



Village News

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MARCH WALK

Walk on Sunday 17th March

Meet at Hempnall church at 2:00pm

There will be the opportunity to choose from the longer or shorter version of this walk which will take in quiet roads, lanes and footpaths with good views across the local countryside.



There will, of course, be tea and cakes afterwards. All welcome.

For more information please contact Jill Turner 01508 499344

MORE SPRING WALKS

Sunday 28th April 2024	Barsham	Contact Josephine Murgatroyd 01508 530453
Sunday 12th May 2024	Old Buckenham	Contact Jill Turner 01508 499344

Topcroft Church Spring Clean!

Can you spare some time with our annual Spring Clean?

St Margaret's Church, Topcroft
Saturday 23rd March at 10:30am

There will be refreshments to help us as we beaver away.

The more help the quicker we get through it.

Many thanks ~*Topcroft PCC*~



CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED!

St Margaret's Church, Hempnall are looking for volunteer cleaners. Would you be willing to give up a little of your time a few times a year to keep St Margaret's Church looking well kept and welcoming?



If you are interested please contact Jill Turner at jillemturner@yahoo.co.uk

HEMPNALL WI.

Our first meeting of the year was held on Wednesday 3rd January when Philip Mariner from Woodton gave an excellent talk entitled 'Have camera – Will Travel'. We met on the 7th February for our AGM and once our business was over everyone chatted socially and viewed the sales table. We meet next at The Mill on Wednesday 6th March when our speaker is Simon White of Peter Beales Nursery, Attleborough who will be talking about 'Beautiful Bulbs'. We have a very varied programme arranged for the rest of the year so please come and join us. Our WI celebrates its 90th Birthday this year. Any queries about our very friendly WI contact Cindy Brookes 499358.

MOSQUE AND MINARET

Tutor: Charles Lewis

An introduction to Islamic architecture, looking at buildings from across the Muslim world and considering regional styles and their religious and cultural contexts.



Course Number: Q00014012

Thursdays 1.30 – 3.00pm (including tea break)

21 March – 11 April (four sessions)

Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall NR15 1AJ

Fee £25.20 Free to those on certain benefits

For more information please call Cathy (499126) or Peter (498411)

Enrol at www.wea.org.uk or by phone on 0300 303 3464 (office hours)

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- Weekly members outings throughout the year
- Group hires for not-for-profit organisations

Borderhoppa Outings for March 2024

Mon 4th	Beccles - Fare £15.00
Mon 11th	Green Pastures Plant Centre, Apton -Fare £15.00
Thu 14th	Lunch at The Black Horse, Thorndon - Fare £8.00
Mon 18th	Highways Nursery & Shopping Centre - Fare £15.00
Thu 21st	Foundry Plant Centre, Tasburgh - Fare £8.00
Mon 25th	Earsham Hall Tea Rooms - £8.00

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



Easter Bingo

At the Topcroft pavilion

On Wednesday 27th March

7:00pm for 7:30pm start

Great prizes, raffle, hot cross
buns, bar open.



Cafe Morning

Hardwick Village Hall

Thursday 7th March 2024

10:00am-12:00pm

**Chat with old friends,
make new ones**

**The kettle is on
and there will be cake!**

*Bring and buy table to raise funds for
the hall, so cakes and spare
produce most welcome*

Next café date: Thursday 4th April 2024



News from Woodton Primary School

February 2024

The beginning of the New Year has been a busy start for the children at Woodton Primary school.

Our Sycamores class have attended two great sporting events this term; firstly, they participated in a Dodgeball tournament that was held at Hobart high sports hall. We are proud to say they came third place in the event, which was a great result especially as they were three team members short.



Then our Sycamores class took part in the 'Spirit of the Games' festival at the UEA in Norwich, which gave them the opportunity to learn new skills on different sporting games.

We have been fundraising again; this time we wanted to support 'Children's Mental Health week', so we held a non-uniform day. Everyone was invited to dress to express themselves, and were invited to walk down our catwalk to share their outfit of the day.

On the 14th of February, Willows, Sycamores and Oaks invited all parents to come and join in with some Valentines themed Maths activities.

We also held a lovely event this term, which was a 'Creative Celebration' evening. This was open for all children to come celebrate and share with parents and friends their skills in either Music, Art or Literature.



Next term we have more

exciting events happening: the Happy Smile club are coming in to visit all the children, we have a visit planned to Hobart High school for the year 6 Forensic Science day, as well as our Willows class will be attending a Dance festival, plus much much more.



HEMPNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS....



At Hempnall Primary School we are delighted to share some highlights from the recent activities that have been taking place at school. Our students have been on a whirlwind of learning experiences, each designed to inspire creativity, foster collaboration, and contribute to the well-being of our local environment.

1. Pizza Making Extravaganza in Design and Technology (DT): Our budding chefs have donned their aprons and ventured into the world of culinary creativity during our



recent Pizza Making session in Design and Technology with a link to 'Food to Folk'. From kneading the dough to crafting delicious toppings, the children immersed themselves in the art of pizza creation, gaining hands-on experience and a taste for the culinary arts. The aromatic results of their endeavors left our school filled with the delightful scent of teamwork and tasty triumphs. Well done Kestrel and Falcon Class.



2. Shakespeare: Buzzard & Red Kite Class have been visiting the Elizabethan era in their English curriculum. The children were lucky enough to spend a day with an actor with experience from the Royal Shakespeare Company. From lively discussions to engaging

activities, our students explored the works of the MacBeth in an interactive and imaginative manner. The day was filled with laughter, theatrics, and an appreciation for the timeless tales by William Shakespeare. We believe that such immersive experiences spark a lifelong love for literature and language.

3. Talent show for a cause: As we continue to nurture the spirit of compassion and environmental interest, our students are eagerly gearing up for an upcoming Talent Show. This event is not only an opportunity to showcase their diverse talents but also a chance to make a positive impact on the world around us. The proceeds from this show will be directed towards the creation of hedgehog homes and bird boxes, contributing to the conservation of our local wildlife. We are proud of our students for channeling their creativity towards a cause that aligns with our commitment to environmental responsibility.

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 or email hempnalltrust@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

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to help run events or to help out with the Bar.

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

**FOOD TRUCKS
AT THE MILL
HEMPSTALL**

**EAST COAST PIZZAS
SAT 2ND MARCH
FROM 5PM**

**EAST COAST
PIZZA
COMPANY**

The Mill Bar



Saturday nights at the Mill 2024

What's coming up on the 1st Saturday of the month at the Mill Bar Hempnall NR15 2LP.

March 2nd East Coast Pizza Company	April 6th Quiz and Chips Prebooking Essential	May 4th The Brunch Box on Tour	June 1st Hungry Moon Food Box	July 6th Beer Festival Durban Grill Waffle Wagon and live music
August 3rd Global Kitchen	September 7th Broadside Mac and Cheese	October 5th Churros & Chorizo	November 2nd After Fireworks Party	December 7th Surfing Sombrero

Other events coming to the Mill in 2024

1st Friday of the month Killer Darts	Sunday 23rd June Classic Car and Craft Fair	Sunday 17th November Christmas Craft Fair
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Every Friday

Remember the bar is open every Friday from 6pm

Look on our facebook page (facebook.com/themillbarhempnall) for more details

400 YEARS OF THE HEMPSTALL TRUST!

2024 marks 400 years of The Hempnall Trust and we are looking for suggestions and volunteers to run events, any ideas please email hempnalltrust@gmail.com

COMPETITION TIME

We are looking for a local artist to design and install some artwork or mural on a large wall in The Mill entrance lobby. If you're interested, please contact us via email hempnalltrust@gmail.com to discuss your ideas.



Winter 2023/24 Newsletter

Affordable Housing in Hempnall

(Please complete the survey – think ahead)

The parish council continues to take positive action via the planning process in partnership with Saffron Housing to increase the supply of affordable housing in the village. To strengthen this effort, it is important to identify the demand for such housing.



Saffron Housing Trust recently posted out a survey to all homes within the parish seeking responses on the need for Affordable Housing in the local community. Saffron is a registered charity and housing association managing over 6,800 homes across Norfolk and Suffolk and we are working in conjunction with Hempnall Parish Council to explore the possibility of providing a small, sustainable development of Affordable Housing specifically to meet the housing needs of the parish. This covers both rented accommodation and forms of affordable home ownership, including Shared Ownership where between 10-75% equity can be purchased (with rent payable on the remainder).

We strongly encourage all households to complete the survey, even if you are not currently in need of Affordable Housing e.g. if you think you may need to move in to a Millfields style bungalow in the next few years please say so, in order that more properties of this type get built. The survey form can be returned using the pre-paid envelope provided, or alternatively can be completed online via the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/affordnewhousing>. Please note the final date for forms to be returned or completed online is 31st March 2024. Additionally, if you are aware of anyone in your family or any previous resident of Hempnall who has left the village in recent years because they could not afford to remain living there they may also be eligible, so please encourage them to complete the online survey or to get in touch with us for a form. Contact details and further information on the types of Affordable Housing and eligibility can be found on our website at: www.saffronhousing.co.uk.

Flood Prevention Update

Following parish councillors meeting with the Environment Agency (“EA”), final design information and all the permissions and consents are being put in place to allow construction of natural flood management solutions along the southern watercourse above Hempnall (leading to the ford on the B1527 Woodton end of the village) with a view to work starting later this year.



A series of “leaky dams” will be used together with extra flood bunds (water collection ponds) together with 6m buffer strips and hedge planting either side of the watercourse. Along the watercourses east of the village, some existing ponds will be enlarged, and extra woodland buffer plots planted. Collectively these should slow down the flow of water entering the village, thus

making it easier for the existing waterways to deal with water flowing through the village and thus reduce flood risk.

We continue to work with the EA for more measures in other areas of the village.

Footpath cutting

Norfolk County Council is legally responsible for footpath cutting however, we have found that budget issues have led to fewer cuts of fewer paths making some unusable at times. The parish council has therefore resolved to undertake extra footpath cutting this year on key paths in the village.



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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

Topcroft Parish Council

MEETING DATES 2024

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

- Monday 11th March 2024 7.30 pm
- Monday 13th May 2024 7.30 pm
Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting
- Monday 8th July 2024 7.30 pm
- Monday 9th September 2024 7.30 pm
- Monday 11th November 2024 7.30 pm

The agenda is displayed three days before the meeting in the village noticeboards and on TPC's website: <https://topcroftpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>. Planning meetings are arranged as and when required and extra meetings may be scheduled if necessary.

*~ Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings ~
For further details contact the Clerk email: topcroftpc@gmail.com*

FOOD BANK

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

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS:

PASTA
TINNED FISH
TINNED VEGETABLES

NON URGENT ITEMS:

INSTANT NOODLES (NOT POTS)
TINNED POTATOES
MICROWAVE PUDDINGS/CAKES

Donating Food: Items for the food bank can be left at the back of St Margaret's Church, 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/>



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

• 18 March 2024

• 15 April 2024

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



International Women's Day
Coffee Morning
Saturday 9th March
12pm - 2pm
Topcroft Pavilion

Hosted by Topcroft Ladies Cricket Team

Join us on to celebrate International Women's Day

Tea / Coffee and of course cakes!

Open to all women & girls.

Looking to join the girls / ladies team or are you a cricket mum / grandmother / wife / partner?

For more info : topcroftcwg@gmail.com

More pupcakes please ...

On a Saturday morning in February, we trialed a new venture by launching in Hardwick Church a **Pop-up, Drop-in Dog Café** as a means of extending fellowship and hospitality to the many dog-walkers and their companion animals in our local community.

It was an sociable event: around a third of the village's canine population came along and they and their keepers seemed to enjoy each other's company. Some folk who didn't have a dog joined in too, for refreshments and chat.

In particular, home-made pupcakes were a definite hit!

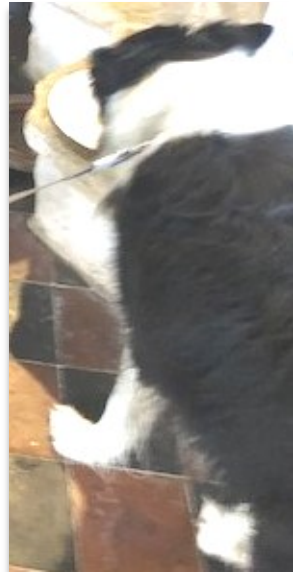
Come in...



Now you see it.....



Now you don't...



A brief exit survey showed an enthusiastic response and a unanimous wish to do it again... So we will...Watch out for further details.

Liam Pilgrim (and with thanks to Christina Sadler for the homemade pupcakes, to June Holden for helping and to Julie Helsby for photos)



LENT LUNCHES AND EMMAUS



Each year during Lent we enjoy simple lunches in aid of charity.

This year we will be supporting Emmaus, locally based in Ditchingham.

Lent is a time for giving as well as 'giving up'!

THE LUNCHES:

The first lunch was held in Topcroft Social Club on Saturday 24th February and there are two to look forward to in March.

The second lunch will be on Tuesday 5th March at Seething Village Hall at 12.00 noon. There will be tasty home-made soups and a range of delicious cakes.

Proceeds from this go to support Seething church and there will also be an opportunity to donate to Emmaus if you so wish.

Contact: **Laura Cowen 01508 550877**

The third lunch will be on Monday 11th March at the Mill Centre in Hempnall at 12.30pm. The lunch consists of a variety of delicious home-made soups followed by cheese and biscuits.

There is no cost, but all donations will be given to Emmaus.

Contact: **Margaret Sparham 01508 499579**

(It will be helpful if you can let Margaret know that you will be coming.)

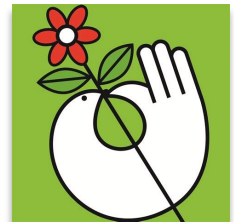
EMMAUS

Emmaus Norfolk and Waveney can be found in part of the old All Hallows Convent buildings in Ditchingham.

'It provides a home, for as long is needed, support and meaningful work opportunities for up to 32 formerly homeless people. This stable environment and the opportunity to gain new skills enables them to regain any lost self-esteem and confidence, helping them to get back on their feet and create a new future for themselves.

As one person says:

"I like getting up in the morning here because I have a purpose and it is my home, which is a great feeling"



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The main building houses an amazing array of second-hand goods: Furniture, household goods, garden equipment, technological goods and much more. There is also a popular restaurant which is well worth a visit. Find out more at: emmaus.org.uk

Later in the summer a speaker from Emmaus will be coming to tell us more about the work that they do and their plans for the future.

RESULTS OF CHRISTMAS QUIZ FROM DECEMBER

The £25 prize for our Christmas Quiz was won by Mrs Sue Smee from Pulham with a fantastic score of 98 out of 100.

Over £100 was raised for EACH (The Nook) East Anglia's Children's hospital and for St Margaret's Church, Hempnall.

Many thanks go to Pat Westly for organizing the quiz again last year.

REPORT ON FRITTON AND MORNINGTHORPE QUIZ NIGHT

A big thank you to all the quizzers who supported the most enjoyable evening.

A special thanks to the Sargent family for allowing the use of the barn for a community event, to Richard of The Butcher's House, Long Stratton for his generous contribution, to Mary Sargent who organised and produced the food, to Susanna Cooper who masterminded the quiz, to the two bartenders, Mark and Tom, and to the all others who gave their assistance in so many ways.

A fantastic total of £1021 was raised for the fabric fund of the two churches.

THANK YOU FROM BEDINGHAM

Thank you to Rev Lynn Chapman who led the Crib Service at Bedingham in December and brought along her puppet which the congregation loved.

The children helped Lynn to find the crackers that had been hidden round the church and then pulling them as they contained the clues to the story.

The service concluded with all singing Away in a manger at the main altar.

Thank you also to Daniel for playing the organ.

Farewell to Lynn...

On Sunday 18 February people from each of the six parishes in the Hempnall Group attended the final service in the Group taken by the Rev Lynn Chapman, licensed to us last March as our Priest-in-Charge. Lynn is also leaving the adjacent benefice of Brooke – where since 2014 she has been, likewise, Priest-in-Charge – to become the Rector of Hethersett.



Lynn and the Group have not known each other long but it has been a busy, eventful period. As Rural Dean, Lynn was our 'go-to' person for assistance when we were in vacancy following Liz's retirement in summer 2022 and she was very helpful in that capacity. Then for the past 11 months we have been working together with her and



the Brooke Benefice to take first steps towards an intended new, joint benefice.

In that time we've benefitted in particular from Lynn's leadership of liturgy and worship, her strong sermons, her musicality: there have been some memorable services. We have experienced her huge commitment of time and energy to her ministry and she has been clear and decisive.

She has also been generous in her hospitality. Those of us attending various meetings with her over the past couple of years have loved her home-made cakes! *[cont. on next page]*



So, we came together at Hempnall to say thanks – and to send Lynn all good wishes for the next phase of her ministry. Following a Hempnall Group-wide collection, we presented Lynn with an attractive hand-made garden trug, filled with plants and garden tools, along with Garden and John Lewis tokens. Thanks to all who donated. Looking to the future, various discussions will be taking place during the spring within the Hempnall Group, with the Brooke Benefice and with the Diocese about ways forward. Meanwhile we shall continue to provide a weekly Sunday service in the Group (in different locations) and there will also be one in the Brooke Benefice.

As in the previous vacancy, we are arranging visiting clergy to take Eucharists and our lay Ministry Team will carry on leading, as now, Morning Worship in a variety of different traditions. That Team has been extended by the re-commissioning (also at the service on Sunday 18 February) of Jackie Mahony as an Authorised Worship Assistant after her break. It currently consists of:

- John Ash (Licensed Lay Minister – LLM), based in the Brooke Benefice
- Liam Pilgrim, Tim Francis and Jackie Mahony (Authorised Worship Assistants – AWAs), based in the Hempnall Group.

Bedingham – Jane Bond

Hempnall – Jill Turner and

Margaret Sparham

Morningthorpe and Fritton – Mary

Sargent (M) and Susanna Cooper (F)

Shelton with Hardwick – Liam

Pilgrim

Topcroft – Jackie Leggett and Liz

Marjoram

Woodton – Denise Walker

Please do contact us –or your Churchwarden*/Designated Contact*– if you have any questions about future arrangements. *These are at present:

Best wishes to all as we move forward together.

Liam and Jill

Liam Pilgrim and Jill Turner

Co-Chairs of the Joint Council of the Hempnall Group

CHURCH SERVICES MARCH 2024...

DAY	TIME	PLACE	SERVICE
Sunday 3rd March 2024 Lent 3	10:30am	Hardwick	Morning Worship
	10:30am	Brooke	Morning Worship
	4:00pm	Hempnall	Family Praise
Sunday 10th March 2024 Mothering Sunday	10:30am	Brooke	Mothering Sunday Service
	10:30am	Hardwick	Mothering Sunday Service
	10:30am	Hempnall	Mothering Sunday Service
	10:30am	Topcroft	Mothering Sunday Service
Sunday 17th March 2024 Passion Sunday	10:00am	Brooke	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Bedingham	Morning Worship
Sunday 24th March 2024 Palm Sunday	10:00am	Hempnall	Palm Sunday Service
	10:30am	Brooke	Palm Sunday Service
	6:00pm	Zoom	Evening Worship
Sunday 31st March 2024 Easter Day	10.30am	Brooke	Easter Holy Communion
	10.30am	Hempnall	Easter Holy Communion

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/>

Holy Week and Easter Services in the Langhale Benefice

Palm Sunday 24th March 2024

10.00am Hempnall Palm Procession and service
10.30am Brooke Family worship for Palm Sunday

Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March 2024 in Holy Week

9.00pm Zoom Compline (*See our website for further details*
<https://hempnallgroup.co.uk/>)

Maundy Thursday 28th March 2024

7.00pm Topcroft Holy Communion

Good Friday 29th March 2024

10.00am Thwaite Benefice Pilgrimage (see separate details)

Easter Eve 30th March 2024

6.00pm Brooke The Easter Vigil
7.30pm Brooke The New Fire

Easter Day 31st March 2024

10.30am Brooke Family Communion for Easter Day
10.30am Hempnall Holy Communion for Easter Day



SPECIAL SERVICES IN MARCH

Good Friday Pilgrimage 29th March 2024

The Brooke Benefice has a well established tradition of making a pilgrimage round all five churches on Good Friday. This year the Hempnall Group is being invited to join in. Beginning in the church at Thwaite, we'll stop at each church on the way for a short reflection. There'll be a lunch stop too for hot cross buns. You are welcome to come to one of the services or to just walk with us; some of the way, or the whole journey. Four legged friends are welcome too. For full details of timings, so that you can pick whatever is right for you, see next page or our website: hempnallgroup.co.uk

The Easter Vigil and Lighting the New Fire

We keep the ancient tradition of waiting for Easter to arrive—but a bit earlier than our ancestors—by sharing in the Easter Vigil from 6pm on Easter Eve (30th March). Meeting in Brooke Church Room we share a simple meal of bread and cheese as we listen to the stories of our faith, from the Creation to the birth of Jesus.

As soon night falls (about 7.30pm) we light a fire in the churchyard and then take the light into the dark church to celebrate the dawning of Easter and the new life it brings. Afterwards there will be hot chocolate and marshmallows for all. This is a wonderful family occasion so come along and give it a try. (You don't have to come to the Vigil first.)

The Good Friday Pilgrimage

As we remember Jesus' journey through Jerusalem to the cross we go on our own pilgrimage around the churches of the Brooke Benefice. At each church we will pause for a short act of worship, before setting off on our journey again.

All are welcome. Come just to walk or just to pray. You may wish to join in by car. You may want to come to some of the day, or you may wish to be with us for all of it. Four legged friends who like to walk are welcome to come along too.

Hot cross buns and a cup of tea or coffee will be provided at Mere Cottage, Seething. You are welcome to add your own picnic if you wish.

Meditations begin at the times listed below and last approximately ten minutes. We will leave a few minutes after each one for the next venue.

Friday 29th March 2024

10:00am	St Mary's Church, Thwaite
11:20am	St Peter's Church, Mundham
12:00pm	Mere Cottage, Seething - Lunch Stop
1:00pm	St Margaret's Church, Seething
1:50pm	St Margaret's Church, Kirstead
2:30pm	St Peter's Church, Brooke

Easter Egg Hunt

Hempnall Church Grounds



2pm Friday 29th March

Free

*All welcome. Various levels of difficulty
suitable for all ages*

Easter craft, songs, Easter message

Happy Birthday to....

Children

- * Thea who will be 11 on the 13th
- * Esme who will be 8 on the 24th

Teenage

- * Monty who will be 16 on the 6th
- * Briannon who will be 17 on the 21st
- * Ethan who will be 14 on the 21st
- * Tiffany who will be 17 on the 24th
- * Isobelle who will be 13 on the 27th



From the Registers....

Funerals

- †8th February 2024, Barbara Race, aged 94 years.
Funeral & Burial, St Margaret's Church, Hardwick.
- †12th February 2024, Trevor McGregor, aged 74 years.
Burial of Ashes, St Peter's Church, Brooke.
- †16th February 2024, Iris Ellen Jordan, aged 84 years.
Cremation, St Faiths Crematorium, Norwich.
- †27th February 2024, Lily Amelia Hinkley, aged 87 years.
Funeral & Burial, All Saints' Church, Woodton.



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