



Village News

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May Group Walk

The next walk is on the **Thursday 8th of May**, it will start at Sheringham Park National Trust car park NR26 8TL.



The walk is approximately 7 miles; we will start promptly at 10:00am and head out towards the coast at Weybourne.

Head east along the coast and then go south through Sheringham Park back to the car park. After the walk those who wish will head to the Old Reading Rooms in Kelling for lunch. Please contact David & Margaret on 01508 482562 and let us know if you intend to come, so that we don't leave without you.

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.



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.

May 21st - June 18th - July 16th.

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

Please contact Julie 07984309452



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.

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

Borderhoppa Outings for May 2025

Thurs 1st	Bungay Town (Market Day) - £10.00
Thurs 8th	Lunch at Earsham Hall Tea Rooms – Fare £8.00
Mon 12th	Lowestoft Town / Sea Front - £20.00
Thurs 15th	Harleston Town - £8.00
Mon 19th	The Foundry Garden Centre, Tasburgh - £8.00
Thurs 22nd	Breakfast at Billingford Horseshoes – £8.00
Thurs 29th	Southwold - £20.00

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

• **12 May 2025**

• **9 June 2025**

• **14 July 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 Community Walk

Sunday 11th May

**Meet 10.00am at Hempnall Village Hall, Bungay Road, Hempnall,
NR15 2NG.**

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 food producing farmland, cherished footpaths and bridleways. The route will highlight what impacts this proposal will have on Hempnall.

Bring family, friends and dogs!

The walk will take approximately an hour with refreshments on sale when we return to the village hall.

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

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 of the month

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

THE HEMPSTALL TOWN ESTATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

**Supporting learning and life opportunities
for Hempnall residents of all ages**

Are you or your child looking to take up a new learning activity?

Does this mean paying for course fees, field trips or study materials?

Are you or your child planning to take up a new sporting or cultural activity?

Does this mean financing coaching fees, club fees or other expenses?

Are you thinking of exploring new career opportunities?

Does this mean funding vocational training or interview expenses?

***If you've lived in Hempnall for one year or more.....you can
apply for support from the Hempnall Town Estate Educational
Foundation***

Applications are not means tested

For more information and application forms:

Look online at <https://hempnalltrust.org.uk/https-hempnalltrust-org-uk-town-estate-educational-foundation/>

Email the clerk at hteef.clerk@gmail.com

Application forms are also available at:

Hempnall Surgery, Hempnall Primary School,

Hempnall Church, The Mill Centre, The Village Hall

Topcroft Open Gardens

Sunday May 25th and Monday 26th

11:00am-5:00pm

Please save these dates in your diary to either consider opening your garden if you are a resident in Topcroft or to come and look around our beautiful gardens, large and small. Proceeds in aid of Topcroft Parochial Church Council. For further details, please contact Daphne 01508 482448 or email: daphnebeckett@gmail.com





**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS WANTED

Guaranteed personal satisfaction,
helping your local community
and meeting new people too!

Free time?
Expenses paid

You can make a difference

01986 896896
info@bactcommunity.org.uk



South Yare Art Trail

Artists & Makers open their
studios to the public where
you can see, experience & buy art

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th June 2025
Open 10am to 4pm - Free Entry

There will also be an art workshop,
demonstrations, exhibition,
open gardens & refreshments
to enjoy along the trail.
Please see our website
to plan your visit.

www.SouthYareArtTrail.co.uk

Topcroft Parish Council

Meeting Dates 2025

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

- Monday 19th May 2025 - 7.30 pm
- 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.

~ Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings ~

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

LONG STRATTON MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP

Swan Lane Surgery, Swan Lane, Tharston, Norwich, Norfolk, NR15 2UY

Tel: 01508 530781

I love the month of May. The world around us looks brighter, greener and sprinkled with colours of flowers in every nook and corner. There's a spring in our step and one wants to be out in the garden. This year, the practice PPG have been focusing on delivering a Heart Health event evening at the Newton Flotman community hall. When I initially heard about the topic, I wondered why the PPG had chosen the Heart as it's theme. It really isn't rocket science. We hear about someone having some form of heart disease whether Angina, Heart attacks, coronary artery disease or valve problems. These are lifechanging events that affect our lives.

The British Heart Foundation Factsheet January 2025 shows some glaring facts under the heading '**Today in the UK**'

1. 480 people will die from a heart or circulatory disease
2. Around 130 of them will be below 75 years of age
3. 270 hospital admissions will be due to a heart attack
4. 180 people will die of coronary heart disease
5. 7.6 million people are living with a heart or circulatory disease

These are worrying figures. We do have to reflect and consider how we can look after ourselves, look after each other and how we can improve the heart health of the country.

PREVENTION is always the first line. This is all about lifestyle which includes

1. Healthy diet
2. Stop smoking if a smoker
3. Safe drinking levels: 14 units or less in a week
4. Regular exercise

Risk factors include

1. Diabetes: it is crucial to get the HbA1c within safe range
2. Hypertension/ high BP – reduce salt, exercise, take medication regularly and get the figures to safe levels
3. Cholesterol should be checked and if high, look at diet, exercise and if necessary, medication
4. Obesity and overweight – try hard to get the weight to a safe range

In summary, a healthy diet and exercise are crucial. Let us work hard to keep ourselves healthy physically and mentally.

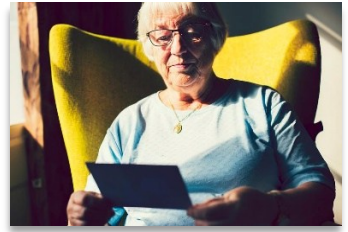
The PPG will let you know as soon as the date for the Heart Health evening has been set.

Stay Safe.

~Mini Nelson~

A word from Rosedale.....

Here at Rosedale, when we run our bereavement support groups, week three can be quite a difficult week for participants. We ask them to bring in a photograph of their loved one and talk for about five to ten minutes about them. Most people feel trepidation about doing this as they worry they will get upset or freeze. For some, even bringing in a photograph is a major milestone as they may not have been able to look at photos since their bereavement.



Just for this week, we ask that participants focus on the life of their loved one, rather than their illness or the circumstances of their death. In this way, we are trying to see the big picture and understand that their death is a small part of who they are and the full life they have lived. Everyone is different but being with someone as they died can be a mixed blessing. We may feel grateful we were with them as they passed away but also be traumatised by the experience. Some find that their mind keeps replaying unpleasant memories they would rather forget. Sharing photographs is about reframing what has happened and putting their death into the much bigger context of their life.

In reality, as is true with so many things, the build-up and anticipation is usually worse than doing the thing itself. As they recall how they met, special moments, holidays or their funny quirks, there are often tears and usually lots of laughter. Almost without exception, most participants find that talking about their loved one's life offers a therapeutic release and an opportunity to recall and appreciate the happy times they shared. As facilitators, it is always lovely to see the group members bonding together as they reach a deeper level of empathy.

Memories can be bittersweet and we may get upset, but crying is a normal response to grief. Our loved ones will always be part of us. We are the person we are today, partly because of them. They live on in us.

Talking to others who are also grieving can be very supportive. Rosedale's groups are free and open to everyone. Call 01379 640 810 to reserve your place.



This article was written by Sarah Howard, Rosedale Funeral Home Bereavement Support Group Facilitator

May and June 2025...

May 2025

Friday 2nd May 2025

Wild Thing Burgers

From 6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

Sunday 4th May 2025

Spring @LifeSpring

All-age Community Church

The Mill, NR15 2LP (p.16)

Monday 5th May 2025

The Mill @ Hempnall Coffee Stop

9:30am-12:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

(p.7)

Thursday 8th May 2025

May Group Walk

10:00am

Sheringham Park, NR26 8TL (p.3)

VE Day 80th Anniversary

Celebration

Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall

(p.15)

Friday 9th May 2025

Bacon Butties Again!

The Chequers, Mill Road, Hempnall

(p.13)

Peak Pizzas

From 6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

Sunday 11th May 2025

Hempnall Community Walk

10:00am

Hempnall Village Hall, NR15 2NG

(p.6)

Spring @LifeSpring

All-age Community Church

The Mill, NR15 2LP (p.16)

Monday 12th May 2025

Hempnall Mobile Library (p.5)

Tuesday 13th May 2025

Bedingham Parish Annual

General Meeting

7:00pm

Woodton Village Hall (p.14)

Friday 16th May 2025

Wok Truck

From 6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

Sunday 18th May 2025

Spring @LifeSpring

All-age Community Church

The Mill, NR15 2LP (p.16)

Monday 19th May 2025

Topcroft Parish Council Meeting

7:30pm

The Sports Pavilion, Topcroft,

NR35 2BL (p.9)

Tuesday 20th May 2025

Woodton Village Hall Committee

of Management Annual General

Meeting

6:00pm

Woodton Village Hall (p.14)

Wednesday 21st May 2025

Seething Community Café

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.8)

Spring @LifeSpring

All-age Community Church

The Mill, NR15 2LP (p.16)

Monday 26th May 2025

Topcroft Open Gardens

11:00am-5:00pm (p.8)

Friday 30th May 2025

Chim Chim Thai

From 6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

June 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

The Mill @ Hempnall Coffee Stop

9:30am-12:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

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Friday 6th June 2025

Wild Thing Burgers

From 6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

Saturday 7th June 2025

Himalayan Balsam Pull

10:00am

The Krons Meadows (p.3)

South Yare Art Trail

10:00-4:00pm

(p.9)

Cream Tea

2:00pm-4:00pm

Woodton Village Hall (p.15)

South Yare Art Trail

10:00-4:00pm

(p.9)

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

Contact: 07740 947482

Friday 13th June 2025

Jason's Fish & Chips

From 6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

Saturday 14th June 2025

Flower Festival

St Catherine's Church, Fritton

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Bacon Butties Again!

In the garden at

The Chequers

Mill Road

Hempnall

Friday 9th May 2025

9:30am to 12:00 noon

Eat in or take away

Vegetarian option available.

Also: cakes, produce, plants, books
and raffle

Orders may be made in advance by
contacting Jill Turner 01508 499344

All proceeds in aid of St. Margaret's
Church

Saturday 15th June 2025

Flower Festival

St Catherine's Church, Fritton

(p.16)

Wednesday 18th June 2025

Seething Community Café

2:00pm-4:00pm

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

Friday 20th June 2025

Peaky Pizzas

From 6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

Saturday 22nd June 2025

Open Garden

10:30am-5:00pm

Mere Cottage, NR15 1AL (p.4)

Friday 27th June 2025

Rahelas Rolling Kitchen BBQ

From 6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Centre, NR15 2LP

Thank You!

Thank you to all the people that helped with annual Morningthorpe and Fritton Litter Pick. Thankfully not as much litter as in previous years. Thank you Will Sargent for picking up behind us.

Thank goodness It was such a lovely day to be out in fresh air.

Thanks again from Carol McDonnell on behalf of parish council.



Lent Lunches

There were three Lent Lunches this year at Topcroft, Morningthorpe and Hempnall and as a result £ 200 was sent to Emmaus.

Thanks to everyone who supported these lunches either by contributing delicious soup or helping or coming along.

Thank You!

Emily and Phil would like to thank all their supporters who helped and attended the Spring Bake Sale fundraiser in Woodton for their up-and-coming London Marathon in aid of P.H.A.B. (physically handicapped / Abled Bodied: Reg 23931).

The total sum raised was £485.50

Woodton Village Hall Committee of Management Annual General Meeting will be held at 6pm on May 20th in the Village Hall

Anyone interested in becoming involved with helping this marvellous community venue is invited to come along to meet the committee and find out how you can get involved.

The postponed Bedingham Parish Annual General Meeting Will be held at 7pm on May 13th In Woodton Village Hall

All residents of the Parish are invited to participate
Enquiries to Caroline Seaman—Parish Chair | bedinghamparish@gmail.com

VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebration
Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall -Thursday
8th May

Expect an evening of fun and entertainment including live singing, music and dancing, plus a sausage and mash supper, Victory Cake and licensed bar. There'll also be Victory Punch (with or without alcohol) on arrival, and a raffle with fantastic prizes!

If you'd like to turn up in 1940's dress that would be encouraged, though by no means essential. Just come along and soak up the atmosphere! Requests for 1940's songs accepted in advance.

Tickets (£15) are available to book at secretary@sn-villagehall.co.uk or ring 01508 826516.

The great thing is that all the profits from the evening will go to the Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall charity.

The Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall will be open between 10am -12pm on Saturdays 19th, 26th April and 3rd May to collect reserved tickets or to purchase tickets (cash only).

Tickets selling fast!



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.





Flower Festival at St Catherine's Church, Fritton

**Saturday 14th and
Sunday 15th June 2025**

The theme for the festival will be films. If you would like to enter an arrangement please contact Sandra Stark by 25th May at

stonerose1323@gmail.com

or on 01508 499308 or alternatively Susanna Cooper on 07767 613946.



All-age Community Church

Sunday 4-5pm

The Mill

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May

**Facebook@LifeSpring
Hempnall**

All warmly welcome

Hardwick and Shelton

Cafe Morning

Thursday 12th June

10-12



At Hardwick Village Hall

Coffee, tea, cake and chat

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.

The Spring has sprung!

It's all started happening again.

The clocks have changed, we've had plum blossom, blackthorn and now may in our hedgerows - so we can definitely begin to think about casting a clout.

Sameness is comforting even for the restless spirit; each day is a new start and there is that moment when we open the curtains to see what the weather is like and wonder what the new day will bring.



Woman at a Window
by Caspar David Friedrich (1822)
(Credit: Getty Images)



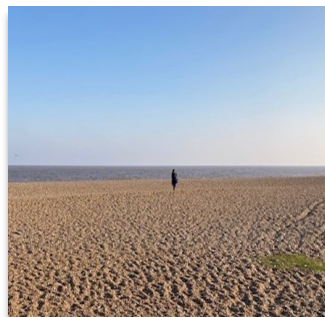
At this time of year, we can look forward to longer days whatever the weather and our thoughts turn to holidays or at least days out. We can plant seeds as the soil warms up and suddenly everything takes off. Signs of new life and vibrant growth are all around. How can we possibly keep up with all this energy?

As for the birds, they are doing it all: building nests, filling them with eggs and waking us early every morning with their exuberant songs. The skylarks are pouring out a waterfall of sound as they ascend to impossible heights and then descend still bubbling determinedly. Migrants are returning from their long flights to Africa ready to benefit from the emergence of insects. Soon we will hear the swifts screaming over our rooftops and see them wheeling in the sky.

How can we harness this wealth and abundance of promise, how respond with generosity and contribute our share of wellbeing? This is the challenge of Spring.

First of all, we can enjoy it and wherever possible share it. We can also look back over the good things that have happened by chance during the last cold months and add these memories to our store of goodwill and gratitude.

We need to allow ourselves to stop being busy, to stand and wonder, look up at the sky, whatever colour it is, but especially when it's the colour of bluebells.



Sit still for 5 minutes or more somewhere outside, in a garden, on a bench, by the sea, in woodland or a park and observe what is happening around you. I have recently discovered that there are nearly 300 species of bees!

Traditionally May has been a month full of romance and fun, dancing round Maypoles and crowning the May Queen.

It is a time to revel in the 'now'

George Macdonald, a 19th century writer and pastor, says this:

'Work is not always required. There is such a thing as sacred idleness, the cultivation of which is now fearfully neglected.'

Happy May-time!

~Jill Turner~

To all our readers:

The Hempnall Group of Parishes

Just a note to confirm that we are continuing to advertise for our two clergy posts (one full-time and one part-time) to serve across both the Hempnall Group of Parishes and the adjoining Brooke Benefice. Meanwhile our existing arrangements remain in place, i.e.:

- a) information on weekly services is publicised in Village News and our Weekly Benefice News
- b) any enquiries about weddings, baptisms and funerals should be directed to the Group Administrator (contact details on back page)
- c) requests for Home Communion or other pastoral support can be made through the Group Administrator or our parish Churchwardens or other Designated Persons (contact details in churches)
- d) any safeguarding concerns should be directed to our Group Safeguarding Officer (contact details in churches).

We continue to pray together...

*May we treasure the past with thanksgiving,
may we embrace the future with hope,
may we journey ahead with confidence
in God's love and power
now and always,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

All good wishes,

Liam Pilgrim and Jill Turner

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

Revd Canon Lynn Chapman

We are sorry to have to pass on the sad news of the death of the **Revd Canon Lynn Chapman** on Sunday 27th April. Lynn was our Priest-in-Charge of the Hempnall Group for a year from March 2023 - April 2024 and of the Brooke Benefice for 10 years from 2014-24, before moving to be Rector of Hethersett. Lynn was also made an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral in February this year for services to the Diocese. Having received a cancer diagnosis in spring 2024 Lynn undertook chemotherapy last year and appeared to be recovering well, having resumed full duties, but a couple of months ago her health suddenly and rapidly deteriorated and she has been in hospital and then a nursing home for the last several weeks.

We hold Lynn in prayer and also her father and other family. Information regarding her funeral (to be held at Wymondham Abbey) will be published, when available, in *Weekly Benefice News*.

Liam Pilgrim and Jill Turner

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

CHURCH SERVICES MAY 2025...

4th May 2025 Easter 3	10:30am	Holy Communion	Brooke Church
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Morningthorpe Church
	4:00pm	All Age Praise	Hempnall Church
11th May 2025 Easter 4	10:30am	Morning Worship	Thwaite Church
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Woodton Church
18th May 2025 Easter 5	10:30am	Morning Worship	Brooke Church
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Topcroft Church
25th May 2025 Easter 6	10:30am	Morning Worship	Kirstead Church
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Hempnall Church
	6:00pm	Evening Service	Zoom
29th May 2025 Ascension Day	10:00am	Holy Communion	Brooke Church
	7:00pm	Holy Communion	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/>

Happy Birthday....

Children

🕯️ Aila who will be 6 on the 9th



From the Registers....

Baptisms

🕊️ Sunday 6th April 2025. Baptism of Scarlett Emily Rose Flint at St Margaret's Church, Hempnall.

🕊️ Sunday 6th April 2025. Baptism of Leon Anthony Hugh Fisher at St Margaret's Church, Hempnall.



Funerals

✝ Wednesday 9th April 2025, Geoffrey Maeer. Burial of Ashes at St Margaret's Church, Seething.

✝ Tuesday 22nd April 2025, Barrie Buckland, aged 93 years. Funeral and Burial at St Andrew's Church Bedingham.

✝ Tuesday 22nd April 2025, Andrew Michael Matthewson, aged 61 years. Funeral and Burial at St Margaret's Church, Hempnall.

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