

» Village Voice «

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for Caldecote, Edworth, Hinxworth and Newnham

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Success despite Football

Chantal and Richard's ruby wedding



Despite the competition of an England game, about 50 people from 1-93 turned up to enjoy games such as croquet; re-discover the fun of swingball and what may have been French cricket! Excellent cakes with plenty of tea, smilingly served by the WI, and plenty of sunshine meant a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon in the shade of the trees on the rec. Thank you to all who made this such a fun event.

Sylvia Scales

Voice helps family tree via Australia

I was contacted by an unknown second cousin in Germany who was compiling details for the family tree. He knew so many personal details about Derrick and me that I asked him where he had gleaned this information. He told me that he had a very good friend in Australia who helped him with retrieving his family history material and that he would send the details.

round the world with Village Voice

His next email attached a copy of the Village Voice from August 2013 containing the details and eulogy given at Derrick's funeral held in St. Nicholas Church. What a remarkable discovery that, via Germany, you can also obtain the Village Voice in Melbourne, Australia, which is edited and published in a tiny hamlet called Hinxworth, England!

Maureen Moore



picture: Stephanie Floyd

Richard and Chantal Floyd held a party to mark their 40th wedding anniversary at Edworth Barns on June 16. By some curious chance, it coincided with the Editor's 56th wedding anniversary.

Voneus broadband/phone in Edworth



picture: Peter Hoskins

Voneus is now live in Edworth!

We are getting speeds of 50mb/s upload, 49mb/s download and a ping of 20. This is so much better for us than our previous solution with EE, which was around 10mb/s upload, 22mb/s download and a ping of 35. Voneus also gives us unlimited data and, better still, we'll be saving approximately £25-30 a month!

Katrina and Peter Hoskins

A colorful poster for an event. The text reads: "COLOUR CLASH GLOW SATURDAY 21ST JULY". Below this, it says "GET YOUR GLOW ON FOR GARDEN HOUSE HOSPICE CARE WITH COLOUR UV POWDER, FOAM, MUSIC AND A WHOLE LOT OF FUN IN A RUN!". At the bottom, it provides the location "The Barclay School, Walkern Rd, Stevenage SG1 3RB", the start time "2pm race start • 12.30pm registration time • 5+ age limit", and the sign-up website "Sign up at www.ghhospicecare.org.uk". There is a logo for "Garden House Hospice Care" in the top right corner of the poster.

Meet your new Editor

You go into the Three Horseshoes one evening for a drink with friends to celebrate a local anniversary. You're busy chatting and enjoying the occasion.....and.....suddenly.....the next thing you know... you are editor of Village Voice. Unlikely? No. That is exactly what happened to Mike Wade, our editor elect. A friend of his suggested that he should take on the role and that he has the relevant experience and expertise to do so. A little while later, and after a few more drinks, he had a word with Patrick Forbes who said "yes" even before the conversation had ended.



moved from Hitchin

So, the story continues. Mike and his wife, Lucy, have lived in Hinxworth for a little over two and a half years having moved from Hitchin where they had lived for 30 years. A family man, they have three children, two sons and a daughter. Of course, we mustn't forget Bertie, their seven year old Labradoodle, rescued from a gypsy camp, who did his very best to interrupt my conversation with Mike at every possible opportunity!

24 years with Hawker-Siddeley in Hatfield

What expertise do you think you can bring to your new role? I asked. "Well, I started working at Hawker Siddeley in Hatfield way back in 1974 on the Trident passenger aircraft where I illustrated parts of its technical catalogue. Previously I had trained as a technical illustrator and after Hawker Siddeley, I have spent the last twenty four years at Smiths Medical based in Luton. Amongst other things, they manufacture ventilators for A&E in ambulances. My role is to write the technical manuals for customers, instructions and technical documentation. I work very closely with engineers, the marketing and clinical people to ensure they understand what I'm writing. You see, I have to write for the market being sold to. I also do graphics as well as computer graphics."

get a grip, Michael

At this point, dear reader, I have to own that my eyes were beginning to glaze over, my mind was fogging up and I needed to get a grip! So I brought the conversation back into the realms that I could understand.

When is your first issue? "The first one will be the September 2018 issue" Mike replied. "I am really so fortunate and pleased that the wonderful software that Patrick has been using, Indesign, is one with which I'm totally familiar and one that I use every day. I'm used to print and its terminology. It's great and totally fit for purpose."

watch this space

How do you feel about taking over a publication that is so vital to the local community? I ventured. "To be honest", he said, "with a little trepidation. Patrick is such a hard act to follow, but I'm confident that I will cope. I don't plan on doing anything drastic, but I have a few ideas...watch this space! In addition, I know that there is a good and supportive team."

How about the future? I posed. "Healthy, in one word. I am confident that people will come forward with their contributions. The more the better".

looking forward to it

"May I just say how much I am looking forward to producing Village Voice each month and take this opportunity of adding my thanks, to the many so far, to Patrick, for all the years and commitment he has given to this."

in safe hands

So there you have it. All change at Village Voice. The end of an era, the beginning of a new chapter. After spending time with Mike and hearing him talk so knowledgeably and enthusiastically, I am convinced that it is in safe hands and will continue providing pleasure, news and vital information to us all every month.

Michael Baim

David cycles to raise over £2,000



We completed our NC500 cycle ride, riding a total of 510 miles, fortunately most of it in glorious sunshine.

Yes, it was tough; very tough indeed some days, but looking back, we are all reflecting on a strong sense of personal achievement and the satisfaction that we completed the ride together, and have raised to date approximately £2000 for Alzheimer's Research UK and Prostate Cancer Research Centre,

thanks to all who gave

Thank you very much indeed to all who have sponsored us; our Virgin Money Giving page is still open for those who wish to contribute to our two charities. <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/NC500Nomads>
David Eddell

The Long Wait is over!



It's taken eight years for Dick Cobb to win our Pub's Annual Golf Match again! The day, which has been organized again by Simon Cheshire who started it 11 years ago, was blessed with great weather.

There was a good turn out this year with 24 players, with over 40 people attending the Dinner and Dance after. It was great to see so many people from the Village enjoying the day.

a chance to be independent

This year we raised £520 for the Riding for the Disabled in Sandy. This charity is for young people with very serious problems. It gives them the chance to be independent for a few hours.

In our first 11 years over £8,000 has been raised by Simon going to local charities, nominated by villagers.



 CALDECOTE CHURCH FRIENDS

Are calling all local amateur crafters!

On 21 and 22 July 2018

We will be hosting, in our Caldecote Church (SG7 5LS), the biennial fuchsia display by the Beds and Herts Fuchsia Society

This year we also extend our invitation to **amateur crafters** who wish to showcase/sell their hand-made creations. We offer a table (or half a table) free of charge, just for a donation to the church funds.

If you are interested, please email me on grazyna.tutak@nflworld.com or via our website www.caldecotechurchfriends.org.uk

Hinxworth Parish Council

Note of a meeting of the council held on June 7 in the 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. Other person present - Steve Jarvis, Hertfordshire County Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 3 May were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed by the Chairman.

2. Finance: Smaller Authorities (England): The exemption certificate has now been signed by the Chairman and the Financial Officer Responsible, and will be forwarded to the accountants responsible for overseeing the Smaller Authorities England.

All other relevant documents for the Annual Accounts of 2017/2018 have been signed and will be posted on the Hinxworth Parish Council website by July 2. Should any resident of Hinxworth require any details or clarification of the current accounts/audit please contact Wendy Kitchener by email wggk@btinternet.com or by telephone 01767-313766.

The Parish Councillors convey their thanks to Jayne Whitfield who carried out the audit.

3. Highways: The condition of the roads in the area. Since their concern over the potholes issue as reported last month the Parish Councillors are pleased to see many of these have been repaired. Richard Cobb will provide Hertfordshire Highways with photographs of the remaining and additional potholes not yet reported. These are to be forwarded to Steve Jarvis, Hertfordshire County Councillor, and Gary Henning, Hertfordshire Highways, for their urgent attention. The flooding in New Inn Road is still a concern. Steve Jarvis reported he will follow this up.

The smileyface speed signs for the village: Steve Jarvis reported he and Gary Henning are initiating a survey as to where these should be sited in the village as there are many considerations to be taken into account. Richard Cobb requested a copy of the survey be forwarded to the Parish Council as soon as it is available.

4. Village Hall: The Village Hall Management Committee has agreed to the defibrillator equipment currently held in store by Russell Lewis can now be stored in the Village Hall.

5. Recreation Ground: The entrance road to the car park: David Granger has repaired the potholes. The play area: The Parish Councillors, as a working party, have now pressure washed the play area surface.

6. Any Other Urgent Business: The War Memorial clock: A. James of Saffron Walden has been contacted to arrange an appointment for the maintenance of the War Memorial Clock. They have replied and intend to get back in contact in the near future to arrange a convenient date.

Defibrillator Training: A further training session is to be arranged on either Tuesday October 2 or 9. Russell Lewis is to arrange.

Red Ensign Day: Details of this annual event have been received. Graham White is to be contacted for him to fly the flag in the Village on September 3.

7: Date of the Next Meeting- Thursday July 5 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Wendy Kitchener - Clerk, Hinxworth Parish Council



Invite you to the
Biennial Fuchsia Festival
display by the Beds and Herts Fuchsia Society
Caldcote Church (SG7 5LD)

on 21 and 22 July 2018
12.00 am - 5.00 pm
(refreshments till 4.30 pm)

Come and see our church transformed inside into a riot of colour and bloom
Enjoy home-made refreshments in the church grounds
Find out about the church's history and our latest finds
Browse through some local amateur crafters' stalls
Enjoy the day!

Hinxworth and Edworth WI



Picture: Bernadette Pickering

Bernadette Pickering came and talked to us on June 14 and showed us how to make Treasunique Jewellery. She brought with her many examples of her craft including many necklaces, bracelets amongst other things.

She started by showing us Premo Polymer Clay. This comes in small packets, and could be likened to the old fashioned plasticine, very malleable when used in a warm hand. She showed us how to make designs for beads using tubes of different colours cutting then into very thin slices and placing them around a small bead of clay, rolling it in her hand to form the bead. The flower pattern comes out around the ball, very clever!

bake separately from the Sunday roast

This is then baked in a 130 degree oven for 15 minutes to harden it, and then it can be polished in the normal way. She did remind us not to bake it in the same oven as the Sunday roast as it can taint the meal! If you want further information, google treasunique.

garden meeting in July

Next month's meeting: the garden meeting, members and husbands/partners welcome, to be held at 19 Dells Lane, Biggleswade SG18 8LP, the home of one of our Biggleswade WI members on Thursday July 12 at 7pm. Please bring with you a garden chair, plate, mug, spoon, and fork.

Carol Cheney



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SUMMER SCHOOL
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9.30am - 3pm
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Every Monday at Ashwell Village Hall from 4.30-5.30pm

On the beat

with PCSO 6522 Chris Brabrook

Tool Marking matters

This month has been a productive month for the team. The team secured funding for Shed alarms and Selecta DNA kits that have been made available free of charge for members of public and previous victims of crime. The team arranged three Tool Marking events targeting the villages and Royston Town. The purpose of the events was to involve residents who may become a victim of crime. The initiative has been particularly successful for those concerned with van break-ins, shed and out-building burglary.



video link shows how it works

I have attached a link below to a YouTube video that explains a little more about Selecta DNA as a product. Essentially, it's a glue that contains a microchip that has a unique reference number. If you are unfortunate enough to have items stolen and police are to recover the property, Selecta DNA will help. Using the microchip, police will be able to identify where the property has been stolen from and then return the property to its owner. For the Selecta DNA film, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=KD0TmJaKZik

The team will be hosting more Tool Marking events in the upcoming months. If you would like more information on these events or would like an Alarm/Selecta DNA kit, please get in touch. Christopher.brabrook@herts.pnn.police.uk

beware internet selling sites

Police are reminding people to remain vigilant when using internet selling sites following three reported incidents in Hertfordshire in recent weeks. On each occasion, the victims were contacted by a buyer on Gumtree to purchase a mobile phone. The buyer then arranged to meet the victim in a private place to complete the sale. When the seller handed over the phone, the buyer ran off without paying.

The buyers' Gumtree profiles were found to have no username details so they could not be traced. It is currently believed that the incidents are linked.

caution advised

PCSO Chris Brabrook, from the Safer Neighbourhood Team, said: "Whilst we would not want to discourage people from using well-known selling sites, we would always urge people to exercise caution when doing so, especially in circumstances where payment has not been made in advance."

steps to take

"Make sure you look at the buyers' profile to check their history and that they have genuine details. If you are arranging to meet someone to sell an item, always meet in a public place, preferably covered by CCTV, and take a friend with you if possible."

"If you have any suspicions or concerns about the person you are dealing with, walk away."

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.

**Village Voice small-ads work
and they are free**

**Farrowby Farm for fine flavours
and foods throughout 2018**

Village Voice is published for the community by St Nicholas Church, Hinxworth

Church Services

July 1 10.15 am Family Service St. Nicholas, Hinxworth
July 8 9.15 am Parish Communion St. Nicholas, Hinxworth
July 15 9.15 am Parish Communion St. Nicholas, Hinxworth
July 22 9.15 am Parish Communion St. Nicholas, Hinxworth
9.30 am Holy Communion St. Vincent, Newnham
July 29 9.15 am Parish Communion St. Nicholas, Hinxworth

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.

Can I help?

I am a professional cook. I offer help with cleaning, cooking, gardening, shopping. Reasonable rates. DBS checked. Please contact me on 07802 954822. Thank you.

Newnham burglary

Between Saturday 5 and Monday 7 May a transit style van was driven into the shutters of a business in Newnham village. The offender stole 4 tons of metals and caused a large amount of damage.

Craft people welcome

If any of your readers/crafters would be willing to participate in our Caldecote Church Fuchsia Festival on July 21 and 22, I will be happy to discuss details by emails directly with them. My email address is grazyna.tutak@ntlworld.com

Grazyna Tutak

Plastic Free July

Join the challenge and 'Choose To Refuse' single-use plastic during July.

Imagine a world without plastic waste. That's our mission – to build a global movement that dramatically reduces plastic use and improves recycling worldwide.

Will you join us and give up single-use plastic this July? More info at www.plasticfreejuly.org

Watch it

For Sale: lady's wrist watch, new battery, £10. Tel 01462 742858

Soup Lunch

July's Soup Lunch will take place on Friday July 20 in Hinxworth and Edworth Village Hall from 12.30 pm until 2 pm.

Copy date

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

Thanks from Lin

My thanks and appreciation to you all for your concern, good wishes, cards and flowers. My long awaited operation has finally been done and I am well on the way to full recovery.

Lin Jenkins.

House Insurance

The Ecclesiastical Insurance Company are celebrating their 130th anniversary this year and is offering a £130 donation for our church for any new home insurance policy taken out before 31 December 2018. More information is available at www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130. Their phone number is 0800 783 0130.

trust them

This company has insured St Nicholas Church for many years now and has proved to be a reliable company. Try getting a quote, you might be surprised at the cost.

Alec Stephenson

Sea Sunday July 8

Remember one and a half million seafarers at St. Nicholas at 9.15 am

Dates for your diary

July 8 Sea Sunday service at St. Nicholas Church, Hinxworth 9.15 am
July 12 WI garden meeting in Biggleswade, 7 pm - see page 3
July 15 Newnham Parish Lunch Newnham Hall Cottage. See above
July 20 copy deadline for August Village Voice
July 20 Soup lunch Hinxworth & Edworth Village Hall 12.30 - 2 pm
July 21 Garden House Hospice Colour Clash Glow race, see page 1
July 21/22 Caldecote Church Fuchsia and craft Festival 12 - 5 pm
Sept 14-17 Sponsored Hospice cycle ride to World War 1 battlefields