of weird and wonderful items for sale"

FREE ENTRY - Tea and Coffee will be available

Funds raised go to the St Mary's Restoration Fund

## Ashwell & Bassingbourn Patients Group

### NOTES FROM OUR DECEMBER MEETING

On the day we met Bassingbourn surgery was closed because of power failure. The cable outside had been damaged by causes unknown, resulting in the closure of the surgery. Appointments were hastily re-arranged for Ashwell. This meant of course inconvenience for patients concerned and it also wrote off all the vaccines stored in the Bassingbourn fridge. We apologise for this disruption beyond our control but our staff did their best in difficult circumstances.

We will be launching our Patient Survey in the new year. Since the last one we have new telephone and appointment systems. We hope patients are feeling the benefit of these. The findings of the survey will help to ensure the smooth running of our surgery and patient satisfaction.

Do you use the NHS App? This is a free service and has various useful features for patients. One of these is to enable notifications from the surgery. These are free as opposed to other text providers who charge which restricts their use. We shall be promoting take-up of the NHS App in the new year.

We are hoping to install iPads in our surgeries to enable patients to communicate with reception electronically. This will benefit those who do not have IT access and will also mean that patients can communicate discreetly as opposed to speaking at the window.

We discussed the role of Physician's Assistants which is very much in the news nationally. We have one and she works under the close supervision of Dr Hasham. Patients speak very highly of their dealings with her and she is considered a great asset to the practice.

The question of referrals to Addenbrookes was raised. It was explained to us that Addenbrookes will only accept patients from our surgery (which is considered as Hertfordshire based despite its Bassingbourn site) if our local NHS authority (Herts and West Essex Integrated Care Board) has a contract for a specific treatment. Even when this is the case preference is given (by Addenbrookes) to patients from its own area (which frustratingly doesn't include our Cambs villages). However treatments which are underway are unaffected.

The Garden House Hospice's Frailty Hub is due to be launched in the new year. Volunteers have been recruited and The Ashwell URC hall will be the venue. These hubs are a tremendous success elsewhere and we hope that many people from ALL our villages will benefit from ours. More details in the new year.

It was agreed that we would discuss preventive medicine at our next meeting.

A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO OUR PATIENTS FROM ALL OF US AT ASHWELL SURGERY!

Peter Chapman

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## Parish Council Minutes

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2nd JANUARY 2025 AT 7.00 PM.

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

Other persons present: - Tom Tyson, District Councillor. Three members of the public for the Marshfield Barn Planning Consultation.

Apologies: Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 5th December were agreed. Proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Tony Dawson.

2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda: Nothing to report.

3. Planning:

Planning Consultations: - 24/02635/S73 and 24/02747/LBC The Old Bakery, Chapel Street, Hinxworth.

The Parish Councillors agreed unanimously to "no objection" to these planning consultations.

Planning Consultation; - 24/02446/FP Marshfield Barn. A family from Hinxworth Place turned up for the meeting to voice their concerns regarding the application, primary concerns centred around water table and waste from the septic tank and where this would go. Other points were raised, but these were not Planning relevant to the current application or the Parish Council. The member of the public was advised to contact NHDC Planning Department and voice their concerns directly. Tom Tyson agreed to review the latest Planning Committee report regarding Marshfield Barn and the area and report back. The Parish Councillors voted on the current application. "No objection" was agreed with a 4-1 majority. It must also be noted at the time of our vote, the web site had no public comments on it, being objection or supporting the application.

4. Finance: Current Parish Council Funds: The Councillors agreed to the expenditure for the current month. Proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Liz Oliver. The Precept 2025/26: The Parish Councillors agreed to increase the annual sum by 2.6%

5. Correspondence: Nothing to report.

6. Highways: Speed Reduction Project in the High Street. There is still no response from Hertfordshire County Council regarding the formal consultation for the extended speed limit at the church end of the High Street, even though the plan around this has now been received. This plan was included in the Village Voice before Christmas. The Parish Council still await a response from Steve Jarvis who was to consult with Hertfordshire Highways to ascertain the current position proposed dates.

Francis Road: Steve Jarvis confirmed that this part of the road is not owned by NHC, it therefore unclear whether this area of land/road belongs Settle or a local resident, an action was taken to contact both to try and determine this

7. Village Hall: Nothing to report.

8. Recreation Ground: The Archery Club: The annual contract the Archery Club has with the Parish Council will be increased 2.6% for the 2025/26 season. The paperwork will be drawn up in the coming weeks.

The Annual Playground Inspection Report 2024. In the report there are a number of items that will require some attention but nothing urgent. The councillors have decided come the spring to do physical walk around and prioritise some points and improvements to the area.

9. The Tennis Court and Recreation Ground: The Parish Councillors agreed to review both of these areas in the Spring.

10. Allotments: Nothing to report.

11. Any Other Urgent Business: Nothing to Report.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7pm on the 6th February 2025..

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

**Wendy Kitchener (PCC Clerk)**

## Church Services For February

Sun 2nd Feb	09.15	All Age Communion	St Nicholas', Hinxworth
Sun 9th Feb	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Hinxworth
Sun 16th Feb	09.15	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Hinxworth
Sun 23rd Feb	09.30	BCP Communion	St Vincent's, Newnham
Sun 23rd Feb	14.30	Family Cafe Church	St Nicholas', Hinxworth

On Wednesday afternoons, join us for a short service of Evening Prayer at 4pm in St Nicholas', Hinxworth

## Sew Busy Take a Short Break for Lunch!

The Sew Busy group, who work tirelessly throughout the year to knit and sew the well-known Charlie Chicks (for the Garden House Hospice Easter Appeal) took a well deserved lunch break to celebrate Christmas.

Well done & thank you for all of your time to support this local charity throughout the year!



Pictured above, the 'Sew Busy' women

## CDA Herts - Your Rural Newsletter

CDA (Community Development Action) are a local charity for rural communities in Hertfordshire. For over 55 years they have been advocates for improved rural Infrastructure and services, supporting village halls, farmers, parish councils, and rural businesses, shops, pubs, post offices and bus services. If you would like to know more information about what they do & services provided, please go to [CDAHerts.Org.UK](http://CDAHerts.Org.UK)

## WI Monthly Update

We are a hardy lot us ladies of the WI - we braved the freezing temperatures and attended a really excellent meeting in January - our first meeting of 2025. We did have a few apologies from some of our members however who had succumbed to the awful cold virus and were not feeling well enough to attend. Once Chrisi had dealt with matters arising and Federation notices she handed over to the speaker for the evening, Ursula Byrne, giving her talk with the title of "The Reluctant Head Teacher". Ursula was such a good speaker and had many amusing anecdotes to tell us but there was also a more serious side to her talk when she talked about her belief in the teachers and school children all pulling together, forming a team and on more than one occasion she has turned no-hoper schools round into great schools that the staff, children and community is proud of. A funny and informative talk and enjoyed by all. The next meeting is on the 13 February 7.30pm. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Chrisi Hook

## Community Lunch

The first lunch of the new year and just wonderful to see you all again. It was so cold outside so lovely hot soup and warming puddings were soon consumed by all. Such generosity too with many of you making additional donations. One such very generous donation was from Geoff Everitt who donated monies he raised from auctioning some of the splendid creations that he made for the Village Hall Christmas Ball - a massive £130 which meant that in total we were able to send £205 to Addenbrookes Charitable Trust - a charity which supports innovation in patient care. The next Community Lunch is on the 14th February 12.30 to 2pm. Be lovely to see you all again then. (Volunteers for soup making for any of these monthly lunches always appreciated)

Chrisi Hook

## COMMUNITY LUNCH Hinworth & Edworth Village Hall 12.30pm Friday 14th February



## The Three Horseshoes - What's On.....

Join us for the ever-popular Quiz Night, taking place as usual on the third Wednesday of the month - this month it will be taking place on the 19th February,,,,,book early to avoid disappointment.



## 'All OK' Service comes to Hertfordshire

Herts Careline has launched the All OK service, a new daily welfare telephone call for people who live alone or would benefit from being checked on at a distance. This discreet service provides peace of mind for you and your family, ensuring that someone is looking out for you every day without being intrusive.

Every day, at a time of your convenience, their Control Room will automatically call your landline or mobile telephone. Simply press '1' to confirm you're OK, or press '2' if you need assistance. If you indicate that you need help or do not answer the call, a call operator will telephone you. If there is still no response, they will contact your emergency contacts and, if necessary, the emergency services.

All OK – a simple call and button press to confirm your wellbeing – can offer reassurance to you and your family, knowing that support is available if needed.

Here's what customers are saying:

*"If anything untoward should happen to me in the night, I would be discovered."*

*"Just to say very good service, in fact I look forward to my morning call."*

*"It's like having a friend call each day."*

*"It's reassuring to have a daily phone call at a set time."*

To find out more, visit the Herts Careline website, call 0300 999 2 999 (local rate) or email [CarelineSupport@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:CarelineSupport@north-herts.gov.uk).

## Ashwell School Leads the Way as Eco-Warriors

The Eco-Warrior Award Ceremony at County Hall, Hertford, honoured the incredible sustainability efforts of our three deserving winners: Ashwell Primary School, St Meryl Primary School, and Richard Whittington Primary School.

This competition challenges students to develop creative ideas for how they could implement sustainability initiatives in their school for the chance to win money to help deliver their ideas.

The judges commended the students' creative and imaginative ideas before presenting each with an Eco-Warrior certificate, a wooden trophy, and recycled pencil cases.

Grand winners Ashwell Primary School were awarded £2,000 to support sustainability initiatives within their school, while runners-up Richard Whittington and St Meryl Primary School each received £500.

We can't wait to see what brilliant sustainable ideas Hertfordshire's young Eco-Warriors come up with in the 2025 Eco-Warriors Competition later this year