

Village News



February 2021

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Thought for the month...

Sometimes less is more.

We have all been experiencing “less” over these past weeks and months, less of seeing family and friends, less freedom to work and travel, less opportunity to do the things we love. As I go out walking here in Diss, the trees are starkly bare and the borders are devoid of flowers, but I see that there is beauty, a purity even, in the little that we have around us.

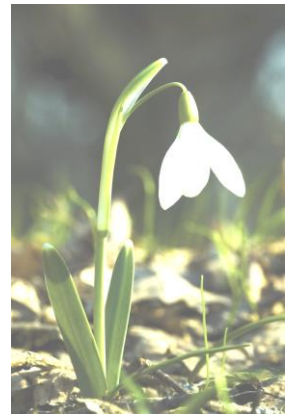
We are so lucky to be surrounded by the most stunning countryside, but in the depths of winter it can seem bleak and cold. Yet as we go out and look at the scenery, the tiniest detail can offer great joy. I think what epitomises this for me is the snowdrop.

Today I noticed how many have emerged and I stopped to marvel at how simple, yet how beautiful they are. Simple yes, but magnificent in their detail. *“The petals are the whitest white, their edges scalloped like a petticoat. And as if white alone was not enough, Nature had painted a tiny brushstroke of green on the inner frilled petals, just as a finishing touch.”*

As the seasons progress we will see many other flowers in our gardens, highly scented roses and sweet peas with their colours and perfume, dahlias to name a few. The more I look at this simple flower the more I see. It has no scent, it is only available in white and green and it is one of the smallest flowers grown in our gardens. But, and this is an important but, it is one of the first to emerge not long after the shortest day and the longest night. Those fingers of green leaves bravely push through the frosty soil, to reveal a tightly closed white bud and offer the promise of Spring.

In these times of “less” let us celebrate the simple and the pure in our lives, let us embrace less is more and let us be touched by the green signs of life emerging from the darkness of the earth.

With love



February. Winter not quite gone, and Spring still waiting in the wings. A sort of “inbetween time” made all the more dreary by Covid with its rules and regulations. So it is nice to have something to look back on, something to cheer us up.

What *good* memory do you have? Try to think of one thing that lifted your spirits in 2020!

We were fortunate enough to have a short break at our favourite cottage on the coast.

AUGUST BREAK – 2020

We came in Autumn
In the Autumn of our years,
My wife, born here in Walberswick
Some eighty years ago,
And I, her husband for sixty of those years,
Now approaching eighty-two.
The walk to Dunwich and then back
No longer on, though longed for -
We managed just a year ago!
Alas, the trek to Southwold harder
By the year
Still possible, but somewhat blighted
When we got there by signs and restrictions
At every turn; A plague on Covid, who'd
Have thought we'd need our temperature
Taken, just to have a coffee and a scone.
Yet still the peace and calm of the holiday cottage
Draws us ever back, and we shall, God and Covid willing
Be glad to come again next year.

Keith James

May you too have some happy memories, and something to look forward to this year!

LENT 2021

Have you noticed it is getting lighter in the morning and the evening now? Lent is about turning around and moving towards the Light: the light that is Jesus.



Ash Wednesday

via Zoom at 6.00pm on 17th February.

A service to mark the beginning of Lent, as we turn towards Jesus and journey with Him through Lent.

Sunday Evening's in Lent

A Service of Compline

via Zoom at 6pm on 21st February, 28th February

"Were you there?"

This Year Tony Billett joins us and reads some of his stories about the people who met Jesus and rethought their lives.

Coffee and Chat and Something to Ponder

via Zoom 10.30am Thursday 25th February

Instead of Lent Lunches this year why not meet each other with a cup of coffee and chat, on-line of course with something to make us think.

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

COMMUNITY SUPPORT DURING LOCKDOWN

SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL

South Norfolk have set up a help hub which is to assist people during this lockdown period. If you need any help/advice contact them in **The Help Hub - 01508 533933**. Open 8.15 - 22.00 Monday - Friday, plus Saturday and Sunday during January.

FREE FOOD is available at St Mary's Church, Long Stratton on 20th February, 10.30am-12.00noon. This happens every 3rd Saturday, people just need to bring bags and a face mask.

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 February**. Any items can be left at **Hempnall Church Office Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm**. Please phone before arrival – 498157.



MESSAGE FROM SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL - BIN COLLECTIONS IN 2021

We have decided that hard copy bin calendars will no longer be provided to individual residents for a number of reasons. In the main, collection dates have not changed so calendars are not needed, there is a cost both in terms of printing, and also resource in terms of delivery and there is a general move to more information being on line which also means that any changes can instantly be amended. To ensure that residents are kept informed of waste collection dates, they can use the customer account functionality on the South Norfolk Council website. Once a resident is registered or logs in to their respective property, their next waste collection dates are displayed for rubbish, recycling and garden waste (if they subscribe) but they also have the option to print their individual bin calendar directly from the webpage. The utilisation of live data also provides a contingency if any of the waste services are affected by bad weather during the Winter period to update residents on any potential collections date changes. If an individual resident does not have access to the internet, they can call the Depot's customer care team on 01508 533830 to confirm their collection dates or have a printed calendar sent to their property.

The next meeting of the **HEMPNALL TOWN ESTATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION** is during March 2021. Completed applications for grants by March 1st to Alison Harris, Clerk to the Trustees, 34 Roland Drive, Hempnall, NR15 2RB. Application forms are available in Hempnall Village Hall, Hempnall Church, The Mill Centre, Hempnall Surgery, 34 Roland Drive or by email. Any queries or requests for forms to Alison Harris - hteefclerk@gmail.com Tel : [01508 498258](tel:01508498258). PLEASE NOTE - WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY EMAIL. VALID RECEIPTS/PROOF OF PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED.

ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE HEMPNALL GROUP OF PARISHES

Due to the retirement of the present postholder we are looking to appoint a skilled administrator to work for 14 hours per week (3.5 hours a day on Monday to Thursday mornings), beginning on 22 March. The work involves a range of administrative duties to assist the Team Vicar and to help with the various communication needs of our six parishes/eight churches.

The person appointed will require sound administrative and organisational abilities along with keyboard and IT skills, including desktop publishing and a creative approach to producing relevant material. Good communication skills are particularly important, since the postholder provides a first-line response to a wide range of enquiries received from within and beyond the church community. Flexibility and an ability to prioritise are also needed. The successful applicant will be expected to undertake some work at home and some in the Group Office.

For further information and an application form, please ring **01508 498157** (Monday to Thursday 9am to 1pm) or email: hempnallgroup.office@btinternet.com

The deadline for receipt of completed application forms is 1pm on **Monday 1 March**.

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

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

~ All Parishioners Welcome ~

Thank you

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supplied plants, fruit and vegetables and eggs for our stall. We made a total of £ 846.00.

Claire has been busy making and selling bespoke face masks and has made a total of £446.00 A fantastic total amount of £1292.00.

Thank you to everyone who supported us in raising this wonderful amount of money.

All money raised has gone to 'Home From Home' in support of 'Robert's House' in Cape Town. Due to the pandemic the children have been off school, so all the money raised will be used in providing laptops and internet for home learning.

Claire has some masks available at £1.50. All colours and sizes. Please ring if you would like some (number below).

Thank you to all who have helped by putting vegetables, plants and eggs on the stall; we have been very humbled by your support, especially in these exceptional times. Keep well and safe, *David & Claire Key (01508 499342)*

WORDS, FILMS & CHRISTMAS MUSIC QUIZ

Thank you to all who took part in our quiz. £45 was raised for Hempnall Church. The winner who received £25 with 96 correct was Mrs Lay from Buckinghamshire. Thank you to Pat Westley for providing this quiz for our entertainment!

Happy Birthday to....

Children

* Thomas Chapman who will be 2 on the 4th

Teenage

* Daisi Lili-May Reeder Rodger who will be 14 on the 5th

* Thomas Potter who will be 16 on the 22nd



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WOODTON VILLAGE HALL TOTE – WINNERS:

September Winners: £20 - No: 62 - M Jarvis , £10 - No: 63 - M Osmond-Davis, £5 - No: 8- J Chadwick

October Winners: £20 - No: 65 - C Palmer , £10 - No: 57 - J Burrage, £5 - No: 18 - R Chadwick

November Winners: £20 - No: 12- T Gunson, £10 - No: 9 - M Hemsby, £5 - No: 93 - D Wolfenden

December Winners: £20 - No: 14 - B Peters , £10 - No: 8 - J Chadwick, £5 - No: 39 - A Bull

January Winners: £20 - No: 47 - Tracey (Kings Head), £10 - No: 60 - S Rayner, £5 - No: 63 - M Osmond Davis

BEDINGHAM 59 CLUB – LATEST WINNERS

19/12/20 - **No. 23** L Bond, 26/12/20 - **No. 6** L Searle, 02/01/21 - **No. 37** J Marjoram, 09/01/21 - **No. 53** R Shreeve, 16/01/21 - **No. 27** P Warner

SPARE NUMBERS - there are currently four spare numbers should anyone be interested in joining. Feel free to give either Rachel (499128) or Margaret (482421) a call.

From the Registers



Funerals

17th Dec Terence (Terry) Tyrrell, aged 86 at Fritton Church

5th Jan Blanche Beckett, aged 93 years at Hempnall Church

6th Jan Ray Youngman, aged 83 at Woodton Church

15th Jan Henry Garrood, aged 90 at Waveney Crematorium

This month there are signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and wildlife waking up as light levels and temperatures increase. There's plenty to do indoors this month to prepare for the season ahead. Outdoors, as the garden comes to life again, it's time to prune shrubs and climbers, such as *Wisteria* as well as evergreen hedges.

TOP TEN TIPS FOR THIS MONTH

1. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover

2. Chit potato tubers



3. Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches

4. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off



5. Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering

6. Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'



7. Prune *Wisteria*

8. Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges

9. Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea

10. Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter, remove dead grass from evergreen grasses



Need Help?...

All numbers **01508** unless stated otherwise

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Garden clearance [07858723357](tel:07858723357)

Contact us....

Liz Billett – Team Vicar 07891 854219 or 01508 482366

Church Office, open Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm 01508 498157

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Our website: www.hempnallgroup.co.uk



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