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February 2021

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Venue: Hempton Church Room at 7.00pm or held virtually during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Mar 18th, May 20th, July 15th, Sept 16th & Nov 18th

For enquiries relating to Parish Matters or the Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk.
07703 464409 | hemptonparishclerk@gmail.com | www.hemptonpc.info

From the Parish Council

Hello everyone,

Welcome to our February newsletter. To begin, I would like to apologise for the rather dark printing that we saw in the January edition. We decided to change to a local printer to reduce the carbon footprint of the newsletter. Unfortunately, due to what we understand to be a change in paper weight and therefore type, the print quality literally became black on white...completely monochrome. Feedback from the printer suggests that going forward this apparent 'teething problem' has been sorted out.

We have some local, but nevertheless important elections taking place in May 2021. Due to the continuing uncertainty with Covid-19, North Norfolk District Council are providing registration for postal voting. You will see an introduction to the process from one of the officers, Robert Henry, along with a poster within this newsletter.

We have received some very positive feedback on the duck pond works...early spring will see us into the replanting phase of the project...very exciting.

Covid-19 protocols permitting, Parish Councillors are aiming to hold a meeting this month with members of the Norfolk Pond Project team to discuss works to the other ponds in the village. We hope to be joined by Tom Raynham and Nick Acheson.

We have been told that due to a delay the planning permission for the proposed roundabout should be submitted for planning this month, a process which takes 12 months, which means any work is not scheduled before the spring/summer of 2022.

The climbing frame is in and we hear is being put to good use, which is great news.

We hope that as the vaccine programme rolls out and restrictions are lifted, we will be in a position to have a celebratory village event. The Parish Council have their fingers crossed.

The Parish Council send their very best wishes to Fr Paul and his family as they set out on their new adventure, also to give them our sincere thanks for their hard work and many acts of kindness whilst they were with us.

Take care and stay safe.

Vivien Woods

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Hempton Memorial Hall

MONDAY			
Platten Fitness			6.00 pm - 7.00pm
TUESDAY			
Line Dancing		5.45pm - 6.45pm	7.00pm - 8.00pm
WEDNESDAY			
Lace Making			7.00pm - 9.00pm
THURSDAY			
Dog Training			7.00pm - 10.00pm
FRIDAY			
Bowls		2.00pm - 4.00pm	
SATURDAY			
SUNDAY			
Platten Fitness	9.30am - 10.30am		

Please continue to contact the group organisers for up to date information on any of the classes.

For more information or to book the Memorial Hall please contact
Laura on 07532 690758 or email enquirieshmh@gmail.com

Hempton Church Room

Monday		
Rosemary Rooms	10.30am -12.30pm	Weekly
Fakenham Wives	<p>Church Room Bookings</p> <p>For more information or to book the Church Room please contact Christine on 01328 856147</p> <p>Hall Hire is £5.00 per hour</p>	
Tuesday		
Wood Carvers		
Fakenham WI		
Wednesday		
Coffee Morning		
Saturday		
The Crafty Collective		

From the Holy Trinity Church

Fr Paul has now left Holy Trinity Church, and we wish him, Carol, and their family well as they start a new chapter in their lives, thankful for all they have done for us in Hempton.

All things change, so having been asked to write a short piece for the Magazine, I had better introduce myself. I was priested in the late 70's and have worked mainly in parishes all my life, retiring to 49 Queen's Rd., Fakenham, NR21 8BT in September 2019. (01328 856815. E: postmaster@andrewdavey.plus.com) Shortly afterwards, covid stuck, and the world seemed to retire with me. However, priests never really retire, and if you need me, you know where I am!

We are very few in number at Holy Trinity, but a happy little bunch. I hope to be able to help out as and when I can, as sadly there is no longer a paid priest, which will remain so until a review has been undertaken of the whole of Norfolk to see where church [of England] funds are best used. Small numbers means small funding - and in a world in which if you don't use it you soon lose it - - -

Anyway, we struggle on in our work of praying for and helping those around us. If we split the the day into three, part to be spent in prayer, part in keeping well, and part in helping someone else, we are reminded of our relationships with and responsibilities toward God, ourselves and our neighbour. Do you have time on your hands - have you thought of volunteering and helping others, rather than just letting, 'Them' help you?! I know many people who have, in Hempton and Fakenham. On behalf of those they serve - Thank you.

Times are challenging at present, to say the least, but take heart. The NHS, indeed the whole welfare state system, has only been in existence for 75 years or so; pandemics have happened before, and we're still here.

Fr Andrew.



Hearts in Windows

As we find ourselves in another lockdown, during this month of love, we would like to encourage as many houses as possible in the village to spread some happiness by displaying coloured hearts in windows and on doors. This would be a nice reminder to us all, when taking our walks, that everyone is in this together and something for the children to look out for. How many hearts can you find?

Pancake Day is 16th February 2021

(This batter makes approximately 8 pancakes)

100 g (4oz) Plain Flour

1 Egg

½ pint milk

Pinch of salt



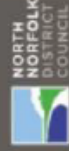
SHROVE TUESDAY

1. Mix flour and salt in a bowl, make a hollow in middle and add the egg.
2. Stir with a wooden spoon and gradually add the milk until all the flour is worked in.
3. Mix well and add any remaining liquid.
4. Heat a small amount of oil in a frying pan, and when it starts to smoke add 3 tbsp batter and swirl from side to side to get the base evenly coated.
5. When golden brown underneath, flip the pancake over with a palette knife and cook the other side.

It is all about February and Love...



1. What date is Valentine's Day?
2. How would you say "I Love You" in French?
3. Who played Shirley Valentine in the 1989 film?
4. Who had a 1978 hit with 'Love is in the Air'?
5. Which sign of the zodiac is someone born on Valentine's Day?
6. Who wrote Romeo and Juliet?
7. What is the birthstone for February?
8. What is the flower for the month of February?
9. How do you say February in Italian?
10. Approximately how many Valentine cards are swapped each year?
11. What company produced the first heart-shaped box of chocolates?
12. Who played in the film Love Actually? (4)(5)
13. When was Sir Norman Wisdom born?
14. When is pancake day?
15. How often does February have twenty-nine days?
16. Which of the Queen's children was born on 19th February 1960?
17. What fruit is sometimes called a love apple?
18. Which hard, tablet-shaped sweet, contain a love-related message?
19. Yuri and Lara fell in love in which classic film?
20. Name the Roman goddess of love?



NEWS RELEASE

05/01/2021

Postal Voting in 2021 Elections

On Thursday 6 May 2021 elections will be taking place in North Norfolk with electors voting in the Norfolk County Council elections and the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner Election. There are also several Parish Council by-elections also scheduled to be held on this day.

Given the ongoing situation with the Covid-19 pandemic we want to give electors as much time as possible to change voting arrangements if voting in a Polling Station during the pandemic is not desired.

If you wish to vote by post please click the link at the bottom of this text for an application form. Alternatively you can contact us by email at postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk or by phone on 01263 516046 and we will send you a form.

Local Returning Officer and Chief Executive Steve Blatch said:

"Whilst we are making arrangements for the safe delivery of elections at Polling Stations within North Norfolk at the forthcoming elections we are aware that a higher number of our electorate may wish to conduct their vote by post on this occasion, given the ongoing Covid-19 situation.

The North Norfolk district has the oldest average age demographic in the UK, so by nature we will be seeing a larger number of our residents having a higher level of vulnerability from the virus, so applying for a Postal Vote is an effective way for our local electors to still have their say on Thursday 6 May"

Please note that any application for a postal vote must be completed by hand using 'wet ink' and we are unable to accept any digitally signed applications.

In order to apply for a postal vote, you must be a registered elector within North Norfolk. If you need to register the easiest way to do so is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote but again alternatively you can contact us by phone on 01263 516046 to do so.

Given the anticipated high volume of applications for postal votes we advise you to make your applications as soon as possible.

Out and about in Hempton



If anyone has any photographs they would like to share in future editions of the newsletter please get in touch with the Parish Clerk (Just for fun).

hemptonparishclerk@gmail.com



Postal Voting process in UK elections.

Voting by post is a very safe and tested method of having your say at an election. When you apply for a postal vote you provide your specimen signature and your date of birth, and you then must provide these again when you complete your postal voting statement which is part of your postal vote pack sent in the weeks before an election.

Each pack contains your ballot paper with unique number which is also held on the system against your elector record. When we undertake our Postal Vote opening sessions we check to ensure the signature and date of birth on your statement matches the one your application form and also that the unique number on the back of the ballot paper matches the statement.

We then open up all envelopes with ballot papers where we are required to take proper precautions for preventing any person from seeing the votes made on the ballot papers. Throughout the opening sessions you must keep the ballot papers face down. There may be occasions when the front of a ballot paper becomes visible, however, it is an offence for anyone to attempt to ascertain the candidate for whom any vote is given on any particular ballot paper or communicate any such information obtained at those proceedings. Anyone attending the opening of postal votes, must maintain the secrecy of voting as stated in Section 66 of the Representation of the Peoples Act 1983.

Ballot papers are then placed in a sealed ballot box and kept in a locked room until they are taken to the Count Hall where they are verified and then mixed with other ballot papers from polling stations in the same area so as not to be able to identify the way any elector from a particular area/polling station has voted.

For further information please contact us at postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk or by searching for 'postal votes' on our website at www.north-norfolk.gov.uk