

Village News

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JUNE GROUP WALK

The next group walk on **Sunday 29th June at 2:00 pm** will be from **Bramerton Common** where there is parking at the bottom of Mill Hill close to Woods End (NR14 7ED). It is a



circular walk of 4-5 miles along footpaths by the river to Surlingham Ferry, taking in quiet lanes and footpaths and much more back to Bramerton Common. Tea and cake afterwards at the home of Daphne and John. Please let them know if you will be coming so they don't leave without you (Telephone or Text 07801329419).

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.



Hardwick and Shelton Cafe Morning Thursday 12th June 10-12



At Hardwick Village Hall

Coffee, tea, cake and chat



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/





Why not come to Afternoon Tea in Hempnall Church

on

Saturday 28th June, 2-4pm

Donations for Tombola will be gratefully received

Contact Margaret Sparham

margaretsparham@live.co.uk

07761627554



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

Borderhoppa Outings for June 2025

Mon 2nd Wroxham Town – £18.00

Mon 9th Lunch at The Thatcher's Needle, Diss – £8.00

Thu 12th Alder Carr Farm Shop & Crafts – £15.00

Mon 16th Lunch at The Black Horse, Thorndon – £8.00

Thurs 19th Attleborough Town (Market Day) – £15.00

Mon 23rd Cherry Lane Garden Centre, Pulham - £8.00

Thurs 26th Hillcrest Nurseries, Stanton - £10.00

Mon 30th Thetford Town / Garden Centre - £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	Arriva I 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

• 9 June 2025

• 14 July 2025

• 11 August 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



Woodton Village Garage Sale

In response to residents letting us know that they have pre-loved items looking for new homes, Woodton village is going to be holding a garage sale on **6th September 2025!**

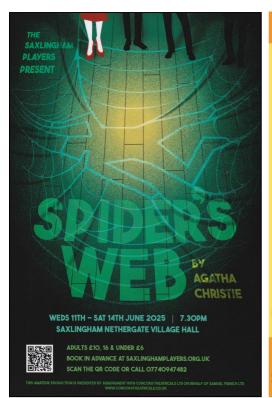


Taking part is free and residents will be able to sell their items from the comfort of their own front door, garden or garage.

P Location: Across Woodton and Bedingham

Date & Time: Saturday 6th September, 10:00am to 1pm

If you live in Woodton or Bedingham and would like to take part, please contact Woodton Parish Councillor Caroline Wells to register your interest. You can contact Caroline at carrowells@gmail.com and on 07921 220217.



FOOD . BEER . MUSIC

THE MILL BAR, HEMPNALL

BEER FESTIVAL 4TH-5TH JULY



4th July from 5pm Peakys Pizza and Wild Thing burgers

5th July from 2pm The Tapas Shack, The Wok Truck and BB's bakes. Live music from Graham Mcgrotty from

Over 10 beers and ciders See Facebook for more info

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 Hemphall Trust please look at our website www.hemphalltrust.org.uk or email hemphalltrust@gmail.com

Events hosted by The Mill are updated on the Facebook page 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.

Lunch Club

With regret The Hemphall Trust has taken the difficult decision to cease providing takeaway service on a Wednesday from the end of June 2025.

The reasons behind this decision is the decline in participants, alongside the current financial challenges that The Hempnall Trust, and many charities are facing, which means it is no longer sustainable to continue with this service on a Wednesday.

This is not a decision The Trust has taken lightly.

We would like to thank all volunteers, drivers & takeaway recipients for your support over the last few years.

We confirm that we will be continuing our in-house meals or deliveries on a Thursday.

Thank you all for your understanding and continued support.



The Mill @ Hempnall COFFEE STOP

Everyone welcome for coffee, cakes and more.

At Hempnall Mill Centre
9:30am-12:00pm
1st Monday of the month
June 2nd 2025
All profits for The Hempnall Trust

Hempnall School News

It's been a busy and exciting time at school!

Stone Age Day

Marsh Harrier and Buzzard classes stepped back in time for a fantastic Stone Age Day, full of hands-on learning and creative activities that brought history to life.



Cricket Festival

Years 1 and 2 enjoyed taking part in a Cricket Festival, showing great energy, teamwork, and budding sports skills on a sunny day out.

iRock Concert

Our young musicians wowed everyone at the recent iRock concert, performing with confidence and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see their progress and passion for music.

Hippodrome Circus Trip

The whole school recently enjoyed an exciting trip to the Hippodrome Circus. It was a fantastic day filled with awe and laughter, and the children loved the thrilling performances and vibrant atmosphere. This was kindly funded by the FOHS as they are celebrating their 30th Anniversary this year.

Year 6 SATs

Our Year 6 students are gearing up for their SATs next week. They've been working incredibly hard, and we're proud of their dedication. We know they'll do their very best!

HEMPNALL WI.

Hempnall WI have had two very successful evenings. We met at the Mill on 2nd April and had a very interesting and amusing talk from Helen Reeve about her visit to the King's Coronation. She took her mother along and although it was a very long day it was a very enjoyable experience. She illustrated her trip with some lovely photos. On the 7th May we met and after our business had a very hands on talk by Penny Simmonds on Reflexology. She combined her talk with some easy things we could all do our selves. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th June at 7.30pm at the Mill when we have Steven Mauder from Norfolk County Council giving us information on Scams.

If you would like to join our friendly group please come along and experience a meeting. Two free meetings are allowed to try us out. Any queries please contact Secretary Cindy Brookes 398521.



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.

June 18th - July 16th.

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

Please contact Julie 07984309452



Thanks to all who supported Bacon Butties in May. £550 was raised for Hempnall Church on a perfect spring day



Group Walk at Sheringham Park

On Thursday 8th May 10 members of the walking group met at Sheringham Park and walk through the Park to the coast. We walked along the coast to



Weybourne then inland to



the station where we were lucky enough to see a steam train leaving the station. Then back into the Park and back to the car park. About 7 miles.

June and July 2025...

June 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

The Mill @ Hempnall Coffee Stop

9:30am-12:00pm

The Mill, NR15 2LP (p.7)

Wednesday 4th June 2025

Hempnall WI

7:30pm

The Mill, NR15 2LP (p.8)

Friday 6th June 2025

Killer Darts

7:30pm

The Mill, NR15 2LP

Wild Thing Burgers

From 6:00pm

The Mill, NR15 2LP

Saturday 7th & Sunday 9th June 2025 Himalayan Balsam Pull

10:00am

The Krons Meadows (p.11)

South Yare Art Trail

10:00-4:00pm

(p.9)

Cream Tea

2:00pm-4:00pm

Woodton Village Hall (p.3)

Sunday 8th June 2025

South Yare Art Trail

10:00-4:00pm

(p.9)

Monday 9th June 2025

Hempnall Mobile Library (p.5)

Wednesday 11th to Saturday 14th June 2025

"Spider's Web"

7:30pm

Saxlingham Village Hall, NR15 1AJ

(p.6)

Contact: 07740 947482

Thursday 12th June 2025

Hardwick and Shelton Café

Morning

10:00am-12:00pm

Hardwick Village Hall, NR15 2AB

(p.3)

Friday 13th June 2025

Jason's Fish & Chips

From 6:00pm

The Mill, NR15 2LP

Saturday 14th & Saturday 15th June 2025

Flower Festival

11:00am-4:00pm

St Catherine's Church, Fritton,

NR15 2QT (p.4)

Wednesday 18th June 2025

Seething Community Café

2:00pm-4:00pm

Seething Village Hall, NR15 1EJ (p.9)

Friday 20th June 2025

Peaky Pizzas

From 6:00pm

The Mill, NR15 2LP

Saturday 22nd June 2025

Mere Cottage Open Garden

10:30am-5:00pm

Mere Cottage, NR15 1AL (p.13)

Friday 27th June 2025

Rahelas Rolling Kitchen BBQ

From 6:00pm

The Mill, NR15 2LP

Saturday 28th June 2025

Afternoon Tea

2:00pm-4:00pm

Hempnall Church, NR15 2AD (p.4)

Sunday 29th June 2025 June Group Walk

2:00pm Bramerton Common, NR14 7ED (p.3)

July 2025

Friday 4th & Saturday 5th July 2025 Beer Festival

4th July from 5:00pm 5th July from 2:00pm The Mill Bar, NR15 2LP (p.6)

Wednesday 16th July 2025 Seething Community Café

2:00pm-4:00pm Seething Village Hall, NR15 1EJ (p.9)

Monday 21st July 2025 Topcroft Parish Council

7:30pm The Sports Pavilion, NR35 2BL (p.12)

Friday 11th July 2025 Churros & Chorizo

6:00pm The Mill, NR15 2LP

Friday 18th July 2025 Patron Paella

6:00pm The Mill, NR15 2LP

Friday 25th July 2025 Jason's Fish & Chips The Mill, NR15 2LP



The Hempnall Church & Town Estate Property Charity needs your help in The Krons Meadows

On **Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th June** the Property Charity will be conducting a Himalayan Balsam pull in The Krons Meadows

Although Himalayan Balsam looks nice when in full bloom it is an invasive species and left unchecked, will take over the waterways, and eventually the meadows.

As the charity owns the land in The Krons Meadows & has previously made a permissive footpath through the meadows available to all, without your help the footpath will disappear.

If you could spare a few minutes or hours or days, we would be grateful for your support.

Please meet Trustees in The Krons Meadows near Miss Emery's bridge from 10am

Bring gloves, wheelbarrows & protection for arms & legs from nettles & brambles.



DEFIBRILLATOR

A defibrillator is located at Topcroft's Social Club The Street Topcroft NR35 2BL what3words///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

LONG STRATTON MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP

Swan Lane Surgery, Swan Lane, Tharston, Norwich, Norfolk, NR15 2UY Tel: 01508 530781

The practice is currently in the process of changing to a new electronic patient record system called SystmOne. Go-live with the new system is on 18th July 2025.

The new system will bring substantial benefits for both patients and staff.

We are currently planning ahead of time to limit disruption to our patients and services we provide, further details will be communicated in due course.

All our staff will receive training over the coming weeks as they will need to learn a new system.

We thank you in advance for your patience during this time of transition.

For more information on the system, visit www.tpp-uk.com

Heart Health evening

Our Patient Participation Group have organised this event for Thursday 5th June 2025 at Newton Flotman Village Hall. If you would like to attend this event, please arrive anytime from 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start.

Topcroft Parish Council

Meeting Dates 2025

All meetings are held in The Sports Pavilion, Topcroft Street, NR35 2BL

- Monday 21st July 2025 7.30 pm
- Monday 15th September 2025 7.30 pm
- Monday 17th November 2025 7.30 pm

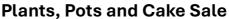
The agenda is displayed on village noticeboards and published on TPC's website https://topcroft-pc.gov.uk three days prior to the meeting. Planning meetings are scheduled as needed, and additional meetings may be arranged if necessary.

 $^{\sim}$ Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings $^{\sim}$

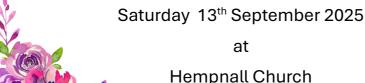
For further details contact the Clerk email: clerk@topcroft-pc.gov.uk or Tel: 07774 734411



Book the date!



on







The 2025 Norfolk Churches Bike Ride on Saturday 13th September!

The Norfolk Churches Trust will be holding there popular bike ride again this year. For further information please see their website https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk/





Open Garden

Sunday 22nd June 2025

10:30am - 5:00pm

Mere Cottage, Seething Street, Seething, NR151AL

£5 per adult – Children go free
In aid of Seething and Mundham
Churches.

Refreshments available

Dogs welcome on leads please.



Summer Garden Party



Sunday 6th July

Hempnall Church Grounds

Strawberries & Cream

Craft Games

Free All warmly welcome





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 Hemphall 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...

The swifts are back!

When we hear this and look up, we know that summer lies ahead.

We don't always see the swifts as they wheel impossibly high in the clear blue sky, but we hear their unmistakable scream as groups of them swoop overhead. The RSPB mentions other migrants that return to the UK in the summer months: in addition to swifts, there are sand martins, house martins, swallows,



ospreys and cuckoos.

Swifts fly 14,000 miles to Africa every autumn and back in the spring. Isn't that amazing? No hanging about in airports, no bookings or refunds for cancelled flights. They just press on regardless of hazards they meet as they pass over the Pyrenees.

Not only birds migrate: butterflies do too, these delicate creatures flying hundreds of miles, using the high currents of air.

Of course, people also have always migrated and continue to do so in their millions, usually in search of a better life, either fleeing from lack of opportunity or repressive regimes but at other times for less fundamental reasons. Just as migrating for the swifts entails many hazards and requires a lot of determination, so in large-scale human migrations there is a huge amount of risk and cost, driven in this case by strong individual self-belief that such action is necessary for their wellbeing.



Less traumatically, there are many who habitually travel to a favourite place on a regular basis every year. It could be to catch up with family members who have already migrated or in search of sunshine or to attend an event, perhaps a national celebration or a sporting activity.

We all frequently give ourselves challenges and make our lives unnecessarily complicated but this also brings rewards which we sometimes only fully appreciate as we look back on our own histories.

Although the old saying (attributed to Aristotle) states that ''one swallow does not a summer make', as we welcome migrant birds, summer really begins. At this time of year the days are long and light and there are lots of reasons to get outside.

We do our own small daily migration to the garden or the park, making the most of whatever opportunity there is. There is more likelihood of meeting neighbours and chatting over the garden fence, to feel part of a community.

So, as we listen to stories of journeys and new experiences, let us, like the swifts, enjoy the feeling of being a part of a community and express this privilege in whatever way suits us.

And let's remember to look up to marvel at the swifts:

Swifts

The swifts winnow the air.
It is pleasant at the end of the day
To watch them. I have shut my mind
On fools. The phone's frenzy
Is over. There is only the swifts'
Restlessness in the sky
And their shrill squealing

Sometimes they glide,

Or rip the silk of the wind
In passing. Unseen ribbons
Are trailing upon the air.
There is no solving the problem
They pose. that had millions of years
Behind it. When the first thinker
looked at them.

Sometimes they meet

In the high air; what is engendered At contact? I am learning to bring Only my wonder to the contemplation of the geometry of their dark wings.

R. S. Thomas

~Jill Turner~

Acknowledgements: 1. Image of swifts: RSPB website at: https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/identifying-birds/swift-swallow-or-martin-a-handy-id-guide | 2. Image of cruise ship at: https://pixabay.com/images/search/cruise%20ship/ | 3. Poem by R.S. Thomas widely available online, including: https://www.marcmywords.co.uk/interesting/a-poem-about-swifts-in-flight-is-the-perfect-antidote-to-your-smartphones-frenzy

Happy June...

We wish all our readers a happy June and a good summer ahead.

Liam Pilgrim and Jill Turner,
Co-Chairs of the Joint Council of the Hempnall Group of Parishes

CHURCH	1 SERVI	CES JUNE 2025	
1st June Easter 7	10:30am	Morning Worship	Seething Church
	10:30am	Morning Prayer	Bedingham Church
	4:00pm	All Age Praise	Hempnall Church
8 th June Pentecost	10:30am	Holy Communion (Revd Richard Lamey, Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry)	Brooke Church
	10:30am	Holy Communion (Bishop David Gillett, former Bishop of Bolton and now Honorary Assistant Bishop in this Diocese)	Hempnall Church
15 th June Trinity Sunday	10:30am	Morning Worship	Thwaite Church
	10:30am	Holy Communion (Revd Sue Hemsley Halls, Diocesan Co-ordinator for AWAs and APAs (Authorised Worship Assistants and Authorised Pastoral Assistants)	Woodton Church
22 nd June Trinity 1	10:30am	Morning Worship	Mundham Church
	10:30am	Celebrating with Animals	Shelton Church
	6:00pm	Evening Service	Zoom
29 th June Trinity 2 and St Peter's Tide	10:30am	Café Church	Topcroft Church
	6:30pm	Patronal Festival (St Peter)	Brooke 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/

Happy Birthday....

Children

⁸ Tia who will be 8

Teenage

8 Ollie who will be 18



From the Registers....

Funerals

- Friday 23rd May 2025, Gwen Harber, aged 90 years. Funeral and Burial at St Peter's Church, Mundham.
- Wednesday 28th May 2025, John Teague, aged 91 years. Funeral and Burial at St Peter's Church, Brooke.



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PARISH COUNCILS

Hempnall Parish Council

Website Address www.hempnallpc.org

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Items for the Village News should be Delivered, Posted or Emailed to: Group Office, The Rectory, The Street, Hempnall, NR15 2AD Fmail:

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