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for Caldecote, Edworth, Hinxworth and Newnham

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Grace and Heidi bake their way to £629 for charity



4,000 Hertfordshire children are affected by a bereavement each year, equivalent to one child in every class of 29. To help them, a new charity, Stand-by-me, provides dedicated bereavement support for children, young people and their families in North Hertfordshire and Stevenage.

Grace Whitfield and Heidi Bentley of Christys Yard, Hinxworth decided to fund raise for the charity with an Afternoon Tea and Bake Sale on Sunday August 13. Village Voice sent me to ask Grace about the event.

it was a very big job

"I really like to fundraise. It's my passion to do fundraising events. I like baking so for this I could put those two together. When I got a scholarship at my school for doing good in the community, I thought 'I can't stop. I need to carry on.'" Why Stand-by-me? "I wanted a local charity because people would be more likely to have heard of it. I wanted a charity that worked for children and Stand-by-me works with young people and adults as well. I'm 11 and Heidi is 13 so I asked her if she would help and she said 'yes'. It was a very big job so I asked her again and she still said 'yes'. I did a lot of the planning and she helped me with the baking. On the Friday we baked for about four hours. On Saturday I baked for three and a half hours, and on Saturday evening we baked together for another four hours. We made 105 cookies on Friday and a chocolate log. On Saturday I made all the cup cakes in the morning. Then in the evening we made a lemon drizzle, a red velvet cake and a chocolate cake."

"To cover our costs I knew that we needed about 20 people to come, and I think over 20 came. In total we raised £629.20. We only intended to raise £150. The charity has told us it's a really nice thing to have done as the charity was only founded in 2015."

all was pure profit

Who did all the publicity? "I designed the leaflets, wrote something for Village Voice. We posted 95 leaflets through people's doors and put seven of them up in the village. I called on people who I knew were good at baking and asked them if they would be able to bake me a cake. All of them said 'yes'. I was really pleased with the numbers who came as I knew that I would cover my costs but in the end Mum and Dad gave me what I had spent so everything was pure profit." People were very generous giving us raffle prizes." Congratulations, Grace and Heidi!

Patrick Forbes,

who won the auction for a flight for two over the area.

Dave Johnson correctly identified the mystery bear as Bogart while Viv Hughes accurately estimated the number of whatsits in the jar.

2017 Hinxworth Concert for Amnesty International



Kathryn Parry - violin; Simon Marlow - piano
Music by Ravel and Sibelius.

Sarah Hughes - voice

Tom Marlow - piano; Loz Garratt - bass
performing jazz standards and original compositions

Sunday September 3 at 2 pm

Hill Cottage, Arnolds Lane, Hinxworth

Donations: adults £15, children free

Tea and cakes will be served

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Hinxworth
Art Society

ART EXHIBITION

Hinxworth & Edworth Village Hall

Francis Road, Hinxworth, Herts SG7 5HL

SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER and SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER

10am - 4pm

Free Admission

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Raffle

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Refreshments



Hinxworth & Edworth WI craft fair

Autumn Lunch, Food and Craft Fair. October 28 in Hinxworth and Edworth Village Hall 11am - 4pm. Come along and buy early for Christmas. If anyone is interested or knows anyone interested in booking a free pitch please contact Debbie Birdsey on 01462 743364. Booking fee £10, refundable on the day — get in touch as soon as you can as space is limited.

Please send all copy and pictures for October's edition to Patrick Forbes, 18 Francis Road, Hinxworth SG7 5HL, or e-mail copy and pictures to villagevoice3@gmail.com by September 20. Thank you.

Hinxworth Archers win gold

Yet again, Hinxworth's archers showed them how it is done at the Hertfordshire Archery Championships on Sunday 23 July. Seven of our archers took home a total of nine gold medals. Our team consisted of five seniors and two juniors, all of whom excelled in the very windy and wet conditions. In the recurve match, our only representative Rob Atkinson put in a formidable score of 858 placing him in a creditable fifth place.

slip of pen loses second place

The most surprising result of the day was when our compound U.K. champion Neil Bridgewater mistakenly signed his score sheet for a wrong total of 1091. In reality his actual score was around 100 points more which should have put him in silver medal position making it a first and second for Hinxworth. However, due to the scorers' error he had to settle for fifth place score as signed for. The winner and gold medal went to our chairman David Wayman, and David and Neil's combined score took the golds in the team event. In the longbow Derek Bridgewater came first and Dave Chudley third and their combined scores took golds in the longbow team event.

twins triumph

Our two juniors, siblings Jack and Evie, each won gold in their separate divisions making it not only a triumph for the Bridgewater family but yet another success for Hinxworth Archery Club. Well done to all!

David Osmond

Quilters decorate Caldecote Church



Icknield Quilters brought their amazing quilts to Caldecote Church on July 22. Tea and home made cakes were served and for a few hours this redundant church came alive, decorated with the Quilters' handiwork.

See Caldecote Church on Heritage Day

If you didn't get to the Quilters' Exhibition at Caldecote, there's a chance to see this ancient church on Sunday September 10 between 11 am and 4.30 pm. Free admission, ample parking, cream teas. Donations to the church restoration fund will be welcome.

Photographs, cartoons always welcome

Sign up for super-fast broadband

Voneus is installing the hardware to supply Hinxworth with broadband services at up to 50 M/bits/second. If you have not yet registered for this service, it is high time you did. Phone Voneus on 020 3026 4123



"It's not lead thieves, it's the only place left the verger can go for a smoke."



woodpecker - picture: Peter Hoskins

Newnham Church Lunch raises record £1969



The sun shone, tables were set, there was a host of raffle prizes and one of Richard Stark's Teardrop caravans to examine. The food was fantastic as usual. £1969 profit was made for Newnham Church funds, the highest total ever. Next year's lunch will be on Sunday July 1st. Book the date now.

Dates for your diary

- Sept 3 Amnesty Concert, Hill Cottage, Arnolds Lane, Hinxworth 2 pm
- Sept 7 Hinxworth Parish Council meeting village hall 7 pm
- Sept 8 Soup Lunch 1230 pm - 2 pm Hinxworth Village Hall
- Sept 8 HYP Hinxworth Village Hall
- Sept 10 Visit Caldecote Church 11 - 4.30 pm - Heritage Day
- Sept 14 Hinxworth & Edworth WI meeting 7.15 for 7.30 village hall
- Sept 16 Race Night, Hinxworth Village Hall 7.30 pm - see back page
- Sept 20 copy date Village Voice
- Sept 28 Macmillan Coffee morning, Ashwell Pharmacy 10.30 - noon
- Sept 30/Oct 1 Art Exhibition, Hinxworth Village Hall 10 am - 4 pm
- Oct 1 Harvest Festival, St George's Church, Edworth, 10 am
- Oct 7/8 Ashwell Book Weekend, St Mary's Church Ashwell. See P3

Hinxworth and Edworth WI



On Saturday afternoon August 19 at 2 pm 49 people, WI members and their friends and relatives assembled at Bedford Marina at Priory Park to set off on a three hour cruise up the River Great Ouse with afternoon tea on The John Bunyan. At 2.30pm moved off up a small waterway to meet the main river but first we had to navigate a lock, the Bedford Lock. Our boat was extremely long and it took some navigating to get into the lock. It was a very tight fit with only four inches each side of the boat. It was an experience to see how it was done.

geese, swans and a Sikh temple

Once on the main river we proceeded up stream looking at flora and fauna including several species of water fowl. We were given a commentary so we knew when we went under Town Bridge passing the Cecil Higgins Art Gallery, up past the Bedford Rowing Club with many Canada Geese feeding on the bank, also lots of swans. Further on we passed the law courts and went under several railway bridges. In the far distance the Sikh temple was pointed out to us just visible through the trees.

turn round at Kempston

By 3.30 it was time for tea. We sat at tables of four and were given a platter on which were selections of sandwiches, bread rolls filled with salmon and cream cheese, scones with butter and jam and a variety of cakes. All this was washed down with large mugs of tea. By this time we were making our way towards Kempston, and this was where we turned the boat about, no easy task I may add. We made our way downstream with the flow which made it easier for the boat, waving to children fishing with their dads, and also waving to several brides, who were going to their celebrations after the ceremonies. Through the lock again and up to the berth in the Marina, to arrive at 5.20pm. An excellent trip. Thanks to all concerned, and to the volunteer organisers.

Next meeting September 14 7.15 pm in the village hall. "Along the Inca Trail." It's an open meeting so all are welcome.

Carol Cheney

Harvest Festivals

Hinxworth and Edworth's harvest festival will be held at St George's Church, Edworth at 10 am on Sunday October 1. All welcome.

Newnham's harvest festival will be celebrated on Sunday October 8 at 4.30 pm at St Vincent's Church.

Do come to one or other or both of these festivals. Thank God for the harvest, the farmers and all who make living in these villages such a joy.

HYP hilarity and fun in pool



On Friday 4 August HYP had its' third Annual Pool Party at the Hartrees. Once again we had good weather and the children had to be dragged out of the pool after over an hour and half of much hilarity and fun. They played Marco Polo, pool rounders and various other games that they concocted. They retreated to the Hartrees' kitchen to get warm and enjoy the barbecue cooked by Andy. They also enjoyed the HYP cake that Ellie had kindly baked.

Les wins penalty shoot-out

Then it was time for the traditional penalty shoot-out organized by Gus. The girls were most unimpressed that Les won and only allowed him a packet of Haribos as his prize! Gus won HYPstar for his fabulous hosting skills. On behalf of everyone at HYP thank you very much for the kind generosity of Andy, Jane, Gus and Ellie once again for such a fabulous evening.

Our next session is back in the Village Hall on Friday 8 September after the children have gone back to school. We wish Thomas, Lewis, Grace, Lottie and Archie a great start as they move up to Senior School.

Jayne Whitfield

Prepare for winter

Summer has been and almost gone without us even noticing it. We should be pro-active and start thinking about protecting ourselves and our families against 'flu'. At Ashwell Pharmacy we provide both an NHS 'flu vaccination, for those patients entitled to a free vaccination, as well as a private vaccination service. We operate flexible clinic appointment times, evenings, Saturday mornings, to accommodate needs — very often we can do 'walk-in' appointments. Enquire at the pharmacy or contact us on briandeal@yahoo.com or 01462 742250. We hope to start this year's vaccination programme early-mid September 2017.

huge range of year round services

Don't forget the vast range of other services we offer all year round: full Travel Clinic including vaccinations; Yellow Fever Centre; and Malaria Prophylaxis supplied. Other vaccinations provided: Chickenpox; Meningitis B. Qualified staff to offer advice on many common ailments. Supply of Veterinary items. Diagnostic testing: cholesterol; diabetes.

Ashwell Pharmacy also offers other services to try and meet the needs of the village and surrounding areas: cash-back; stamps; dry-cleaning and many more.

Macmillan coffee morning

As part of Community Pharmacy's aim to reach out to the community, we are running a coffee morning on September 28 10.30am - noon for Macmillan Cancer Support. Our team will be able to signpost and advise any interested parties to appropriate organisations whilst enjoying a cuppa and home-made cake. Enquire at the pharmacy for more details or just come along.

Brian Deal and the team at Ashwell Pharmacy

Ashwell Book Weekend.

The 18th Ashwell Book Weekend will be held in St. Mary's Church, Ashwell, on Saturday 7 October from 10 am – 5 pm and Sunday, 8 October from 2– 5 pm. Come and browse and buy from the hundreds of books on offer at bargain prices. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes available.

Entry £1. Children under 16 free. Proceeds to the St Mary's Church Restoration Appeal.

On the beat

with PCSO 6522 Chris Brabrook
Stopping Hare Coursing

As the harvest has started to roll in, the stubble fields around Royston and Baldock provide a perfect arena for those who make money from betting on dogs chasing wild animals.

It is early days for the season, but I anticipate we will be getting more reports in the next couple of months.

large open fields suit coursers

During and after the harvest is the classic time for it. They are looking for open spaces on dry, firm land, such as stubble fields, rather than muddy ploughed fields. The area is blessed with large open fields, where hares can easily be seen from access roads into villages.

This month we are starting to receive regular calls from farmers and working alongside Buntingford Police, local farmers and the NFU, we are planning operations to tackle the issue.

farmers, please display signs

Farmers are being urged to display signs on their land to tell the public to call 999 immediately if they see coursing taking place — and to warn criminals that they face prosecution and heavy fines if caught. The signs, funded by the Hertfordshire Constabulary, are still available for landowners.

PC Mark Ellwood said “Coursers are criminals who are often engaged in illegal activity — and are prepared to use violence if disturbed. Calls from the public help officers to catch these criminals and take their vehicles away from them to be destroyed so they do not commit a similar crime again.”

coursers not welcome here

NFU advisor Niamh Kilgallen said: “Hare coursing is a serious and on-going problem in the countryside. Coursers become more active after harvest, when fields have been cleared of crops, and we’ve already had reports of coursing in Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. We want to send out a strong message to coursers that they are not welcome here and coursing will not be tolerated in North Hertfordshire.”

warn police, but keep out of sight

Suspicious activity can be reported to police by calling 101 or 999 if hare coursing is in progress — although witnesses are urged to call from a discreet location, out of sight of the criminals.

Hertfordshire Police contact

chris.brabrook@herts.pnn.police.uk 01438 757935

Ring 101 if you have suffered a crime or need police within a couple of hours. 999 for immediate response if you have just suffered a crime and for hare coursing.

Bedfordshire Police Contact

For readers in Edworth, in emergency dial 999 or 112 from your mobile. Non emergencies ring 101, or 112 from a mobile.



Church Services

September 3 10.15 am Family Service St. Nicholas, Hinxworth
September 10 9.15 am Parish Eucharist, St. Nicholas, Hinxworth
September 17 9.15 am Parish Eucharist St. Nicholas, Hinxworth
September 24 9.15 am Parish Eucharist, St. Nicholas, Hinxworth
9.30 am Holy Communion, St. Vincent, Newnham

Welcome, Kitty

David and Susan of Summer Barn Edworth are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their second grandchild, Kitty Rose, born 20 July, little sister to Woody.

Farewell, Cyril

Cyril Barnett died at Chase House Residential Nursing Home on 29 July aged 93. He was born in Hertfordshire and lived in Canada for a few years before moving eventually to Playfield Close, Biggleswade.

His funeral was at Saint Nicholas Church, Hinxworth on August 9. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Soup Lunch

Join us for a tasty soup lunch on Friday September 8 from 12.30 pm until 2 pm in Hinxworth and Edworth Village Hall.

Can you find Tony's wedding ring?

Sometime on Friday 18 August 2017, I lost a ring that had great sentimental value to me. It was given to me by my wife a few weeks before she passed away after a long fight with cancer. The ring is gold with nine white stones and I never went anywhere without it.

surgery and car park checked

I visited Ashwell surgery on Friday morning, and then spent the rest of the day at home in Edworth. I have checked the surgery and car park without success. If anyone has more luck than I did, please contact me on e-mail forcharlie6@gmail.com or at Walnut Tree Bungalow, Lower Farm, Edworth.

Tony Smith

Church visit inspires poem

My cousin and I visited St. Nicholas Church at Hinxworth to see ‘Jane’ Shore’s memorial. Being a history-lover and this lady being a heroine of mine, I was inspired to write the following poem about her. We enjoyed the visit immensely and found the church very beautifully kept and inspirational.

Jayne Matthews

To Elizabeth ‘Jane’ Shore – mistress to King Edward the Fourth

In Hinxworth Church with tree-lined lane
we approach the door to find domain
in death – of ‘Jane’ beneath the floor
complete with family that we see before.

For ‘Jane’, King Edward’s royal find -
chose not as Queen but mistress kind -
who kept her counsel – and loved not gain
or royal reward in Plantagenet reign.

‘Jane’s’ effigy speaks and tells her tale,
still asking for nothing but good to prevail,
with graceful mien, encouraging still
preventing bad feeling ‘twixt enemies’ will.

Her past younger days brought marital strife
her path came to Edward to join his life
but after his death – such penalty she faced
which she bore with calm and won freedom’s place.

Which led to a marriage and child – but her claim
still touched others with her ‘merriest’ fame.
though she lived to be seventy – and by God’s will
her beauty of calm and kindness there still.

Ask for Mortier's amazing teas

Race Night at the Village Hall

Saturday 16 September 7.30 pm – first race 8pm.

Come and join us for a fun evening to raise funds for the new kitchen in the hall. There will be a licensed bar but bring your own snacks if you wish. Entry tickets are just £1.00 and can be bought from Jan Raynham on 01462 742258 or Helene 07890 212194 or Debbie 07446 357556.

prizes for owners

There are eight races with eight horses in each race; the winning owner will win the prize donated by the sponsor for that race. All bets are limited to £2.00 across the board. Horses can be bought and named by their owners.

If you would like to buy a horse or sponsor a race please contact Barry Huber on 07850 418589 for more information.

We have a lot of interest so it should be a fun evening.

Village Hall Management Committee

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