



# Village News

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## NOVEMBER GROUP WALK

### Walk from Poringland - Sunday 24th November 2024

The walk will start at 2:00pm from the layby on the B1332, just south of Poringland. It will be about 3 miles on footpaths and quiet lanes. Tea and cakes will be provided at the home of Daphne and John in Poringland. All welcome. If you would like to join the walk, please call 07801 329419 so we don't leave without you.



### Group Walk coming up in 2025

9th February 2025 at 2:00pm. There will be a walk of about 3 miles in the local area. Contact Andy March or Jill Turner 01508 499344



JOIN US IN HEMPSTALL CHURCH FOR

# A FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 24TH  
4PM

join our community choir or children's nativity!  
Contact Hannah Gray 07801 355 758  
or  LifeSpring Hempnall



## A Family Christmas Celebration

### 24th December

### Hempnall Church

Would you like to be involved in this year's Christmas Eve Celebration? Nativity play, Community Choir, Mini-band, Christingle... Get in touch: Hannah Gray 07801 355758. Rehearsals start late November on Sunday



late afternoons.

All very welcome- no experience necessary!



## Topcroft Christmas Bingo

**Wednesday  
4th December 2024  
at**

**Topcroft Pavilion**

**The bar will be open and  
there will be mince pies and  
great prizes.**



## SEETHING & MUNDHAM COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Wednesday 20th November 2024

2 till 4pm

Seething & Mundham Village Hall

Look forward to seeing you all.

Any offers of help or cakes would be  
welcome!

please contact JULIE 07984309452

# Topcroft Parish Council

## MEETING DATE 2024

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

- Monday 11th November 2024 7.30 pm

*The agenda is displayed three days before the meeting on the village noticeboards and 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](mailto:topcroftpc@gmail.com)*

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

### **Borderhoppa Outings for November 2024**

- Mon 4th      Taverham Garden Centre – Fare £18.00
- Mon 11th    Lunch at The Four Horse Shoes, Thornham – Fare £8.00
- Mon 18th    Bury St Edmunds – Fare £18.00
- Mon 25th    Lunch at The White Horse, Stoke Ash - Fare £8.00

To book or for more information please call 01379 854800  
or visit our website [www.borderhoppa.org](http://www.borderhoppa.org)



### **Mobile Library Timetable**

Village	Stop Name	Arriva	Departure	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

• **25 November 2024**

• **23 December 2024**

• **20 January 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

# FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS



## THE MILL BAR HEMPNALL - 6PM

13 SEP - CHIMCHIM - THAI  
20 SEP - YELLOW DOOR EATS - PIZZA  
27 SEP - THE BUCKET LIST - LOADED FRIES  
11 OCT - EAST COAST PIZZA  
18 OCT - WILD THING - BURGERS  
8 NOV - DIRTY FRYER BOYS - BURGERS  
15 NOV - THE TAPAS SHACK  
22 NOV - DURBAN GRILL - SA STREET FOOD  
29 NOV - HUNGRY MOON - WRAPS & BOWLS  
20 DEC - FISH AND CHIPS



# HEMPNALL TRUST GRANTS

**IT'S OKAY TO  
ASK FOR HELP**



**Are you struggling with the cost of living  
or have an unexpected expense?**

The Hempnall Trust provides grants for residents experiencing need, hardship, or distress. If you've lived in the Hempnall for a year, or more, then you could be eligible for one of our grants, with no means testing involved.

If you would like further information, please contact  
07504 699 534 or [hempnalltrust@gmail.com](mailto:hempnalltrust@gmail.com)

All correspondence is handled in complete confidence and  
with the utmost discretion.



## MILL COFFEE STOP

**Do you want to escape your  
Monday morning chores and have  
an enjoyable time with friends?  
Everyone is welcome for coffee,  
cakes and more at Hempnall Mill  
Centre on Monday 4th November,  
9.30-12.00  
*All profits for the Mill Centre***



**Friends of Seething  
Church Christmas Fair  
Saturday 16th November  
2-4pm  
to be held in the church**

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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:

**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/>



# Woodton Parish Council

## Autumn 2024 Newsletter



**Development off Church Road (Planning Reference 2023/1386)** – The Parish Council gave a presentation at the Planning hearing at the County Council Offices in August. Despite strong objections raised on behalf of residents and sincere concerns from Norfolk County Council Highways, the Lead Flood Authority, and also on Heritage issues sadly the planning for 50 houses on this site was approved by a vote of 8:1. Part of the conditions include a wider viewing splay at the junction of the B1332 and Church Road and the speed limit for some – but not all – of Church Road will be reduced to 30mph. We welcome both these safety improvements.

We understand building by Crocus Homes will probably commence during the second half of 2025, but we will keep you informed as we fully understand this is the most important issue to have occurred in Woodton for many years.



**Halloween in the Community Wood** – This annual special – and spooky – event will take place on Halloween Night – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. The wood will be decorated and your wonderful creative pumpkins should please be placed in the wood that week ready to be lit on THE NIGHT. Kick off is at 6.00pm followed by drinks and refreshments.

**Remembrance Services** - Short services will be held at Woodton and Bedingham churches on Sunday 10th November. Both services will be at 10.50am so please come along.



**Christmas** – Father Christmas is planning to make his visit to the Community Wood on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Time 4:00 or 4:30pm (to be confirmed) but start thinking about writing your letters to Santa which can be placed in the red postbox in the Wood during December. Presents for all and carols to be sung make this a very special way to start Christmas, so please come along.



**Dog Bins & Notices** – Our usual plea for dog owners to please be more responsible for clearing up their dog's mess. New signs have now been installed throughout the village as a firm reminder and a replacement bin is now in place at the bottom of Chapel Hill near Sunnyside.

**Ravens Den** – The Shelter at Ravens Den has now been refurbished and looks very smart. Please enjoy using it when having fun on all the great equipment at the Den.





# Woodton Parish Council

## Autumn 2024 Newsletter



**King's Head Pub** – The success of both the pub and the Roti II restaurant continues thanks to the hard work of Sami, Chelsea and their team, who have now been in the village for a year. The Sunday Music Afternoons proved very popular and these, together with regular quizzes and much more make this the place to be! You will always receive a very warm welcome and they are open every day except Tuesdays.



### Community Wood

**Paths** – The hard paths have been recently re-laid making them safer for all users, particularly after heavy rain. Fortunately we had sufficient CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funds of £14,000 put aside for this project and thank you to the contractor who did a fantastic job.

**A Certificate of Achievement** was awarded as part of the 2024 Norfolk Community Awards in recognition of all the hard work and dedication by the team of willing volunteers who give so much of their time and energy to keep the Wood so beautiful. A big thank you and well done to everyone involved – it's hugely appreciated.

**Clean Up & Bloom Grant** – We were successful in being granted £300.00 towards future planting in the Wood and additional trees and lots of bulbs are due to be planted this autumn and winter.

**Growing Area** – These raised beds do not just look after themselves and we are looking for a volunteer or two who might be prepared to maintain these ready for next year. Please contact any Parish Council member – it is not a big job and only requires a small amount of time.

**Bark Spreading & Maintenance** – As always thank you to everyone who has helped with these jobs recently. We still will continue to ask for help from residents when we need it and working party sessions usually take place on Saturday mornings about three times a year. You may be approached!



**Defibrillator** – The defibrillator situated on the Village Hall wall is due to be replaced next year and thanks to match funding from the Government's Community Defibrillator Scheme we have decided to apply for a grant now while it is still available. It's vital that we keep this piece of equipment up to date and fully operational at all times. Once the new equipment is installed we hope to run a training session for residents as it's important everyone knows how it should be operated.

**Speed Cameras** – We now have two new SAM2 cameras in the village thanks to match funding from the Parish Partnership Scheme. The balance was paid for from our own CIL funds. Speeding continues to be of major concern throughout the village despite our efforts – and at considerable expense – to address the problem. The Police still make regular visits to the village to monitor the speeding issues. Please, please do your bit and stick to the speed limit for the sake of everyone's safety.



**Flooding & Reclaim the Rain** – Monitoring equipment is now installed on the side of the B1332 opposite the School and the entrance to The Street to collect data on the flow of water in the Beck. This data will help Reclaim the Rain understand the changes of hydrology particularly in times of heavy rainfall.

All comments and suggestions for future Newsletters are always welcome so please give us your ideas – details are on the Parish Council website <https://woodtonpc.wixsite.com/woodtonpc>. Meeting dates are also listed – you are all welcome to attend any of these to hear what is going on, so please come along



Please join us for a

# Christmas Craft Fayre

Hempnall Mill  
NR15 2LP  
1ST DEC 2024 10.30AM-3PM

Variety of stalls including  
wooden gifts, resins, toiletries  
and raffle!  
Refreshments will be available

All proceeds raised to  
support the Hempnall Trust



WHIZZ • BANG • WHOOSH • CRACKLE • WHISTLE • POP

THE FRIENDS OF...  
HEMPNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

# FIREWORKS

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

• HEMPNALL PLAYING FIELD  
GATES OPEN 5PM FIREWORKS BEGIN 7PM  
★ PRE BOOK TICKETS ONLY!  
BOOKING DETAILS COMING SOON

BBQ  
LICENSED BAR  
MULLED WINE  
SWEET TREATS

PLEASE NO SPARKLERS!



THE SAXLINGHAM PLAYERS  
... PRESENT ...  
CHARLES DICKENS'

# A CHRISTMAS CAROL

4TH - 7TH DEC 7.30 PM  
MATINEE 2.30PM 7TH DEC 2024

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE VILLAGE HALL

ADAPTED BY  
KAREN LOUISE  
HEBDEN

ADULTS £10, 16s & UNDER £6 - BOOK AT [SAXLINGHAMPLAYERS.ORG.UK](http://SAXLINGHAMPLAYERS.ORG.UK) OR CALL 07740947482

## **A word from Rosedale Bereavement Support.....**

I love this time of year, Autumn being my favourite season. I channel my inner Dane, embrace the Hygge and take every opportunity to enjoy blustery walks in the chilly air, followed by warming food and drinks by the fire. There is nothing quite like cosying up in a comfy armchair with a blanket and a good book or magazine. I think I share much in common with hedgehogs because I like to hibernate when the season of falling leaves arrives!

I know that not everyone shares my preference and it seems that most people I talk to, lament the end of summer. Many dread the end of long, warm days and the opportunity to be out and about as much as possible. This is especially true of those who are bereaved, particularly those who now find themselves living alone.

Motivation can wane and doing anything can feel like more of an effort. However, it is more important than ever at this time of year, to make self-care a priority.

Self-care can sound a bit selfish but it really just means taking time to look after yourself and doing things that make you feel recharged and warm inside. It might involve spending time alone, to rest and relax or reaching out to engage with others.

This could mean volunteering for an organisation or charity which gives a sense of purpose by knowing we are helping others and making a positive difference in the world.

We can also make time to meet with others. Inviting someone round for a coffee or meal, or going out together, could mean a lot to someone who also lives alone.

Those who are bereaved can sometimes experience feelings of guilt if they start to enjoy life again and engage with others. This is not unusual and does not mean that we are leaving our loved ones behind or being disrespectful to them. It simply means that we are trying to make the most of the life we have now. We are all entitled to experience joy, happiness and connection in life – it's what makes life worth living.

So, this Autumn, make time for self-care: Meet with others, enjoy some good food, watch an uplifting film, read a good book, have a long soak in a fragrant bubble bath or whatever else makes you feel warm inside.

Our next Bereavement Support Groups start in January. All our groups are free and open to everyone. Please book your place by calling 07901 888 122 or pop into your local Rosedale branch.



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

# *What's on in October and November...*

## *November 2024*

### **Friday 1st November 2024**

#### **Killer Darts**

from 7:30pm

Hempnall Mill Bar, NR15 2LP

### **Saturday 2nd November 2024**

#### **Fireworks Display**

From 7:00pm

Hempnall Playing Fields, NR15 2NG  
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#### **Bar Open after Hempnall**

#### **Firework Display**

Hempnall Mill Bar, NR15 2LP [p.6]

### **Monday 4th November 2024**

#### **Mill Coffee Stop**

9:30am-12:00pm

Hempnall Mill Bar, NR15 2LP [p.6]

### **Friday 8th November 2024**

#### **Hempnall Parish Council**

#### **Meeting regarding East Pye Solar**

7:30pm

Hempnall Village Hall, NR15 2NG  
[p.15]

#### **Food Truck Friday**

#### **Dirty Fryer Boys**

6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Bar, NR15 2LP [p.6]

### **Monday 11th November 2024**

#### **Topcroft Parish Council Meeting**

7:30pm

Topcroft Sports Pavilion, NR35 2BL  
[p.4]

### **Monday 11th - Monday 18th November 2024**

#### **Operation Christmas Child**

#### **Shoebox Appeal**

#### **National Collection Week**

(For more details see page 18)

### **Friday 15th November 2024**

#### **Food Truck Friday**

#### **The Tapas Shack**

6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Bar, NR15 2LP [p.6]

### **Saturday 16th November 2024**

#### **Hempnall Church Christmas Fair**

10:00am-1:00pm

Hempnall Village Hall, NR15 2NG  
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#### **Friends of Seething Church**

#### **Christmas Fair**

2:00pm-4:00pm

Seething Church, NR15 1DN  
[p.6]

### **Wednesday 20th November 2024**

#### **Seething & Mundham Community Café**

2:00pm-4:00pm

Seething & Mundham Village Hall,  
NR15 1EJ [p.4]

### **Friday 22nd November 2024**

#### **Food Truck Friday**

#### **Peak Pizzas**

6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Bar, NR15 2LP [p.6]

### **Sunday 24th November 2024**

#### **November Walk**

2:00pm

Poringland [p.3]

### **Friday 29th November 2024**

#### **Food Truck Friday**

#### **Hungry Moon**

6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Bar, NR15 2LP [p.6]

### **Saturday 30th November 2024**

#### **Topcroft Christmas Bazaar**

11:00am-3:00pm

The Pavilion, Topcroft, NR35 2BL  
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## **December 2024**

### **Friday 1st December 2024**

#### **Christmas Craft Fayre**

10:30am-3:00pm

Hempnall Mill, NR15 2LP [p.10]

#### **Killer Darts**

from 7:30pm

Hempnall Mill Bar, NR15 2LP

### **Wednesday 4th December 2024**

#### **Topcroft Christmas Bingo**

Topcroft Pavilion [p.4]

### **Wednesday 4th-Saturday 7th December 2024**

#### **The Saxlingham Players**

##### **'A Christmas Carol'**

7:30pm

(Matinee 2:30pm Saturday 7th  
December 2024)

Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall  
[p.10]

### **Saturday 7th December 2024**

#### **Surfing Sombrero**

#### **California Burritos**

5:00pm

Hempnall Mill Bar, NR15 2LP

### **Friday 13th December 2024**

#### **Food Truck Friday**

#### **Peaky Pizzas**

6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Bar, NR15 2LP

### **Friday 20th December 2024**

#### **Food Truck Friday**

#### **Jason's Fish & Chips**

6:00pm

Hempnall Mill Bar, NR15 2LP [p.6]



## **You are warmly invited to Our Commemoration Service**

*Remembering our loved  
ones who have died*

## **At Hempnall Parish Church On Sunday 3th November 2024 at 3:00pm**

Do let us know if you hope to come; there  
will be space for all to be comfortably  
seated. Everyone is warmly invited to stay  
for refreshments after the service.

The Group Office, The Rectory, The Street,  
Hempnall, Norwich, NR15 2AD  
(office hours: 9am-12.30pm Mon-Thurs)  
Tel: 01508 498157 - Email:  
hempnallgroup.office@btinternet.com





**SATURDAY  
16TH  
NOVEMBER  
2024**

**A Christmas Craft Fair will be  
held in Hempnall Village Hall  
on Saturday 16th November  
2024  
from 10am - 1pm  
in aid of St. Margaret's Church  
Hempnall.**

Why not come and find that special  
Christmas gift or card?

Coffee, tea & cakes, raffle.

Offers of help, Raffle prizes and  
cakes or biscuits would be much  
appreciated.

Please contact Yvonne Davy  
or Jill Turner 01508 499344  
email [ydavy01@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ydavy01@yahoo.co.uk)



**Christmas Bazaar  
The Pavilion Topcroft  
Saturday 30th November  
11am - 3pm**

Would you like to have a space to  
sell your Crafts such as Pottery,  
Jewellery, Beauty Products,  
Textiles or anything interesting? If  
you would like to help in any way,  
raffle prizes, homemade cakes or  
help on the day it would be much  
appreciated. Spaces £10 and if you  
could provide your own table that  
would be helpful.

*All proceeds to St Margret's Church,  
Topcroft*

Please contact Jackie 482 267  
or [jacqueline.leggett@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:jacqueline.leggett@btinternet.co.uk)



## Nominations now open for the Broadland and South Norfolk Business Awards 2025

Nominations are open for Broadland District and South Norfolk Councils' Business Awards sponsored by local law firm Birketts LLP.

Businesses based in the two districts are invited to nominate themselves in any of the ten categories to be in with a chance of winning a prestigious award.

Businesses are invited to nominate themselves in the following categories:

Business Growth, Business Innovation, Employer of the Year, Environmental Impact, Excellence in Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering, Excellence in Insurance, Financial and Professional Services, Food and Drink Producer of the Year, New Business, Small Business of the Year and Tourism Business of the Year.

Residents are also invited to vote for their favourite Retailer of the Year and Pub of the Year. By voting they will automatically be entered into a prize draw and be in with a chance of winning £100 of shopping and pub vouchers. There will be four lucky winners, two from each district.

Nominations close on Friday 13 December and winners will be announced on 19 March 2025 at an awards ceremony at Norwich City Football Club.

To nominate your business, or to vote for your favourite retailer and pub, visit [www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/businessawards](http://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/businessawards)



Example image only

**You are invited** to a parish meeting organised by Hempnall Parish Council on **Friday 8 November at 7.30pm** in Hempnall Village Hall.

This is an opportunity for **your views** to be heard about the proposed **East Pye Solar** development in and around Hempnall and many surrounding villages



### War and the Mind

On the 11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month, or the nearest Sunday, we traditionally remember in the UK those service men and women who died in war in and since the 20th century.

Of course, many beyond the military had their lives turned upside down and we think today of those who still suffer from conflict across the world.

What motivates people to start and support wars? How do humans think, feel and act during conflict? How do we make sense of the devastating conflicts that have shaped our world?

An exhibition at the Imperial War Museum in London entitled War and The Mind explores the psychological effect of war. \*

Its exhibits include 'lucky charms' carried by service personnel:



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*Enduring War: A baby's mitten carried by Flying Officer George Shrimpton on bombing missions during his service with the RAF in the Second World War.*

The exhibition explores, too, the psychological challenges faced by civilian populations in adjusting to a 'new normal' in times of war, which might include threats of violence, fear of attack (whether from air raids, nuclear weapons, rockets or drones) and the terror of separation from loved ones.

How do the non-military cope with this shattering experience, of so much change and the removal of such a lot that they value? Some flee, as the Ukrainians and many others around the world have done. Some get involved

by offering practical or intellectual skills: driving, cooking, nursing, interpreting, filling in gaps and supporting where needed. Others 'keep the home fires burning' and try to maintain a kind of stability. The exhibition illustrates how, in times of intense pressure and huge disruption, some discover new capabilities and a new resilience.

What can we carry forward from those experiences?

Firstly, there is a recognition of mutual dependency and mutual support: all, military and civilian people, rely on their colleagues, friends and neighbours and the generosity of strangers.

Secondly, we can ourselves, in our own setting, seek to be examples of 'good neighbours' and 'generous strangers'.

For instance, some have welcomed Ukrainian families or other refugees into their homes and have found their lives enriched by this experience. We can support charitable organisations which do amazing work, in this country and elsewhere, with those who are 'dispossessed', in many different ways: as an example, down the road from here, Emmaus at Ditchingham enables homeless people to rebuild their lives. Some of the companions from the community there have just completed the 400-mile Via Beata pilgrimage to raise awareness and money.

As we remember with gratitude those named on war memorials, may we be uplifted by inspirational, ordinary people; may we find the positives in unexpected changes; may we try to be 'good neighbours' and 'generous strangers'.

*Lord, may we remember you are with us, may we find your peace, may we show your love and may we not be afraid.*

With best wishes to all

Jill Turner and Liam Pilgrim

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

*\* The exhibition at the Imperial War Museum, London runs until 27 April 2025:*

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/events/war-and-the-mind>.



# Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

## National Collection Week (11-18 November 2024)

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 160 countries and territories. Over 11.3 million shoebox gifts were collected globally in 2023, with 237, 735 collected in the UK.

We will be supporting Operation Christmas Child again this year with their Christmas Shoebox campaign. You are invited to fill a shoebox with items to delight children across the world on Christmas morning, assuring them that they are not forgotten and giving them an experience of love.

Shoe boxes are available from the Group Office or you can fill your own box. Why not join with some friends to fill a box, or fill a box from your organisation or club. Perhaps you are unable to get out and about or just don't have the time to go shopping. Why not build a shoebox online! For details see the website: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-online> which will give full instructions.

Ideas for what to put inside are available at the Operation Christmas Child website: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox> along with full instructions.

If you are the crafty type there are also knitting, crochet and sewing patterns to download on the website here: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/resources/54>

Boxes must be returned to the Group Office by **Monday 18th November 2022**

***The Group Office is open Monday-Thursday 9:00am-12:30pm***

***Telephone: 01508 498157***

***Email: [hempnallgroup.office@btinternet.com](mailto:hempnallgroup.office@btinternet.com)***

## **Revd Michael Windridge - appointment as Rural Dean of Depwade Deanery (and licensed as Associate Priest in the Hempnall Group)**

As reported in the previous issue of *Village News*, the Bishop of Norwich recently announced the appointment of the Revd Michael Windridge as Rural Dean of Depwade Deanery and (to enable that appointment) Michael's licensing to the Hempnall Group (the title to be 'Associate Priest').

The commissioning / licensing service to give effect to this was held in Hempnall Church on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Conducted by Bishop Ian of Thetford and with over 60 people in attendance from across the Deanery, it was a joyful occasion.

Many will recall that Michael was a Curate in the Hempnall Group in the 1990s and he has been a resident in one of our parishes for many years. In his role as Rural Dean he will be supporting clergy and church ministry and mission in benefices across a wide area (from Brooke to Mulbarton, including Long Stratton).

During our vacancy Michael and several other local clergy have kindly been assisting with provision of Holy Communion services, funerals, weddings, baptisms etc, while our lay ministry team lead a variety of other services. Those existing arrangements will continue while we seek to put in place the intended new clergy package, as described in the October issue.

Liam Pilgrim and Jill Turner

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

**The Brooke Benefice and The Hempnall Group**

# **Remembrance Day Services**



## **Sunday 10th November 2024**

10:00am Remembrance Service in Brooke Church

10:00am Remembrance Service in Seething Church

10:50am Act of Remembrance at Hempnall War Memorial

*Followed by* 11:15am Remembrance Service in  
Hempnall Church

10:00am Act of Remembrance in Bedingham Churchyard

10:50am Remembrance Service in Fritton Church

10:50am Remembrance Service in Hardwick Church

10:50am Remembrance Service in Topcroft Church

10:50am Act of Remembrance in Woodton Church

12:30pm Act of Remembrance in Hardwick Airfield

# CHURCH SERVICES NOVEMBER 2024...

3rd November <b>All Saints' Day</b> 4 before Advent	10:30am	Joint Benefice Holy Communion	Hempnall Church
	3:00pm	Commemoration Service	Hempnall Church
	3:00pm	Commemoration Service	Seething Church
	6.30pm	Commemoration Service	Brooke Church
10th November <b>Remembrance Sunday</b> 3 before Advent	10:00am	Remembrance Service	Brooke Church
	10:00am	Remembrance Service	Seething Church
	<b>10:50am</b> Act of Remembrance at Hempnall War Memorial followed by <b>11:15am</b> Remembrance Service at Hempnall Church		
	10:00am	Act of Remembrance	Bedingham Church
	10:50am	Remembrance Service	Fritton Church
	10:50am	Remembrance Service	Hardwick Church
	10:50am	Remembrance Service	Topcroft Church
	10:50am	Act of Remembrance	Woodton Church
	12:30pm	Act of Remembrance	Hardwick Airfield
17th November 2 before Advent	10:30am	Morning Worship	Brooke Church
	4:00pm	Evensong	Hardwick Church
	4:00pm	Family Praise	Hempnall Church
24th November <b>Christ the King</b> Sunday next before Advent	10:30am	Morning Worship	Brooke Church
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Bedingham Church
	6:00pm	Evening Service	Via Zoom

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 to....

### *Children*

- \* Evie who will be 11
- \* Harry who will be 5
- \* Jack who will be 5
- \* Charlie who will be 9

### *Teenage*

- \* Samuel who will be 16
- \* Georgie who will be 15
- \* Alfie who will be 18



## From the Registers....

### *Funerals*

- † 10th October 2024, Blanche Lyon, aged 89 years. Funeral and Burial at St Mary's Church, Shelton.
- † 22nd October 2024, Adeline Richardson Halton, aged 97 years. Funeral and Burial at St Peter's Church, Brooke.
- † 22 October 2024, Geraldine Flatt, aged 72 years. Funeral and Burial at St Mary's Church, Shelton.
- † 26th October 2024, David Taylor, aged 73 years. Burial of Ashes at St Margaret's Church, Hemphall.





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