

» Village Voice «

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for Caldecote, Edworth, Hinxworth and Newnham

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Village Voice has a new editor



Picture: Peter Hoskins

Village Voice's new editor is Mike Wade from High Street, Hinxworth, seen here with his wife Lucy and Village Voice's founder and editor, Patrick Forbes. At a party in the Three Horseshoes to mark the 200th edition of Village Voice, party organiser Sylvia Scales said, "This little publication would not have got off the ground nor continued to this milestone, commemorating the small and large occasions which mark out our lives in these villages, without its founder and current, but soon to be retired, editor." After remarking on the hard work and perseverance, not to mention wife Annette's putting up with disruption and working of holidays around deadlines, she invited one and all to raise a glass to Patrick and the Village Voice team of production, printing and distribution personnel.

long tradition of founding monthlies

Patrick observed that wherever he had worked since 1969, he had started some regular free monthly publication. At Thamesmead it had been Insight, which for its fiftieth edition had run to a sixteen page tabloid with full colour on the front and back pages and in the centre spread. This had nearly broken the bank account of the Thamesmead Community Association, the publishers. The first Village Voice for Offley and Lilley, Cockernhoe, Tea Green and Mangrove still appears some 30 plus years after he founded it.

Mike Wade to be new Editor

Patrick announced that our next editor would be Mike Wade, a technical writer, fully conversant with Adobe InDesign, the software used by Village Voice. His first edition will be this September's Village Voice. We welcome him aboard and wish him all the very best as the new editor.

Tea and Games on the Recreation Ground Sunday June 24 2pm onwards

Come to the rec and bring the family and friends to enjoy cricket, rounders, tennis and other garden games while the sun shines and you drink tea and eat cakes. Participation is free but there will be a small charge for refreshments. Just turn up! Teas in the village hall if the sun doesn't play ball!

volunteers and equipment wanted

Do you have access to any of the following equipment that we could borrow for the occasion? Cricket bats, ball, rounders bats, ball, posts, any other garden games such as Jenga? We need volunteers to help organise the games! Please call Sylvia Scales on 07950 393021 or email sylviamedia@gmail.com for enquiries, offers of help or equipment.

Four ride 520 miles for charity

I and three other gentlemen of similar vintage intend to cycle the 520 miles of Scotland's finest scenic route, the North Coast 500, over seven days, starting on 26 May from Inverness.

This will be quite a challenge for someone like myself who just about manages to cycle the 38 mile round trip to work in Kempston, Bedford 2 - 3 times a week.

We have set up a charity fundraising page with Virgin Money, see link; for those who wish to support our efforts and wish to make a charitable donation; all proceeds will go to Alzheimer's Research UK and Prostate Cancer Research Centre. <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/NC500Nomads?>

Kind regards,

David Eddell



Wireless Broadband arrives



Dunton Church antenna, Hinxworth aerials, and Simon

Following an extended period of negotiations between Voneus and the Diocese of St. Albans, wireless broadband is finally up and running in Hinxworth. Broadband is carried wirelessly from the tower of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Dunton, to an aerial mounted on a post in Simon Marlow's garden in Arnolds Lane, Hinxworth. From there signals are relayed to aerials on houses in High Street, Chapel Street and Francis Road.

unlimited data, high speeds

Simon Marlow believes the service was worth the wait. "For the last few years I've been using mobile broadband which has worked very well but this is just as good, with unlimited data. Mobile broadband didn't supply unlimited data. I get speeds of 40 to 60 M/bits/second download and 30 to 40 M/bits/second upload. There are plans to extend the service to Edworth. It's efficient and the lovely thing is you don't have to dig up roads for miles of cables. I have every confidence in it, and they are not paying me to say that."

Voneus or wait for BT

If you would like to know more, contact Voneus on line at www.voneus.com/home/ or ring them during office hours on 0800 007 3377.

Iain Bain 1934 - 2018



picture: Sarah Bauhan

Iain Bain died in Addenbrooke's Hospital on April 20, aged 84. His funeral was held in St Vincent's Church, Newnham on May 15.

He was born in Edgbaston, Mary his mother returning there for the birth from their home in Malaya. His father, from Cromarty, had won a Military Cross in the 1914-18 war, and worked as a school inspector in Malaya. In 1942 when Singapore fell, Iain and his brother James and sister Penelope and mother were evacuated on the last ship out to Perth, Australia, where they spent the rest of the war. His father was imprisoned by the Japanese.

hammer throwing and piping

After the war, the family returned to the UK and lived in Castle Douglas. Iain went to Fettes College, was Captain of Athletics, and Pipe Major. He excelled at hammer throwing, representing Oxford, Scotland, his best throw reaching 184 feet. He did his National Service during which he served in the Black Watch in Kenya and at Suez. He read English at Oxford. He married Susan Forbes in 1958 and moved to Newnham where their daughters Christina and Catriona were born.

printer and book designer

Iain worked in the printing trade after university before being made head of publications at the Tate Gallery in 1972, a post he held until retiring in 1994. His interest in printing and its history led to the discovery of woodblocks of Gainsborough, and Bewick's lithographs. His skill and knowledge led to a number of commissions for book design after his retirement. He worked on two volumes of the flowers and plants of Highgrove for the Prince of Wales. At a local level he designed the layout of Village Voice and publications for the Friends of Caldecote Church.

10 year old Donald's limerick

His daughter Kirsty Anderson adds: The other day I opened one of Dad's books at random and out fell a characteristic folded slip of cartridge paper. On the outside it announced 'Loopy Limericks Number One'. Inside I read: There was an old piper called Bain

Who would play his pipes in the rain

To add to his troubles they blew thousands of bubbles

And the noise was an absolute pain!

On the back it said 'Printed at the Grandpipe Press by Donald Anderson, 2004. There's nothing new about grandchildren having rhymes written for them, but Donald is the only 10 year old I know who was also shown how to put type into a composing stick, letter by letter, then assemble the results in the bed of a press and print off an edition of his own verse.

kindness, wit and generosity

Lastly, I must mention another aspect of Dad's luck: his great gift for friendship. He seems to have been genuinely loved by so many people in so many parts of the world. We have been overwhelmed by the number of letters and messages that speak of his kindness, wit, and generosity; how he made the past live in the imagination.

A memorial service for Iain Bain will be held in Ashwell later this year.

HYP Paddington and Hinxworth Rocks

We have been meeting but it's been low-key whilst the kitchen has been refurbished. Last month we watched 'Paddington' with an abundance of popcorn and pop! This month the kids kicked off 'Hinxworth Rocks'.

crime prevention rock found

Earlier in May the kids at HYP painted some rocks and hid them around the village. If you find one on your travels please post a picture on our Hinxworth Facebook page and re-hide it for someone else to find. The kids will be pleased to see if anyone finds them and where they end up. Happy hunting.



We are due to meet in June, activity to be confirmed shortly.

Karen Mills

The Editor, intrigued by the Hinxworth Rocks idea, found one by accident. It read "If you find this, lock your doors at night...or else." Gripped by this terrifying warning, he hurriedly replaced the rock, went home and locked the doors.

Meet Joe, champion car driver

Down the road to Ashwell from Hinxworth, there's an opening in the trees. It leads to a secret world, the world of the Stotfold Model Car Club. Formed in 1983 the club races 1/10 scale electric cars. It is affiliated to the British Radio Car Association. The club moved to its site in Hinxworth in 1985.

Mum found this local race track

Joe Howson, from New Inn Road, Hinxworth, told me how he got involved in model car racing four and a half years ago. "I had a model car and my Mum searched for radio control tracks and found this one." Mark, his Dad, told me that at any one meeting there could be 120 to 130 drivers here. The over-spill car park is behind the farm opposite. Joe continued, "I quite like engineering and mechanics. I think I get it from Dad who works in aircraft engineering. I like motor racing so it's the best of both worlds."



Joe with one of his cars

Rheims next month

"I started at F5 grade as a novice. Last year F1 had the top 39 drivers in it. I think I was 39th or 40th. The furthest I have been to drive in competitions has been Southport and Tiverton. In July we're going to Rheims in France for the European championships. I am 15, so until I get my own driving licence, I depend on Dad to get me to meetings."

if I break it, Dad fixes it

Where might his interest lead? "I could use what I've learned about mechanics for a job in the future. If you get really good you can be paid for it by sponsors. I am studying design and technology at Knights Templar School. When I work on a project at school I think about radio control cars." Joe has been junior East of England champion for the last two years. It looks as if he might make it to a third year as junior champion. "Dad supports me a lot, he's always there. If I break something he knows how to fix it. I have to work with both the mechanical and the electronic elements of the cars but my Dad is the best." Dad added, "there's a lot to tuning, shock absorber oil, spring rates. There are a lot of possible adjustments, different bodyshells."

the close racing, the buzz

Joe said, "the best thing is the close racing, the buzz. I used to get nervous and my legs used to shake." To find out more, see the British Radio Car Association website www.brca.org and for the Stotfold Model Car Club, look at www.stotfoldmcc.com

Patrick Forbes

Hinxworth Parish Council

Notes of a meeting of the Council May 3, Village Hall.

Present: Mr R. Cobb, Chairman; Mr R. Lewis, Vice Chairman; Mr D. Osmond; Mr E. Sore; Mr N. Tiffin; Mrs W. Kitchener, Clerk. Apologies - Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of March 1 were agreed by the Parish Councillors.

2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda: Superfast Broadband: Nicholas Tiffin reported that the superfast broadband provided by the company Voneus is now up and running. It has been eight months since the initial trawl for persons interested, and now it appears the project has been completed. The Parish Councillors convey their thanks to Patrick Forbes for his help in initially contacting Voneus.

3. Finance: Current Parish Council Funds: The Councillors agreed to the expenditure for the current month. Smaller Authorities (England): The Councillors agreed unanimously that the Parish Council income and expenditure does not exceed £25,000, therefore they are now exempt from an external audit. The exemption certificate will therefore be signed by the Chairman Richard Cobb and the Financial Officer Responsible, Wendy Kitchener, at the next Parish Council meeting on June 7 before forwarding it to PKF Littlejohn LL, the accountants responsible for overseeing the Smaller Authorities (England).

4. Highways: The Councillors are becoming more and more concerned over the condition of the roads in the area. Over the winter period more potholes have appeared and there has been continual flooding in the area. Richard Cobb has provided photographs of some of the most problematic areas. These are to be forwarded to Steve Jarvis, Hertfordshire County Councillor and Gary Henning, Hertfordshire Highways, for their urgent attention. Residents of Hinxworth, please note if you see a pothole or any other hazard in the Hinxworth area would you kindly report them to the Highways authority or on the web at "fix my street.com". This would be most helpful in trying to get any problems resolved.

5. Village Hall: The audited Village Hall accounts for the year ending December 31 2017 have yet to be forwarded to the Parish Council.

6. Recreation Ground: The Entrance Road to the Car Park: There are a number of potholes along this area of road. David Granger is to be contacted to provide a quote for their repair. The Play Area: The Parish Councillors, as a working party, are to pressure wash the play area surface late afternoon on 17 May.

7. The Allotments: 14 allotments are occupied with the remaining six still vacant.

8. Any Other Urgent Business: The War Memorial Clock: The Parish Councillors agreed last year to initiate an annual maintenance of the War Memorial Clock. A. James of Saffron Walden to be contacted to arrange an appointment. Defibrillator Training: a further training session is to be arranged.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday June 7 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Wendy Kitchener - Clerk, Hinxworth Parish Council

Golden Wedding



Harry and Jill King celebrated their Golden Wedding on May 5.

Thank you to all our Hinxworth friends and neighbours for making it such a happy occasion

Poppy Day



Softy that he is, your editor couldn't resist photographing this wild poppy just outside the editorial office. Pictures always welcome for Village Voice.

Hinxworth and Edworth WI

The Annual Meeting of Hinxworth and Edworth Women's Institute took place on Thursday 10 May 2018. Sylvia Scales acted as president in place of Yvonne Tookey who was away. Reports were read, approved and signed from our treasurer Clare Hay who reported that the finances were in a healthy state. Jan Youngman, our secretary, then reminded us in her report of the various things we had done over the past year, from our river trip in August, the Autumn Fayre in October to the knitting of 35 angels which were hung by WI members on the Christmas tree at the Christmas service at St. Nicholas Church. The committee for the next year was voted in. They are Yvonne Tookey, President, Jan Youngman, Secretary, Claire Hay, Treasurer, Marion Willan, Sylvia Scales, Hilary Perriconi, Anki Smart (new) Nikki Williams (new).

from Forster to Poston

We then welcomed, once again, Ed Thorn who came and spoke to us last year about the author E.M. Forster who lived and wrote in Rooks Nest House in Stevenage. This year he enlarged on his talk by introducing to us the story of Elizabeth Poston. As a young girl, she lived in Highfield House in Stevenage, now demolished. Her family were friends of E.M. Forster. Elizabeth from quite a young age was a talented composer, who eventually went on to the London Music Academy in Marylebone and was taught by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Peter Warlock. She went on to compose many pieces, some of which were published. About 80 were not.



Elizabeth Poston in her garden, 1980s - picture by Margaret Ashby

Elizabeth spotted a young talent

She had some input in later years with the Ashwell Music Festival when it was in its infancy in the late 50s/early 60s. A young pianist caught her eye as being someone who she felt would go far in his career. That young man was our own Simon Marlow, who lives here in Hinxworth. Elizabeth Poston eventually bought the house Rooks Nest and lived there until her death aged 82.

next month: jewellery

Next month's meeting; Thursday June 14, Village Hall, Hinxworth, 7.30. pm, speaker: Bernadette Pickering on Treasunique Jewellery.

Carol Cheney

Lorna and Michael wed



picture - Patrick Forbes

Lorna Tjørnhøj-Thomsen and Michael Stutley were married at Saint Nicholas Church, Hinxworth on Saturday May 12. The reception was held at Edworth Barns. We wish them well.

On the beat

with PCSO 6522 Chris Brabrook

Lock up your cars



Royston Rural Neighbourhood Team are appealing to local residents to behave responsibly and lock their cars when they leave them unattended.

This time last year the local area had a spate of thefts from unlocked cars around the Ashwell area. The items taken included mobile phones, Sat Navs, lap tops, bank cards, designer sunglasses and clothes, watches, iPods and cash.

a green light to thieves

Sgt. Guy Westwood, said: "I find it incredible that so many people not only leave their cars unlocked, but that they also leave valuable items in the vehicles as well. This kind of behaviour is just a green light to thieves. We are continually telling people not to leave anything valuable in their cars and some of the items stolen were even left on display."

insurance problems

"There is also a good chance that your car insurance will be invalid if your vehicle has been left insecure, meaning you would not be able to claim on your insurance for any of the items stolen and it could also affect your no claims policy."

check you've locked - remove items

"This type of crime takes up a huge amount of time and attracts resources away from other crime areas. Most of these thefts could have probably been prevented if the vehicles had been left properly secure. It is easy to accidentally press a key fob and re-open a car without realising or simply press the wrong button, so please double check you really have locked your vehicle when you leave it, and remove all valuable items."

tell us what you see

If you witness anyone behaving suspiciously around vehicles and you believe a crime may be in progress call 999 immediately. Any other information should be reported via the non-emergency number 101, or online.

Alternatively, you can contact the independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or through their anonymous new window online form. No personal details are taken, information cannot be traced or recorded and you will never need to go to court.

recent local crimes - be on your guard

Burglary, High Street, Ashwell – On Monday 2 April overnight a hairdressers in the High Street, Ashwell, was broken into. The offenders used an implement to force a rear door to gain entry. Small change taken from the till. G4/18/277

Burglary, outbuilding, Ashwell – Between Monday 9 and Wednesday 11 April, power tools were stolen from an unlocked barn at a farm yard. G4/18/311

Burglary, caravan, New Inn Road, Hinxworth – at some point over the last few months from a caravan stored at a property in Hinxworth. The offenders had broken a front window to gain entry to the caravan and stole items from within. G4/18/335

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.

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Church Services

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

Newnham Parish Lunch date

This amazing annual event will take place on Sunday July 15 at Newnham Hall Cottage. Tickets available from Fiona Hughes 01462 742709 and Audrey Whalley on 01462 742517.

Tool marking day

Police will engrave tools with the owner's postcode to make them easier to trace if stolen. But hurry, the date is this Saturday May 26 in the Sports Pavilion, Lucas Lane, Ashwell 1 pm to 3 pm. Sorry for the short notice.

Suitcase for sale

Large suitcase, Delsey make - new with large matching holdall, both from John Lewis - £50. Tel. 01462 742517.

Soup Lunch

June's Soup Lunch will take place on Friday June 22 in Hinxworth and Edworth Village Hall from 12.30 pm until 2 pm.

copy date

Please send all copy and pictures for July's edition by June 20 to Patrick Forbes, 18 Francis Road, Hinxworth SG7 5HL. E-mail to villagevoice3@gmail.com

Royston tradespeople have you ever had your tools stolen or van broken into?



in conjunction with
SelectaDNA
Advanced Forensic Marking

Marking your tools by engraving or using an ultraviolet or forensic marking fluid such as SelectaDNA makes them less attractive to thieves. Also if stolen items are recovered by police, it is easier to return them to you.



Come along to our event on **Wednesday, June 6** at **Therfield Heath car park, Royston, 10am - 2pm** to get your tools security marked. SelectaDNA marking kits and **FREE** PIR motion sensor van alarms will be given out free on the day.

We have checked with the organisers, and anyone from these villages will be welcome at the above event - Editor.

Dates for your diary

May 26 Tool marking day Sports Pavilion, Ashwell - 3 pm
June 6 Tool marking day, Therfield Heath car park Royston 10 am - 2 pm
June 7 Hinxworth Parish Council Village Hall 7 pm
June 14 WI meeting Hinxworth and Edworth Village Hall 7.30 pm
June 10 Concert at Caldecote Church 3 pm
June 20 copy date for July Village Voice
June 22 Soup Lunch Hinxworth and Edworth Village Hall 12.30 - 2pm
June 24 Tea and Games, Hinxworth Recreation Ground. See page 1
July 15 Newnham Parish Lunch Newnham Hall Cottage. See above