

# Village News



March 2021

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## Thought for the month...

Have you noticed the shy little faces of violets are beginning to show? You may need to stop and look for them. Often they hide in the shade, but their diffuse sweet perfume will draw you closer. Their stalks are bent as if to hide their flower made up of a rosette of heart shaped petals. "*Viola odorata*", meaning sweet smelling.



In mid-March we will be celebrating Mothering Sunday. It was a day that held great excitement for children of the last century who had left their homes to work either in country houses or farms. On this day they were allowed home for the first time in a year to see their families. Perhaps we can identify with their excitement as we look forward to the time when we can be together again with our families. As children walked home they picked a posy of wild flowers to give to their mothers as a way of saying thank you for all she had done for them.

The qualities of motherly love and care are not confined to those who are mothers. Over the past weeks and months we have all experienced people who have been a light in our darkness; people who have loved and laughed with us, shared our sorrows and struggles; people who have nurtured and cared for us with love and patience; people who have been there for us.

Julian of Norwich, writing in 14<sup>th</sup> century says, "*We are all enfolded in the Love of God.*" In the 21<sup>st</sup> century those words ring true. We have all been enfolded in the love of God, made reality for us by those who have shown us care, gentleness, patience, love, and hope.

How might we say "thank you"?

With my love

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liz". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a small dot above the 'i'.

Do you remember Julie Andrews singing  
“When the dog bites  
When the bee stings  
When I'm feeling sad  
I simply remember my favourite things,  
and then I don't feel so bad.”?

Liz wrote recently of her love of snowdrops. One of my favourite things in the dog-bite of Covid and bee sting of “Self Isolation” is watching blackbirds in the garden, especially in the snow. What are your “favourite things”?

The poet Rupert Brooke lists his in a beautiful poem called “**The Great Lover**”

“These I have loved:

White plates and cups, clean gleaming  
Ringed with blue lines; and feathery, faery dust;  
Wet roofs, beneath the lamp-light; the strong crust  
Of friendly bread, and many-tasting food;  
Rainbows; and the blue bitter smoke of wood;  
And radiant raindrops, couching in cool flowers;  
And flowers themselves, that sway through sunny hours,  
Dreaming of moths that drink them under the moon;  
Then, the cool kindness of sheets, that soon  
Smooth away trouble, and the rough male kiss  
Of blankets; grainy wood; live hair that is  
Shining and free; blue massing clouds; the keen  
Unpassioned beauty of a great machine;  
The benison of hot water; furs to touch;  
The good smell of old clothes; and others such -  
The comfortable smell of friendly fingers,  
Hair's fragrance, and the musty smell that lingers  
About dead leaves and last year's ferns.....

This is just an extract. Brooke was born in 1887, served as a Sub-Lieutenant in the R.N.V.R during the Great War and died in the Aegean in 1915 aged 27. But he lives on in the beauty of his writing and has a lesson for us all.

*Keith James.*

# OUR SERVICES AS WE JOURNEY IN LENT

## **Sundays at 10am** on Zoom

Meeting ID: 816 7984 1809, Passcode: 959003

## **Family Praise**

Sunday afternoons at 4pm (except on 14th Mar), Meeting ID: 424 564 8959, Passcode: Hempnall



## **Sunday Evenings in Lent**

A gentle evening service  
via Zoom at 6pm on 7<sup>th</sup>March, 14<sup>th</sup>March, 21<sup>st</sup> March

### ***"Were you there?"***

Tony Billett joins us and reads more of his stories about the people who met Jesus and as a result, rethought their lives.

## **World Day of Prayer**

on Zoom on Friday 5th March at 2pm. The Service has been prepared by women from Vanuatu.

***If anyone would like to join us for details of Zoom ID and password, please contact the office Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm.***



The **Benjamin** Foundation

## **The Benjamin Foundation Is our Lenten Charity**

A local charity that works in Norfolk and Suffolk, supporting young people through all kinds of challenges in their lives eg housing, childcare, emotional well-being, youth support and activities, and much more.

Donations can be given by BACS direct to the Group Bank Account. Please ensure that you put "Benjamin Foundation" in the reference. If you are unable to make payment direct to the bank account please make cheques payable to Hempnall Group of Churches and write "Benjamin Foundation" or, if you wish to pay by cash, please put it into an envelope and write "Benjamin Foundation" on the envelope.

**[www.benjaminfoundation.co.uk](http://www.benjaminfoundation.co.uk)**

## FOOD BANK

Items for our Food Bank are still needed; we are very grateful to all who continue to contribute during this difficult time. Our next collection will be on **Sunday 7th March**. Any items can be left at **Hempnall Church Office Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm**. Please phone before arrival – **498157**.



## Welcome to Woodton Primary's February Update.



We hope this update finds you all well and warm in this rather chilly February. Woodton Primary has, once again, been very different since we returned after the Christmas break. We are closed to all pupils except those of key workers and are working remotely with the rest of our children. This has involved a huge learning curve for our staff – learning how to hold online lessons, recording

videos of our teaching and getting to grips with speaking to our children via a video link. Not only have the staff adapted admirably but so have the children, their parents, carers and even grandparents in some cases! It has been so wonderful to see how much incredible learning has taken place over the last few weeks and how well



everyone has got stuck in. Although this is not the normal way of learning (and one that

we hope doesn't last for too much longer) we have nothing but praise and admiration for all of those involved. Whether it's been bird spotting, building models, baking, experimenting, having tea parties or simply having fun in the snow, our families and staff have risen to the occasion with 100% effort and enthusiasm.



## HEMPNALL MILL LUNCHES

It will be 11 months since Hempnall Trust decided we could deliver hot lunches to the residents of Hempnall. It has been very successful, with an average of 60 meals a week and we will continue to do so.

Thanks go to volunteer drivers who are giving up their time every week to do the deliveries; it is very much appreciated.

If anybody would like meals on Wednesdays and Thursdays and also if anyone has any spare time to do deliveries please get in contact.

Finally, back at the Mill thanks go to Simon who prepares and cooks all the meals and Andy who does the organising of drivers plus other jobs needing to be done.

Thanks must also go to Hempnall Mill Trust for subsidising the meals.

As for me, Margaret, I am the person to contact if you need information on any of the above. You can contact at the Mill on Wednesdays and Thursdays on 499766 or other times 499579 or margaretsparham@live.co.uk.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for WEA Hempnall Branch

Do you value learning for everyone, whatever their age or circumstance? If so you may like to join the local committee of the WEA (The Workers' Educational Association) and help us provide cultural courses in Hempnall. We need a new branch secretary and an additional committee member, both volunteers.

To give you a taste of what we do, recent courses have included: art appreciation; military history; the geology of volcanoes; the social history of football; and how crime has become a form of entertainment. We usually run two short courses a year over the winter months so the time commitment is not huge but we need more people in order to keep the branch lively and responsive.

The **Branch Secretary** acts as our communication hub, so needs to be well organised, enthusiastic and have good IT skills. The new volunteer will have hand-over time with the retiring secretary and will never be without support from other members of the committee.

**Committee members** share the tasks of choosing new courses, preparing publicity, attending occasional meetings with other Norfolk branches and WEA Eastern Region as well as setting up the weekly classes.

If you'd like to be part of the team, meet new people and share in keeping everyone's minds active, phone Gill on 01508 500979.

*The Workers' Educational Association is a charity registered in England and Wales (number 1112775) and in Scotland (number SCO39239) and a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales (number 2806910). Registered office: 4 Luke St, London EC2A.*

## TOPCROFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2021

- Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm
- Monday 10th May 2021 at 8.15pm (TBC) – APM & AGM
  - Monday 12th July 2021 at 8.15pm (TBC)
  - Monday 13th September 2021 at 7.30pm
  - Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.30pm

*Planning meetings are arranged as and when required.*

*The agenda is displayed 3 days before the meeting on the noticeboards & website: [www.topcroftpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://www.topcroftpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)*

*The meetings are currently held via Zoom (until further notice) or in the village hall.*

*For further details contact the Clerk email: [topcroftpc@gmail.com](mailto:topcroftpc@gmail.com)*

*~ All Parishioners Welcome ~*

## **Hempnall Parish Council** **Don't Miss Out**



**Email [theclerk@hempnallpc.org](mailto:theclerk@hempnallpc.org) to request your regular copy of the Parish Council Newsletter to learn about matters that affect you.**

Since the first lockdown there has not been a physical hard copy delivery of the parish council newsletter, which was kindly distributed to Hempnall households with Outlook magazine (now called “Village News”). Unfortunately, Village News does not have a mailing list distinguishing Hempnall residents from those of other parishes in the group, so the Parish Council will need to send its newsletter separately. To this end, to receive your copy of the Parish Council Newsletter electronically, please email a request to [theclerk@hempnallpc.org](mailto:theclerk@hempnallpc.org). Your details will be kept confidential.

### **Dear Hempnall Neighbours,**

The **Hempnall Trust** would just like to remind you that we are still meeting virtually and are able to look at applications for grants if you find yourselves in need.

You can contact Helena Fraser on 01508 498608 if you'd like any further information or just an informal chat about grants.

Our wonderful volunteers are still delivering many, many meals every week and we are so very grateful for their help. We look forward to better times in the future when our community bar and the Mill centre can reopen and we can gather together again. *Helena Fraser* On behalf of the Hempnall Trust.

## POST CARDS



Fritton and Morningthorpe PCC is hoping to compensate in some way for loss of church collection monies during 2020 and 2021 by selling postcards of St. Catherine's, Fritton. Tilly Cooper has drawn a picture of the church which has been reproduced on good quality, standard sized postcards. These postcards can be bought at a cost of 50p each, in

bundles of 10s and 20s. If you would like to buy some please contact Susanna

Cooper - [frittonsusanna@gmail.com](mailto:frittonsusanna@gmail.com) Tel: 01508 498297

Please make your payment to the following bank account:

Sort code 20-26-34

Account number 20688533

Account name Fritton and Morningthorpe PCC

Please reference your payment "postcards"



With the COVID-19 vaccination program now into its 2<sup>nd</sup> month, Borderhoppa are pleased to say that through January and February we have been able to help many of our members to reach the vaccination centres which are, unfortunately, some distance away from our local area. If you have an appointment and do not have a family member or friend who is able to transport you to your appointment, please call our office on 01379 854800 and we will do our best to help you.

## BEDINGHAM PARISH MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

All Bedingham residents are warmly invited to attend in public or via zoom, to be confirmed nearer the time.

## Thank you

Jill, Julie and Paul, would like to thank all those who sent cards and messages on the recent death of Ray. Special thanks to Lucy Duncan and Toby, Hilary and Mark, Denise Carl and family Karen and Minnie. Kath for phone calls throughout Ray's stay in hospital and since. Thanks also to Rachel for her kindness throughout the year collecting tablets. *Jill Youngman*



## THANK YOU EVERYONE

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped and supported me over the last few months. I truly would not have been able to cope on my own. I am now well on the road to recovery. *Diane Freeman*

## POPPY APPEAL

I was lucky enough to be able to distribute Collection tins in Hempnall.

I now have the total collected; it was £438.46.

Individual amounts were McColls £117.45, Hempnall Mill £57.80,

Doctors Surgery £64.88, School £154.82, Butchers £43.51.

Many Thanks to all *Margaret Sparham*.

## Top Ten Gardening Tips for March

### Spring is coming!

1. Protect new spring shoots from slugs
2. Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes
3. Plant summer-flowering bulbs
4. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
5. Top dress containers with fresh compost
6. Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
7. Cut back *Cornus* (dogwood) and *Salix* (willow) grown for colourful winter

stems

8. Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early
9. Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters
10. Prune bush and climbing roses



## Happy Birthday to....

### Children:

Thea Cooper who will be 8 on the 13th  
Ethan Storey who will be 11 on the 21st  
Esme Oakley who will be 5 on the 24th  
Isobelle Elizabeth Johnson who will be 10  
on the 27th



### Teenage:

Monty Wood who will be 13 on the 6th  
Briannon Mary Keeler who will be 14 on the 21st  
Tiffany Lloyd who will be 14 on the 24th

### **BEDINGHAM 59 CLUB – LATEST WINNERS**

23/01 - No.56, S Crane, 30/01 - No.42, A Binks, 06/02 - No.06, L Searle,  
13/02 - No.48 S&J Jarvis

## From the Registers



### **Funerals**

28th Jan Derek Hensby aged 86 at Earlham Crematorium  
1st Feb Alan Clarke aged 83 at Hempnall Church  
10th Feb Eileen Thrower aged 89 at Waveney Crematorium

## Need Help?....

All numbers **01508** unless stated otherwise

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|---|---|
| ALINE TURNER ACA - bookkeeping, accounts, tax returns, payroll  | Call 550403 or 07785 528069   |
| ART WATERCOLOURS FOR BEGINNERS / IMPROVERS from JAN 2018 <a href="mailto:gill@gilly-marklew.co.uk">gill@gilly-marklew.co.uk</a> | 499070  |
| CARPENTER Mark Whitbread Free quotations. No job too small  | 532605  |
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| NORFOLK WOODBURNERS, Hempnall. Woodburner Supplier and Installer  | 498393  |
| OSTEOPATH, Cranial-accidents, back, headache. 01953 789629  | e-mail <a href="mailto:reception@norfolkost.co.uk">reception@norfolkost.co.uk</a> |
| OIL, GAS HEATING AND PLUMBING SERVICES – Alan Bell  | 07710 515775 or 532393  |
| PAINTING, DECORATING, FLOORING and floor restoration, wood painting & stripping. Seb  | 07821 973612  |
| PAUL CLARRY PLUMBING & HEATING for all your requirements  | 07887485676 / 550519  |
| PETER MATTHEWSON PLANT HIRE Drainage & Groundworks. Please call for info  | 482655 / 07850722094  |
| PIANO LESSONS Bedingham All ages welcome  | Marian 482746   |
| PLUMBER: David Millward. Over 30 years' experience all plumbing work  | 07763 359313 / 498005   |
| R.B. COPPING FUNERAL SERVICES, PORINGLAND   | 494434  |
| ROSDALE FUNERAL HOME Beccles & Bungay, a family business  | 01986 892790/ 01502 714445  |
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| S.W. CONTRACTORS Groundwork, Gardens, Fences, Patios & Hedge Trimming   | 495528  |
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WINDOW WONDERLAND: window cleaning services contact Sam Raynes 482679 or 07975579292

## Contact us....

Liz Billett – Team Vicar 07891 854219 or 01508 482366

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