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Village News

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April Group Walk

Saturday 5th April 2025 10:00am

Southwold

Meet at Old Hall Farm, Reydon, IP18
6SG followed by lunch. Please let David
and Josephine Murgatroyd on 01508
530453 if you are coming.



Topcroft Open Gardens

Sunday May 25th and Monday 26th

11:00am-5:00pm

Please contact Daphne for further details on:

Daphne 01508 482448 or email

daphnebeckett@gmail.com



Easter Egg Hunt

Hempnall Church Grounds

2.30pm Sunday 20th April

Free

All welcome.

*Various levels of difficulty- suitable
for all ages*

Easter message. Craft.

Prize for best Easter Hat!



Items for our Food Bank are still needed; we are very grateful to all who continue to contribute during these difficult times.

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS: UHT Milk, Fruit Juice (not chilled), Tinned potatoes, Rice, Tinned rice pudding, Jars of cooking Sauce, Tinned Vegetables

Donating Food: Items for the food bank can be left at the back of St Margaret's Church, Hempnall, at the Group Office, Hempnall or in the porch at St Peter's Church, Brooke.

Donating Money: Regular giving is a great way to support the Food Bank
For further details please check out this website: <https://waveney.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>



COMMUNITY CAFÉ
SEETHING VILLAGE HALL
WEDNESDAYS
2:00-4:00pm

Please drop in for a tea/coffee and cakes for a small donation and meet or hopefully make some new friends.

April 23rd- May 21st - June 18th - July 16th.

Donation of offers to help or a cake are always welcome.

Please contact Julie 07984309452



Popular Allotments Available
for just £10 per annum
Mill Road, Hempnall.

Keep fit, enjoy fresh air, fresh food and comradery.

Hurry, first come, first served with priority to Hempnall residents.
Contact the secretary of the Church & Town Estates Property Charity at ctepropertycharity@gmail.com for more details.



- Door to door dial-a-ride service
- Weekly members outings throughout the year
- Group hires for not-for-profit organisations

Borderhoppa Outings for April 2025

- Mon 7th** Lathams and Lunch at Poppylands, Horsey – Fare £20.00
- Thu 10th** Great Yarmouth - £20.00
- Mon 14th** Breakfast at Wortham Tea Rooms followed by shopping at B&M and The Range, Bury St Edmunds – Fare £18.00
- Thu 17th** Ipswich Town Centre – Fare £20.00
- Thu 24th** Hillcrest Nurseries, Stanton - £10.00
- Mon 28th** Peter Beales Roses, Attleborough - £15.00

To book or for more information please call 01379 854800
or visit our website www.borderhoppa.org



Norfolk County Council

Mobile Library Timetable

Village	Stop Name	Arrival Time	Departure Time	Postcode
Hempnall	Old Market Way (Bainard Rise)	14:10	14:30	NR15 2LZ
Hempnall Green	Three Horseshoes	14:35	14:55	MR15 2NN
Topcroft	The Old Chapel	15:00	15:15	NR35 2BL
Topcroft	Church Road	15:20	15:35	NR35 2BH
Hempnall	Road Green Farm	15:40	15:55	NR15 2NQ
Hempnall	Millfields	16:00	16:15	NR15 2NE
Hempnall	Roland Drive	16:20	16:35	NR15 2RB
Fritton	Village Green (post box and bench)	16:40	17:05	NR15 2QS

• **14 April 2025**

• **12 May 2025**

• **9 June 2025**

Please note this information is subject to change or amendment both on a permanent and temporary basis. For all enquires about this route please call 01603 222303

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR PARISHIONERS

The Foundation is keen to support all Hempnall residents (adults and children), regardless of financial circumstances, to take advantage of a wide range of educational and recreational opportunities. Consequently, if you would like to discuss any aspect of a claim you may be planning to make, including how it may be funded, we would be happy to talk with you informally. Please contact Ian (see below).

The next meeting of the Hempnall Town Estate Educational Foundation is during May 2025. Completed applications for grants by 14 May 2025 to Ian Nelson, Clerk to the Trustees, Karinya, Bungay Rd, Hempnall, NR15 2NG. or email to hteef.clerk@gmail.com

Application forms are available online at <https://hempnalltrust.org.uk/https-hempnalltrust-org-uk-town-estate-educational-foundation/> and in Hempnall Village Hall, Hempnall Church, The Mill Centre, Hempnall Surgery or by email.

Any queries or requests for forms to Ian Nelson - hteef.clerk@gmail.com Tel : 01508 498467.

PLEASE NOTE - WE ARE ABLE TO ACCEPT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY EMAIL. VALID RECEIPTS/PROOF OF PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED. INVOICES ALONE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS PROOF OF PAYMENT MADE.

HEMPNALL WI.

We had a very good meeting on March 5th with four guests attending. Our speaker was Jeni Neill who spoke about her book which she has recently self-published called 'Finding the Devil in the Dye'. She gave a very interesting talk about her research and how she came to write the book.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30pm at The Mill. Our speaker will be Helen Reeve on her Royal Connections. She has given a talk before and is a very interesting speaker.

If you would like to come and join us you can be assured a warm welcome. Please contact: Cindy Brookes 01508 398521 or email cindybrookes@icloud.com.

Lundy Green Community Walk

Sunday 6th April 2025

Meet 10am at Grove Farm House, Lundy Green. NR15 2NU

Join us for a walk through our beautiful countryside - now at risk from the East Pye Solar development. This project could mean the loss of cherished footpaths and bridleways.

Refreshments available at the end of the walk with proceeds going to the Block East Pye Solar campaign.

Please note that this walk is not suitable for those with mobility issues.

The Hempnall Trust

The Hempnall Trust is a charity that was set up to help residents who are in need, hardship or distress and to support the community of Hempnall.



We can provide financial grants to those who need them. The Trust owns the Mill & Bar both of which are used to support the local community through lunch clubs, events & room hire in a listed building.

If you would like to find out more about any area of the Hempnall Trust please look at our website www.hempnalltrust.org.uk <http://www.hempnalltrust.org.uk> or email hempnalltrust@gmail.com

Events hosted by The Mill are updated on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/themillbarhempnall <http://www.facebook.com/themillbarhempnall> & there is a regular What's On email.

If you would like to be added to the distribution list of events, please email hempnallmillbar@gmail.com

If you'd like to get involved with the Trust, Bar or run your own events please get in touch.

All Profits go back into the Trust to benefit Hempnall residents.



The Mill @ Hempnall COFFEE STOP

Everyone welcome for coffee, cakes
and more.

At Hempnall Mill Centre
9:30am-12:00pm

1st Monday the month

April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd 2025

All profits for The Hempnall Trust

Village Lunch Club

Wednesday and Thursday
The Mill, Hempnall

Wednesday

1 course seasonal meal delivered
to your door in Hempnall for £7.50

Thursday

2 course seasonal meal with
coffee and biscuits in the Mill.
£8 for Hempnall residents and
£10 for non Hempnall residents.

Or

1 course seasonal meal delivered
to your door in Hempnall for £7.50

To book your place please email
margaretsparham@live.co.uk
or call 07761627554

Supported and run by the Hempnall Trust



Spring 2025 Newsletter

East Pye Solar timeline for the NSIP process



The timetable being advanced for this Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ("NSIP") application is for the Statutory Consultation stage to take place in the summer of 2025 and an application to the Planning Inspectorate is expected at the end of 2025. This is a very tight timescale in planning terms so make yourself aware the issues in advance of summer and let us know your views, to help us feed into the statutory consultation.

Community Emergency Planning volunteer



A Community Emergency Planning volunteer helps their local community prepare for and respond to emergencies by identifying risks, developing plans, and coordinating efforts with local authorities and other organizations. This might involve helping with contacts in times of flood or other emergencies. If you would like to be involved in this, even in a small way, please contact the Clerk clerk@hempnallpc.org 01508 498467.

Hedge cutting – remember the birds

With spring in the air, it's time to start cutting back the winter growth on hedges bordering roads and pavements but remember nesting birds are protected.

If you have such a hedge and no birds are nesting in it, please help keep pavements / verges and roads clear for users thereof, thank you.



Hempnall Speedwatch Team



We continue to hear complaints about speeding. If nobody steps up to join the successful Speedwatch team, speeding will continue to be a problem. It would be very helpful if interested parties could volunteer a little time to join the team which is making a real difference to all our safety.

If you would like to join, or find out more, please contact the Clerk clerk@hempnallpc.org 01508 498467

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HPC now available "virtually" all the time at www.hempnallpc.org

Write to the Clerk at Karinya, Bungay Rd, Hempnall, Norwich, NR15 2NG theclerk@hempnallpc.org

Morningthorpe & Fritton BIG Litter Pick

12th April 2025

Meet at Old Rectory, Fritton (NR15 2QS)**10:00am**

Bring gloves and if you have any pickers please bring as lots were not returned last year.

Let's hope the weather is nice!



Woodton Parish Council

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Harry Clarke – Harry was a very special person, loved by many in the village and deserves first slot in this Newsletter. He sadly died in late December after a long illness. His life was celebrated with 100 people at the King's Head pub, a place he loved to be. Harry would have been amazed by the turn out.



Development off Church Road (Planning Reference 2023/1386) – We are expecting building work to start shortly on this 50 house development. There will inevitably be some inconvenience to locals and the traffic flow as a result, but we hope to maintain a good working relationship with the developer, Crocus Homes, in order to minimise the impact.



Please clean up after your dog

Dog Fouling Problem – We mention this problem with every edition, but the situation has not improved. In fact, it has got worse – a lot worse! So another plea to dog owners to act responsibly and please clear up after your pet. The effects of disease from leaving faeces unattended are far reaching and very serious. **Please, please take notice of our repeated request.**



Dog waste bin

East Pye Solar Project – This proposed project is proving very controversial with serious concerns from the majority of residents as to the impact on the area as a result of such an enormous development. You will have seen notices on the main B1332 to this effect and many meetings have been taking place to consider the plans and how best to respond to the various stages of the planning process. The full application is due to be submitted towards the end of 2025, but to date the Parish Council have given their strong objections to the initial consultation, believing that no amount of mitigation can compensate for either the loss of agricultural land or the disruption and damage to the locality. We will keep monitoring the situation closely so please see Parish Council Minutes for any up-to-date information



King's Head Pub – Sunday Lunches are now available at the pub from 12.30 - 4.00pm in addition to everything else on offer. Thanks to Chelsie's mum, Brice Bakes, for doing the Sunday roasts and also the extensive weekday menu. Ring 01508 482529 to book your table. It's great to have this facility again so thank you to Sami, Chelsie and all their team for all they do for the village. The pub continues to be the place to be!



People on Probation – This team is now scheduled to make regular visits to the village. So far they have been helping with bark spreading in the Community Wood and will take on other tasks as required. We welcome this opportunity to engage with the probation services and thank them for all they are doing for us.

Parking on Pavements – It is not only illegal to park vehicles on pavements, but dangerous to pedestrians, those with buggies or mobility scooters and passing traffic in general. This is a plea to please park sensibly and safely so as to avoid any potential accidents. We have informed the police of our concerns.

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Church Road Speed Camera – The Parish Council work hard to maintain all the speed cameras in the village. However, we would be really grateful if any resident on Church Road would be happy to help us keep this particular camera fully charged and check that it is functioning at all times. Please do come forward to help - it is not a big job!



Community Wood



- This wonderful Community Wood, which is owned by the Parish Council, is there for everyone to enjoy. But we have to remember it is a Wood and it is important to protect both its biodiversity and wildlife. With this in mind, we would ask that should anyone wish to add or contribute an item to the Wood, be it garden furniture, trees or plants, or ornaments, they first please consult the Parish Council for their consideration. Thank you.
- **Father Christmas' visit** to the Wood was, as always, a huge success with record numbers of children and their families attending. Thanks to all those who decorated the Wood so spectacularly and for arranging refreshments, presents for the children and the singing – a real Winter Wonderland!
- **Easter in the Community Wood** – The traditional Easter trail will be in the Wood over the Easter weekend Friday 18th – Monday 21st April. So look out for more information, but meanwhile all children think about what your Easter poster designs might look like as they will be on show on the trail. Plus, perhaps there might be the odd Easter egg to find at the end of the trail



Community Growing Area – We are aware that this area is not being used to its full potential. We do encourage residents to plant vegetables there as they wish – it is for everyone. Should it not be planted the Parish Council will have to re-consider the best use for this area in the future. So please, get planting!



Defibrillator – The new defibrillator has now been installed at the Village Hall. We do hope to run a training session for residents to make people aware of its operation. Please contact our clerk on 01508 493134 if you would like to take part.

First Aid Course – An Emergency First Aid in the Workplace one day Course is booked for Friday 25th April 2025 in the Village Hall. This is free to residents due to being funded by a generous local donor. We still have one or two spaces so if anyone is interested please ring Jane Wickstead on 07786 106789 to check availability.



We welcome your comments and suggestions for the Newsletter. You can find our contact details on the Parish Council website <https://woodtonpc.wixsite.com/woodtonpc> together with meeting dates and much more.

April and May 2025...

April 2025

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Hempnall WI

7:30pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP
(p.6)

Friday 4th April 2025

Killer Darts

From 7:30pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

Wild Thing

From 6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

Saturday 5th April 2025

April Group Walk

10:00am

Old Hall Farm, Reydon, IP18 6SG
(p.3)

Phab Spring Bake Sale & Raffle

11:00am-2:00pm

Woodton Village Hall, NR35 2NW
(p.16)

Sunday 6th April 2025

Lundy Green Community Walk

10:00am

Meet at Grove Farm House, Lundy
Green, NR15 2NU
(p.6)

Monday 7th April 2025

The Mill @ Hempnall Coffee Stop

9:30am-12:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP
(p.7)

Thursday 10th April 2025

Lent Lunch

12:30pm

Friar's Farm, Morningthorpe,
NR15 2QL (p.13)

Friday 11th April 2025

Wok Truck

From 6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

Saturday 12th April 2025

Morningthorpe & Fritton Big Litter Pick

10:00am

Mat at Old Rectory, Fritton,
NR15 2QS (p.9)

Monday 14th April 2025

Hempnall Mobile Library

(p.5)

Lent Lunch

12:00pm-2:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR35 2BJ
(p.13)

Wednesday 16th April 2025

Topcroft Easter Bingo

7:00pm for 7:30pm

Topcroft Pavillion, NR35 2BL (p.16)

Friday 18th April 2025

Patron Paella

From 6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Seething Community Café

2:00pm-4:00pm

Seething Village Hall, NR15 1EJ (p.4)

Friday 25th April 2025

Peaky Pizzas

From 6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

Saturday 26th April 2025

Saxon Bowls Club Open Day

1:30pm

Playing Field Bowls Green,
NR15 1TD (p.16)

May 2025

Friday 2nd May 2025

Wild Thing

From 6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

Monday 5th May 2025

The Mill @ Hempnall Coffee Stop

9:30am-12:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

(p.7)

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From 6:00pm

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Wednesday 21st May 2025

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2:00pm-4:00pm

Seething Village Hall, NR15 1EJ (p.4)

Friday 23rd May 2025

The Tapas Shack & Bea Bakes

From 6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

Sunday 25th May 2025

Topcroft Open Gardens

11:00am-5:00pm

(p.3)

Monday 26th May 2025

Topcroft Open Gardens

11:00am-5:00pm

(p.3)

Friday 30th May 2025

Chim Chim Thai

From 6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

Lent Lunches



**Lent Lunch at Friar's Farm
Morningthorpe**

**On Thursday 10th April 2025
at 12:30pm**

Please contact Mary Sargent

marysarg202@gmail.com

Tel: 07831 397290

for further details

**Lent Lunch at Hempnall Mill
Centre**

**On Monday 14th April
12:00-2:00pm**

In aid of Emmaus

Please join us for a simple lunch of
soup and cheese to raise money for
Emmaus .

It will be helpful if you can let us know
that you will be coming to enable us to
plan how much soup to provide.

Margaret Sparham 01508 499579

Jill Turner 01508 499344 Email: jil-

lemturner@yahoo.co.uk



DEFIBRILLATOR

A defibrillator is located at
Topcroft's Social Club
The Street Topcroft NR35 2BL
what3words.com/goods.students.economics

**In an Emergency call 999 for the
Defibrillator Cabinet Code & Instructions**

This defibrillator is owned by Topcroft Parish Council - any issues contact 07774 734411



News from Woodton Primary School

February/March 2025

We have been very excited to see the new 'Reclaim the Rain' project progressing over the last month. The project is to create a rain garden at the front of the school, to help soak the rain fall away, and prevent flooding at the main doors.



The main structure has been finished now ready for the next stage of planting.

In school we have had some great events happening. Our Sycamores class have been having their Samba Drumming lessons every Tuesday. We had a Creative Celebrations evening, where the children had an opportunity to show their talents off to an audience of family and friends.

In sporting events we have participated in Dodgeball, Pentathlon, Spirit of the games and the Dance festival, and have many more as the weather becomes warmer.

This week we had our Science week open afternoon, where families were invited to come in and join in with many different science activities.



BikeActive Norfolk

April is a busy month for BikeActive Norfolk , as we see the resumption of our Junior group. Held on the multi use games area at Manor Rd, playing field , Long Stratton, the two public sessions over the Easter school holidays will see any child with any disability given the opportunity to ride our multitude of trikes, go-karts, quadracycles and for those who cannot pilot themselves our side by side and rear steer tandem trikes and wheelchair trike and transporter.



If you are a parent or carer of a child with disability looking for something fun to do with your child the holidays, take a look at our website, <https://bikeactivenorfolk.org/> and enter into the Junior site to see the fun we have. Booking is from the site, any problems with booking please get in contact. All parents and carers must remain throughout sessions with their child, All sessions are made up of two rides between 1300hrs and 1340hrs and 1340hrs and 1420hrs.

Long Stratton Youth Café will run a session for Youth Café attenders between 1420hrs and 1500hrs if young people would like to attend through the Youth Café and can be contacted on 01508 530524

Dates for Junior sessions through 2025 are :

- Wednesday April 9th and 16th
- Wednesday May 28th
- Wednesday July 30th
- Wednesday August 6th, 13th, 20th
- Wednesday October 29th

Our Adult cycling sessions for any adult with a disability, illness or injury, take place weekly from April 2025, with Monday sessions from Earsham village hall from 1030hrs and Friday sessions from 1030hrs at Topcroft Sports and Social club. Take a look at the website BikeActiveNorfolk.org to see what we do and to see the ways we are able to assist people with a very wide range of illness, injury or disability. Booking is on the site but please get in contact if you need more information before you come and join us. It's great fun.

April's dates for our adult group are :

- Friday April 4th 1030hrs from Topcroft Sports and Soc club , NR35 2BL
- Monday April 7th 1030hrs from Earsham village hall, NR35 2TL

Jez Briggs Chair, BikeActive Norfolk Email BikeActiveNorfolk@gmail.com T07716103072



SPRING BAKE SALE AND RAFFLE

In aid of Emily and Hils London Marathon fundraising
for PHAB (reg no 28393I)

SATURDAY 5 APRIL

11-2

WOODTON VILLAGE HALL

Come join us for some lovely cakes, coffee and take part in our fabulous
fundraising raffle



Phab

<https://phab.org.uk/>

Phab



Open Day

Saturday April 26th

at 1.30pm

at the

Playing Field Bowls Green

New members are welcome to join
our small friendly Club.

Free coaching given to beginners.

Contact: Chris Lacey on
01508 499700

JOIN US FOR A

CREAM TEA

at

WOODTON VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 7th June 2025

14.00 to 16.00pm



There will also be

A cake stall,

Tombola and Raffle

Everyone Welcome.

All proceeds to support Woodton Church.



Topcroft Easter Bingo!

Wednesday 16th April 2025

Topcroft Pavillion

7:00pm for 7:30pm

Great Prizes—Bar—Hot Cross Buns
Please come along and join in the fun!

Solar Project Proposals

Our readers will be aware of the proposed East Pye Solar project to install ground-mounted solar panels in parts of rural South Norfolk including large areas around Hempnall and some neighbouring villages.

Since this is a matter of huge local interest, *Village News* is publishing below contact details for **both** East Pye Solar **and** the campaigning organisation (Block East Pye Solar – BEPS) which is objecting to them, so that everyone can find out more from each of these bodies directly if they wish.

The contact details are:

East Pye Solar:

Website: <https://www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/>, which invites people to register to be kept up-to-date with any news and developments about the project. The site also gives the following:

Email: info@eastpyesolar.co.uk

Freephone information line: 0808 281 3175

Freepost: FREEPOST East Pye Solar

Block East Pye Solar (BEPS):

Website: <https://www.blockeastpyesolar.co.uk/>, which invites people to sign a petition and to join them on Facebook

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1005370411341452/>

An explanatory note from the Joint Council of the Hempnall Group of Parishes, as publishers of Village News:

Please note that provision of the above information is **not** to be taken as indicating support by the publisher either for the project or for the objections to it but is offered simply to inform our readership of where further information can be obtained.

Thought for the month...

April Showers...

Bring forth May flowers... Or so they say.

We seem to have had a lot of April showers all through this winter so the sunshine has been doubly welcome.



This is how life is too. I always feel very relaxed after some challenge is over and can be quite productive at that time, so, although I could do without the challenges, they do provide a reward after the nettles have been grasped.

Like the showers these testing times do not need to be lengthy or even extreme to reap a reward. They are sometimes called 'Growth tasks' and each time we take something new on we are in fact extending our repertoire and finding out more about ourselves.

A shower can be just that, brief and soaking or it could last all day or even all week. Here in the east of England we don't expect to get these extended rainstorms as are common on the west coast.

Our holidays in the Lake District were often characterised by days of continuous rain. The children were very happy to swap long, chilly walks for a warm swimming pool and there is something quite restful about the opportunity to stay indoors rather than feeling the need to rush out to enjoy the sunshine. On holiday, wet days provide different opportunities; time to do jigsaws, read or maybe go to a museum or a cinema.

As I write, we are in the midst of a spell of blue skies and sunshine and the days are getting longer, people are smiling and stopping for a chat. We need to bottle this feeling of wellbeing to draw on when things are more challenging.

There are also moments of gloom when a sudden ray of sunshine pops up. The break in the clouds on a dull day can unexpectedly lift the spirits.

April is, of course, predictably fickle but already there are plenty of flowers to cheer us up. I have seen, hellebores, snowdrops, primroses, daffodils, crocuses, little anemones and in the hedges, wild plum blossom and hazel catkins. If we were in Cornwall or the Isles of Scilly there would undoubtedly be many more.

At this time of year as our gardens get going we reassess and redesign flower beds and plant vegetables. It's also a time during Lent for taking stock of ourselves. Traditionally we give up something but we might also take something on or tackle one of the tasks that always disappear at the bottom of the pile of good intentions.

So as we approach Easter and a time of rebirth we can revel in this awakening of the earth and the delight in having come through the dark months of winter toughened and toned up.

Think like a tree

Soak up the sun
Affirm life's magic
Be graceful in the wind
Stand tall after a storm
Feel refreshed after it rains
Grow strong without notice
Be prepared for every season
Provide shelter to strangers
Hang tough through a cold spell
Emerge renewed at the first signs of spring
Stay rooted while reaching for the sky
Be still long enough to
Hear your own leaves rustling

*By Karen I. Shragg**



* Widely available online, eg at: <https://www.mindfulnessassociation.net/words-of-wonder/think-like-a-tree-karen-i-shragg/>

~Jill Turner~

Images: (1) supplied and (2) free at <https://pixabay.com/>

CHURCH SERVICES APRIL 2025...

6th April Lent 5 'Passion Sunday'	10:30am	Holy Communion	Brooke Church
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Topcroft Church
	4:00pm	All Age Praise	Hempnall Church
13th April Palm Sunday	10:30am	Morning Worship with procession of palms	Seething Church
	(10:10am)	<i>(Assemble if wished at Mil Centre for walk to Church carrying branches)</i>	Hempnall Church
	10:30am	Palm Sunday Worship	
14th April Monday of Holy Week	9:00pm	Compline	Zoom
15th April Tuesday of Holy Week	9:00pm	Compline	Zoom
16th April Wednesday of Holy Week	9:00pm	Compline	Zoom
17th April Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	Joint Benefice Holy Communion	Topcroft Church
18th April Good Friday	10:00am – 3:00pm	Brooke Benefice Pilgrimage	Thwaite to Brooke
	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Service of Words and Music for Good Friday	Hempnall Church

Further details of all our church services and events can be found at the Hempnall Group Website <https://hempnallgroup.co.uk/> or the Brooke Benefice Website <https://brooke.churchnet.co/>

20th April Easter Sunday	6:30am	In brief Acts of Worship to mark Easter Day, prayers will be said, the Gospel will be read and the Easter candle will be lit	Shelton Church
	9:00am		Hardwick Church
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Brooke Church
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Hempnall Church
	2:30pm	Easter Celebration <i>including Easter Egg Hunt</i> (Family Praise)	Hempnall Church
27th April Easter 2	10:30am	Morning Worship	Mundham
	10:30am	Morning Praise	Bedingham
	6:00pm	Evening Service	Zoom



Happy Easter!



We wish to all of our readers a very Happy Easter and pray that all may know and share the hope it brings. As we celebrate the risen Lord, we ask for guidance and strength to live lives of love and service and praying for peace and healing in our world.

With all good wishes

Liam Pilgrim and Jill Turner

Co-Chairs of the Joint Council of the Hempnall Group of Parishes

Happy Birthday to....

Children

- * Hector who will be 10
- * Elliot who will be 12

Teenage

- * Millie who will be 15
- * Matthew who will be 14
- * Harriet who will be 13
- * Leocadia who will be 14
- * Betty who will be 13



From the Registers....

Funerals

- † 1st March 2025, Jonathan Johnson. Burial of Ashes at St Peter's Church, Brooke.
- † 17th March 2025, Kathleen Wilby, aged 88 years. Funeral and Burial at All Saints' Church, Woodton.
- † 19th March 2025, Jeffrey John Riches, aged 78 years. Funeral and Burial at St Margaret's Church, Topcroft.
- † 25th March 2025, Peter Ernest Bransby, aged 87 years. Funeral and Burial at St Mary's Church, Thwaite.
- † 26TH March 2025, Ronnie Hoare, aged 85 years. Cremation at Waveney Crematorium.
- † 28th March 2025, John Ralph Havart, aged 83 years. Funeral and Burial at St Mary's Church, Thwaite.



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