VILLAGE NEWS

November 2026

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Hempnall Christmas Craft Fair



Once again St Margaret's Church Hempnall will be holding a Christmas Craft Fair in Hempnall Village Hall on **Saturday 14th November 2026 from 10:00am-1:00pm**.

This is a popular event, and all are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served and there will be a grand Raffle.

We would very much appreciate it if you could please be able to provide cakes, scones, buns or biscuits for the refreshments at the Christmas Craft Fair to be held in Hempnall Village Hall on Saturday 14th November .

Contact Yvonne Davy 01508499405 email ydavy01@yahoo.co.uk or Jill Turner 01508499344 Sent from my iPad

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

Tinned Meat, Fruit Juice (Longlife), Plain Rice (not instant), Tinned Potatoes, UHT Milk, Rice Pudding

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 a great way to support the Food Bank.
For further details see this website:
https://waveney.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/

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Planning – As always, this matter is of major concern to the Parish Council following approval of 8 further houses on Church Road, and another house on both The Street and on the corner of Sunnyside and Chapel Hill. We await the decision for 3 houses on the field opposite the King's Head Pub.
When will it end in what was once a compact rural village? It will also be interesting to observe how the sale of all the unsold properties progress in such an uncertain market.



Greater Norwich Local Plan 2045 – The Parish Council have responded strongly to the recent Scoping Consultation highlighting that we do not consider further housing growth in Woodton as viable or justified.



East Pye Solar Project – Woodton submitted a detailed report to the Planning Inspectorate objecting, yet again, to this huge project. All parishes affected by this application are also strongly opposed and continue to fight their corner!



Halloween – This year there will not be a community event in the Wood to celebrate Halloween. The hard-working organisers are taking a break but read on!!





Christmas in the Community Wood – Date to be confirmed - This event is very much part of the Woodton Christmas calendar, so get your letters to Father Christmas ready for posting in the postbox which will be situated in the Wood the week before. He loves coming to see everyone in Woodton so make sure you're there to meet him and join in the fun.



Christmas Carols at All Saints Church, Woodton – Again date to be confirmed – Everyone will receive an invitation to what has become a regular annual event. It's a lovely way to get into the Christmas mood so please come along. Everyone is very welcome!





Community Wood – We have applied for a Nature Conservation Grant to tidy and replant the area recently acquired from South Norfolk Council close to the growing area behind the bungalows in Tensing Street. Fingers crossed for a positive result for a much needed – and exciting – project. More to follow later!

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Village Hall – The Hall is now looking FANTASTIC with more projects planned dependent on successful grant applications. A National Lottery grant has been awarded for the installation of solar panels and replacement front windows. Applications for funding towards the kitchen refurbishment are pending decisions and the Yard Sale in July raised a valuable £700.00 towards this project. Much more is planned – so watch this space and don't forget to book a slot for any party or event you might be planning. Contact Janet Ridden on 07354 397622.



People on Probation - The regular visits continue and the many tasks covered recently are painting of railings, painting of the outside porch and meeting room at the Village Hall, scrubbing village signs and the usual task of bark spreading in the wood. But the list is not finished yet!





King's Head Pub – We hope everyone has spotted that lunches, steak and fish & chips evenings are now available at the King's Head in addition to the Roti Restaurant. Please support the pub and keep an eye on the board outside and the Community Page for updated information on what is happening.

Litter Pick – The Litter Pick in May, for the which the Parish Council received a grant of £50.00, covered mainly the outlying areas of the village. Many thanks to all those who willingly took part.









Harry Clarke's Legacy - The magnificent Owl wood carving has arrived and hopefully you've spotted him in the Community Wood. This is a fitting tribute to Harry Clarke who loved the wood. The rest of his generous legacy will go towards further events in the village over the next few years.





Councillors – Fiona McCrostie stepped down from the Parish Council this summer after seven years as Vice Chair. She is owed a big thank you for all her work, especially on planning matters and her eye to detail. She will be greatly missed.

Please Come to Meetings - Everyone is very welcome to all the Parish Council meetings and it gives you the opportunity to learn in more detail all the matters summarised in this Newsletter. The next two meetings are on Monday 19th October and Tuesday 8th December 2026 – both at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Come and meet the team!



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



Topcroft Christmas Bingo

Wednesday 9th December, 7:00pm for 7:30pm start at the Sports Pavilion Topcroft Street NR35 2BL

Great prizes, mince pies, bar open and maybe even some singing!! Come and join in the fun.

Funds go towards the upkeep of the pavilion and playing field

Sue Herring – sueherring63@gmail.com



The Mill, Hempnall Community Coffee Stop

Everyone welcome for coffee, cakes and more.

At the Mill@ Hempnall
9:30am-12:00pm
1st Monday of the month
2nd November, 7th December

All profits for the Mill Centre.

Request from Ann Waterhouse

Ann has lived in Poringland since 2002 but has had Hempnall connections all her life. Her grandparents lived on Bungay Road, and to this day she has had relations in the village from both sides of her family. In 1956-58 her late husband was the Methodist minister in Hempnall and Hardwick.

She has been hoping to find, without success, copies of the 3-volume book 'Bedingham 1066-2001' which was written by Margaret Latham and Ruth Hadman, published in about 2016, and given to every house in the village. If anyone can help Ann obtain copies of this book please contact the Benefice Office on 01508 498157 or by email on hempnallgroup.office@btinternet.com

borderhoppa
transport for the community

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

Could you help Borderhoppa?

We're looking for a few new **volunteer Trustees** to join the Borderhoppa board and help guide our community transport charity.

You don't need previous trustee experience – just an interest in supporting your local community. Skills in areas such as finance, HR, fundraising or marketing are always welcome, but they're certainly not essential.

The commitment is small, with board meetings usually held once a month (often less), giving you the chance to make a real difference to people who rely on our services. To book or for more information please call 01379 854800 or visit our website www.borderhoppa.org

Borderhoppa Outings for November 2026

Mon 2nd – The Foundry Garden Centre, Tasburgh - £8
Thurs 5th – Thorndon Black Horse – Dial-a-Ride
Mon 9th – Cherry Lane Garden Centre, Pulham Market – Dial-a-Ride
Mon 16th – B&M and Beccles Town - £15
Thurs 19th – Goodies Breakfast and Farm Shop – Dial-a-Ride
Mon 23rd – Blackthorne Barns Xmas Shop and Tea Room - £15
Thurs 26th – Snape Maltings - £15
Mon 30th – Tea & Cakes at The Penoyer Centre, Pulham – Dial-a-Ride

Topcroft Parish Council

Meeting Dates 2026

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

Monday 16th November 2026 - 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 meetings
For further details contact the Clerk email:

Norfolk County Council

Mobile Library Timetable

CEN 424 Bedingham, Earsham, Denton, Alburgh, Wortwell, Woodton

Village	Stop Name	Arrival Time	Departure Time	Postcode
Earsham	Village Hall	10:00	10:20	NR35 2TZ
Denton	Norwich Road (just past Sunbeam Cottage)	10:30	10:45	IP20 0BB
Denton	Village Hall (Norwich Road)	10:50	11:05	IP20 0BD
Denton	Ex Post Office	11:10	11:30	IP20 0AN
Denton	The Old School	11:35	11:50	IP20 0AE
Alburgh	Mill Farm, Mill Road	12:00	12:15	IP20 0DS
Alburgh	Village Hall	12:20	12:30	IP20 0AD
Wortwell	Willow Close	13:40	14:00	IP20 0EG
Wortwell	The Packway	14:05	14:25	IP20 0HE
Bedingham	Bedingham Green	14:50	15:05	NR35 2DB
Bedingham	Green Lane(Rose Cottage)	15:10	15:25	NR35 2AS
Woodton	The Close (Triple Pleas Road)	15:35	16:05	NR35 2NS
Woodton	Suckling Place	16:05	16:15	NR35 2NL
Woodton	Kings Head	16:20	17:00	NR35 2LZ

Thursday **19 November** **2026**

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

Plants, Pots and Cakes on 26th September - *Thank You!*

Thank you to everyone who took part in this event, by helping, providing delicious cakes, second hand books or plants and thank you to all who supported us by coming along.

We were lucky to have a glorious autumn day and were delighted to raise **£622** for Hempnall Church.

Norfolk County Council

Mobile Library Timetable

CEN 120 Hempnall, Hempnall Green, Topcroft, Fritton

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	NR15 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

Monday **23 November** **2026**

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

Topcroft Church Room Charity

Are you, or do you know of anyone in the Parish of Topcroft, who is about to embark on a further education course? There are funds available for books, course fees, materials or equipment. The trustees would be glad to hear from anyone young or not so young.

This would be in complete confidence.

For further information please contact
Jackie Leggett on 01508 482267.



The Mill Bar

Opening Christmas Eve & New Year's Day!

Food trucks from 6pm

06 November **D-Lish curries**
(change from advertised)
13 November **Peaky Pizza**
20 November **TFI Vegan**
(change from advertised)
27 November **Moody Cow**
04 December **Get me to the Greek**
11 December **Peaky Pizza**
18 December **Wok Truck**

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR PARISHIONERS

The Hempnall Town Estate Educational 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 confidentially and informally. Please contact Ian (see below).

Application next deadline is 1st January 2027 - forms are available online:

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.

Ian Nelson, Clerk to the Trustees, Karinya, Bungay Rd, Hempnall, NR15 2NG. or email to 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 PROOF OF PAYMENT



The Hempnall Trust

Hempnall Trust

The Hempnall Trust is a charity that was set up to help Hempnall 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 our monthly Coffee Mornings, weekly lunch club, 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.

Get paid to help The Hempnall Trust when you switch your electricity to Octopus Energy!

If you would like to get a great deal on your energy bill - and help The Hempnall Trust out in the process, you can switch your energy supplier to Octopus using the link below which will give you £50 credit on your account when you switch **and** will give £50 to The Hempnall Trust too!



<https://octopus.energy/quote/?affiliate=thehempnalltrust>

Long Stratton Medical Partnership

Autumn Update

We were pleased to welcome Dr Lauren Fleming to the Practice on 13 October. She works three days (six clinical sessions) each week.

Elaine has also joined us as a full-time healthcare assistant, covering Bernie's maternity leave. When Bernie returns, Elaine will remain as a permanent additional team member. We are closely monitoring housing developments and occupancy levels to plan for future population and demographic changes.

Our autumn flu and COVID-19 vaccination campaign are well under way. Eligible patients are encouraged to attend when invited.

Since introducing total triage in May, we have received over 14,000 requests through SystmConnect on our website by the end of August. Each request is reviewed to ensure patients receive the most appropriate care.

Telephone lines can still be busy, particularly on Mondays. However, X-On Surgery Connect figures show average daily calls fell by around 19%, from 384 before 11 May to 313 afterwards. Between January and August, our team handled nearly 59,000 calls, spending over 4,100 hours on the telephone. We will continue to monitor access to our services.

We encourage patients to download and use the NHS App. Long Stratton Library offers a drop-in service to help you download and get started with the app.

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we develop our services.

If you have comments or would like to join our Patient Participation Group, please email longstrattonppg@gmail.com.

Keith Burnett
Practice Business Manager

Seething Community Cafe
Seething and Mundham Village Hall, Seething NR15 1EJ
Community Lunch 1st Tuesday of the month **12:00 noon-2:00pm**
Soup, Roll, Tea, Cakes, Biscuits
£8.00p/person All welcome

Community Tea 3rd Wednesday of the month **2:00pm-4:00pm**
Tea, Cake Biscuits
£4.00 p/person All welcome
Profits towards Church funds

Thanks for any help you can give, and we hope you can join us.
Julie 07984309452
julieelwin@hotmail.co.uk

THANK YOU to all who helped raise **£450** on Charity Day on 21st October!

Hardwick and Shelton



Café Morning

Thursday 5th November

10-12

At Hardwick Village Hall

Catch up with friends and neighbours as the nights grow longer – All are welcome!

Christmas Café Morning: Thurs 3rd Dec

Any profits go to upkeep of Hardwick Village Hall

HEMPNALL WI.

Our October meeting was held at The Mill on Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 7.30pm. Our business part of the meeting was held first then we were given a very interesting talk by Rosie Wilkins entitled The Medieval Leech Wife. It was a very interesting and unusual talk. Mrs Freeman gave the vote of thanks and refreshments were then provided by Mrs Hill and Mrs Tooms.

Our next meeting takes place on Wednesday 5th November which is our Annual Meeting at 7.30pm at The Mill. Hempnall WI are also having a tombola stall at the Church Christmas Fayre on Saturday November 14th at Hempnall Village Hall.

If you are interested in joining our very friendly WI please contact Cindy Brookes 01508 398521 or email cindylbrookes@icloud.com.

Monthly Walk



Sunday 1 November 2:00pm

There will be a walk of about 3 miles
from the home of John and Daphne, off the Ridings in Poringland.
Parking is available on The Ridings at NR14 7GJ.

The walk will be on quiet lanes through woodland and field edges.
Well behaved dogs are welcome
Tea will be at the home of Daphne and John.

For further information and/or to let them know you are coming,
telephone or text 07801329419

People's Emergency Briefing
Community Screening

This film (50 mins) presents the National implications of climate and nature breakdown along with credible, positive responses.

It's supported by: *National Trust*
RSPB
Campaign to Protect Rural England
Several UK universities
Royal Meteorological Society.

It concerns EVERYONE and EVERYONE is welcome

Sunday 22 November 3pm
Hempnall Village Hall, NR15 2NG
Hosted by The Hempnall Group of Parishes
Discussion will follow the film

Please book your **FREE tickets** by using the QR Code or use link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/manage/events/2002991655962/details>



What's On in November and December 2026...

Sunday 1 November 2026
November Group Walk
Poringland [See page 14 for details]

Monday 2 November 2026
Community Coffee shop 9:30-12:00
The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP
[See page 6 for details]

Tuesday 3 November 2026
Seething Community Lunch Group 12:00-14:00
Village Hall, Seething NR15 1EJ
[See page 20 for details]

Wednesday 4 November 2026
WI meet on 1st Wednesday
7:30pm All welcome
The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP

Thursday 5 November 2026
Hardwick and Shelton Cafe Morning 10:00am-12:00pm
THardwick Village Hall
[See page 13 for details]

Village Lunch Club
The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP
[See page 11 for details]

Bible Study 7:00pm
The Vicarage, Brooke, NR15 1JU
[See page 21 for details]

Friday 6 November 2026
The Mill Bar
Darts from 7.30pm
Food Truck from 6:00 pm [See page 10 for details]

Thursday 12 November 2026
Village Lunch Club
The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP
[See page 11 for details]

Bible Study 7:00pm
The Vicarage, Brooke, NR15 1JU
[See page 21 for details]

Friday 13 November 2026
The Mill Bar
Food Truck from 6:00 pm [See page 10 for details]

Monday 16 November 2026
Topcroft Parish Council Meeting
7:30pm Sports Pavillion, Topcroft NR35 2BL

Wednesday 18 November 2026
Seething Community Tea
14:00-16:00 £4.00 Seething and Mundham Village Hall, Seething NR15 1EJ

Thursday 19 November 2026
Village Lunch Club
The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP
[See page 11 for details]

Bible Study 7:00pm
The Vicarage, Brooke, NR15 1JU
[See page 21 for details]

Bedingham Mobile Library
[see page 8 for details]

Friday 20 November 2026
The Mill Bar
Food Truck from 6:00 pm [See page 10 for details]

Sunday 22 November 2026
Hempnall Village Hall 14.:00-15:00
Peoples Emergency Briefing Film
[see page 14 for details]

Monday 23 November 2026
Hempnall Mobile Library
[see page 9 for details]

Thursday 26 November 2026
Village Lunch Club
The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP
[See page 11 for details]

Bible Study 7:00pm
The Vicarage, Brooke, NR15 1JU
[See page 21 for details]

Friday 27 November 2026
The Mill Bar
Food Truck from 6:00 pm [See page 10 for details]

Thursday 3 December 2026
Hardwick and Shelton Cafe Morning 10:00am-12:00pm
Hardwick Village Hall
[See page 13 for details]

Village Lunch Club
The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP
[See page 11 for details]

Bible Study 7:00pm
The Vicarage, Brooke, NR15 1JU
[See page 21 for details]

Friday 4 December 2026
The Mill Bar
Food Truck from 6:00 pm [See page 10 for details]

Monday 7 December 2026
Community Coffee shop 9:30-12:00
The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP
[See page 6 for details]

Wednesday 9th December
Topcroft Christmas Bingo
Sports Pavillion, NR35 2BL
[See page 6 for details]

Thursday 10 December 2026
Village Lunch Club
The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP
[See page 11 for details]

Bible Study 7:00pm
The Vicarage, Brooke, NR15 1JU
[See page 21 for details]

Friday 11 December 2026
The Mill Bar
The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP
Food Truck from 6:00 pm [See page 10 for details]

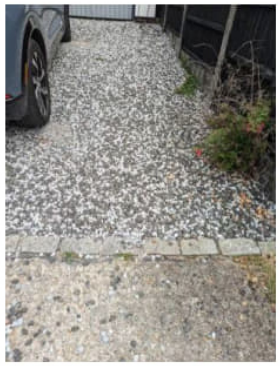
Thursday 17 December 2026
Village Lunch Club
The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP
[See page 11 for details]

Bible Study 7:00pm
The Vicarage, Brooke, NR15 1JU
[See page 21 for details]

Friday 18 December 2026
The Mill Bar
Food Truck from 6:00 pm [See page 10 for details]

Hempnall Parish Council

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Stones from driveways on Pavements

A resident has fallen as a result of stones from a driveway being allowed to encroach onto the pavement.

This could have led to legal action for damages against the owner of the driveway.

If you have such a driveway, please ensure any stones that creep onto the pavement are regularly swept back onto the driveway. Thank you.

Overhanging hedges – No thanks

If you have a hedge next to a pavement, please ensure it is cut back so as not to inconvenience pedestrians or create a danger to them by making them walk on the road. If there are no nesting birds in the hedge it can be cut all year round.



Hempnall Speedwatch Team



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

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

Parking on pavement – No thanks

Many parishioners, especially those with children's buggies or disability vehicles are put in danger if vehicles park on the pavement. It is also illegal to do so. Please encourage people you see doing it not to.



Meet your new parish councillor



Mr Kenneth O'Leary was co-opted to the parish council in July 2026. Ken was born in Hampshire and moved to Norfolk aged 14. He has always enjoyed music, motorcycling and sport. He is player manager/ coach for Framlingham Earl WFC and also an active member of a multi sports club in Norwich and a member of Hempnall short mat bowls club.

He retired from his event organising business in 2020 when covid restrictions were in place. He is married to Linda and has lived in Hempnall since January 2024 having lived in Kirstead previously.

Councillor/Clerk	Telephone No.	Email address
David Hook – Chairman – Tree Warden	01508 498187	hookd74@yahoo.com
Phil Bates – Footpath Officer, Data Protection Committee	07957 803120	phil.bates@hempnallpc.org
Joan Cann	01508 498743	joan.cann1944cann@btinternet.com
Richard Delf -Vice Chairman - Playing Field Liaison	01508 499788	richard@delfsgarage.co.uk
Ken O'Leary	07368 302317	kenoleary49@gmail.com
Hamish Rose	01508 498486	hamishandgeorgina@btinternet.com
Mike Turner- Tree Warden - SAM2 Officer - Highways Liaison	01508 499423	mike.turner45@btinternet.com
Peter Workman - Playing field Liaison	01508 830266	pworkman@hempnallpc.org
Ian Nelson - Clerk	01508 498467	theclerk@hempnallpc.org

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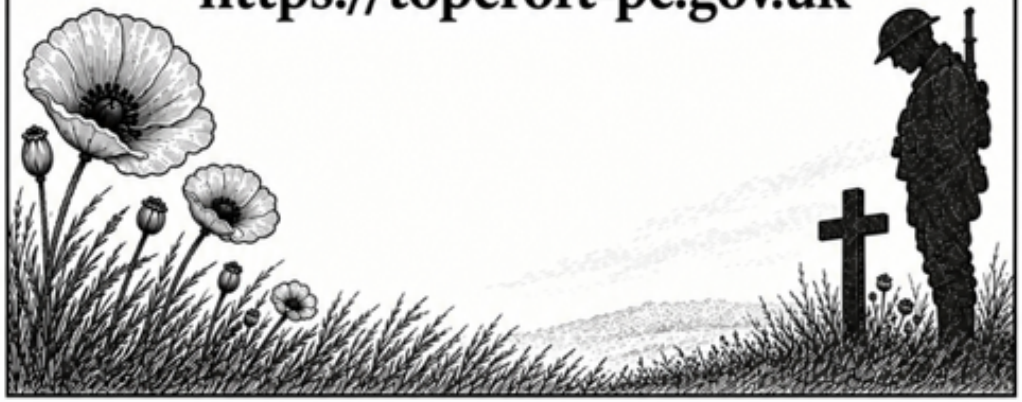
Write to the Clerk at Karinya, Bungay Rd, Hempnall, Norwich, NR15 2NG. theclerk@hempnallpc.org

Remembering the Fallen

As we pause to remember the brave men and women from our local communities who gave their lives in the service of their country, we would like to remind you that more information about the fallen from Topcroft can be found on the Topcroft Parish Council's website.

Please visit the Topcroft Parish Council's website to find out more and help us keep their memory alive.

https://topcroft-pc.gov.uk



Everyone is welcome to join our

BIBLE STUDY

EVERY **THURSDAY** **7pm start**

THE VICARAGE
105 The Street, Brooke, NR15 1JU

07722 413589

The Rev'd Austin Uzoigwe,
Priest in Charge of The Brooke Benefice
and of The Hempnall Group of Parishes

STUDY TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER, SERVE IN LOVE

Church Services November...

From Brooke Vicarage.....



Looking out of my window each morning, I am landscape is changing. The trees are dressed in brown, while leaves gently fall to the ground. The evenings are drawing in, and we can feel winter reminds us that every season has its own beauty As the trees prepare for winter, we know that their remain so forever. In time, spring will return, new growth. This reminds us that, even after always room for hope and new beginnings.

As October draws to a close, our thoughts also month when we remember those who lost their made great sacrifices for our freedom.

Armistice Day is marked on 11 November, fighting in the First World War in 1918. At 11 am, pause for two minutes of silence to honour those

On Remembrance Sunday, communities gather at war memorials and churches to pay their respects. We remember members of the Armed Forces who served their country, those who never returned home, and the families who continue to feel the pain of losing loved ones. The poppy is a powerful symbol of remembrance, reminding us of courage, sacrifice and our shared hope for peace.

Jesus said, *"Blessed are the peacemakers"* (Matthew 5:9). These words encourage us to consider how we can bring peace into our own lives and communities. We do not need to do something extraordinary to make a difference. A kind word, a helping hand, or taking time to listen to someone can mean more than we realise.

As the autumn leaves fall, let us make time to reflect, remember those who have gone before us, and give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy. May we also play our part in creating a kinder and more peaceful world, beginning right here in our own village.

Let us keep the memory of those who sacrificed so much alive in our hearts, not only in November, but throughout the year.

Lest we forget.

Rev Austin

Sunday Services

1st November **All Saints Day** 4 before Advent[1]	10:30am	Holy Communion	Brooke
	10.30am	Holy Communion **(and Patronal Festival)**	Woodton
	3.00pm	Commemoration Service	Hempnall
	4.00pm	Commemoration Service	Brooke
8th November Remembrance Sunday **3 before Advent**	10.00am	Remembrance Service	Brooke
	10.00am	Remembrance Service	Seething
	10.00am	Act of Remembrance	Bedingham
	(1)10.50/ (2)11.15am	Remembrance Service	Hempnall *(1) War Memorial* *(2) Church*
	10.50am	Act of Remembrance	Fritton
	10.50am	Remembrance Service	Hardwick
	10.50am	Remembrance Service	Topcroft
	10.50am	Act of Remembrance	Woodton
	12.30pm	Act of Remembrance	Hardwick Airfield
15th November 2 before Advent **(Safeguarding Sunday)**	10.30am	Holy Communion	Thwaite
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Hempnall
	4.00pm	All Age Praise[2]	Hempnall

[1]

Sunday Services

22nd November **Christ the King** Sunday next before Advent	10.30am	Holy Communion	Mundham
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Bedingham
	6.00pm	Evening Service	Zoom
29th November **Advent 1**	9.00am	Holy Communion (said service)	Brooke
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Fritton
	6.00pm	Evening Service for Advent From Darkness to Light	Brooke
	6.00pm	Advent Taize Service	Hempnall

1 Exceptionally, All Age Praise is, for this month, on the 3rd Sunday

2 As above

Weekday Holy Communion services in November – all at 10.30am –

All welcome

Every Wednesday *Hempnall Church*

Every Thursday *Brooke Church Room*

A Message from Austin and Susanna

Since early October, we each take a midweek service of Holy Communion every week. They will be simple, reflective services of Holy Communion and last for around half an hour.

Susanna will be taking this service in Hempnall Church every Wednesday at 10:30am from 7th October onwards and Austin will be doing the same in Brooke Church Rooms every Thursday at 10:30am

Everyone is warmly welcome! Please share the news of this new venture with those whom you think might be interested, including those who would appreciate a quieter and shorter act of worship or for whom Sundays are difficult.

Church Services November...

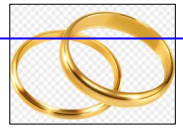
Weekday Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer is held at 9:00am every weekday morning in one of the churches of either the Hempnall Group or the Brooke Benefice. It is a quiet service of about 20 minutes during which, after the readings set for the day, we pray both for the local community and for the wider world. ALL are warmly welcome! Please see below for venue details.

Day	Date	Church	Day	Date	Church
Mon	2 Nov	Hempnall	Mon	23 Nov	M'thorpe
Tues	3 Nov	Seething	Tues	24 Nov	Kirstead
Wed	4 Nov	M'thorpe	Wed	25 Nov	Fritton3
Thurs	5 Nov	Brooke*	Thurs	26 Nov	Brooke*
Fri	6 Nov	Kirstead	Fri	26 Nov	Seething
Mon	9 Nov	Woodton	Mon	30 Nov	Bedingham
Tues	10 Nov	Hempnall[3]			
Wed	11 Nov	Thwaite			
Thurs	12 Nov	Brooke*	*	*Every Thursday*	*Brooke Church Rooms*
Fri	13 Nov	Hardwick			
Mon	16 Nov	Bedingham			
Tues	17 Nov	Mundham			
Wed	18 Nov	Shelton			
Thurs	19 Nov	Brooke*			
Fri	20 Nov	Topcroft			

From the Registers...

Wedding...



Congratulations go to....

Louisa Scott and Peter Whatrup married on Saturday 3rd October 2026 at St Peter's Church Brooke

Funerals...



- ✞ Tuesday 6th October 2026, John Edwin Butler, aged 74 years. Burial at St Peter's Church, Mundham.

- ✞ Friday 16th October 2026, Dermot Anthony Patrick Murphy, aged 74 years. Burial at St Margaret's Church, Kirstead.

Happy Birthday...



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Harry who will be 7
Jack who will be 7

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Georgia who will be 17

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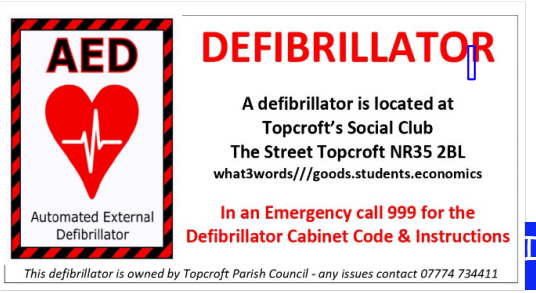
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