

Hempton

Parish News



April 2021

Parish Council Meetings for 2021

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

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

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From the Parish Council

Here we are in April and Spring is well and truly with us.

Evenings are pulling out heralding much longer days and hopefully some warm, settled weather...fingers crossed.

Parish Council meetings are continuing to be held in virtual format via Skype, but we are hopeful that as lockdown restrictions are lifted we will be able to resume holding them in the Church Rooms, perhaps as early as May...we will keep you posted on developments via the newsletter and website www.hemptonpc.info

So, what's been happening...

Bus Shelter Roof

The bus shelter roof on the junction of Shereford Road is scheduled to be refitted and the space will be repurposed to house a parish notice board to promote improved communications of formal and less formal parish business and news, in particular for those parishioners who live on the west side of the A1065.

Play Area

The equipment will have its annual maintenance work carried out this month. There may be a little disruption, but it should be minimal.

Benches

We have a mixture of benches providing seating in a few locations. The benches are made from either wood and metal or metal. Some were donated in memory of a loved one and the Bowls Club donated a bench from their collection. Following recent checks, it has become apparent that some serious 'TLC' is required. Sadly, one bench had to be removed from use but will be replaced. Refurbishment will hopefully be done this month, but of course we are weather dependant.

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Pond & Surrounding Area

We had some problems with temporary flooding caused by some blocked drainage pipes and the recent heavy rain has not helped. County Highways identified the problem and did some immediate remedial works with some further works to be scheduled. The replanting of the wet meadow area is about to commence...the process will take around 9-12 months to get established. However, we think it will be worth the wait.

The Parish Clerk will provide the residents of Back Street with a more detailed schedule of works as some parking will be affected initially during the planting phase and subsequently during the post installation phase.

Proposed Roundabout

As I write there are no further updates to share with you on this project.

Local Elections

We have been fortunate enough to get an update on Polling Stations that will be open for voting on 6th May. The Memorial Hall at Hempton is one of them. However, if you want to register for a postal vote there is still time...but you must act fast if this is your preferred option. Contact postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk or 01263 513811.

It seems the vaccine roll out programme continues at pace and the local 'R' rate is falling rapidly...long may this trend continue.

Keep well and stay safe. Wishing you all a very happy and fun filled Easter...we've included some quizzes and an Easter themed trail in this issue which we hope you enjoy. There will be some prizes too.

Au revoir for now,
Vivien Woods,
Hempton Parish Council Chair

Easter Quiz

This month's quiz questions are all linked to Easter in some way. It's an excellent way to test your knowledge and to see how many questions you can crack!....

1. Easter island forms part of which South American country?
2. Which bird lays the largest eggs?
3. Which 1948 film starred Judy Garland?
4. An anagram of 'Teeny Sunbather'?
5. Who wrote 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit'?
6. What part of the cocoa plant is chocolate made from?
7. Which country introduced Simnel cake?
8. Who was famous in creating beautifully ornate decorative eggs?
9. What is the Sunday before Easter called?
10. What is the name of the fruit cake traditionally eaten at Easter?
11. What Disney film does the rabbit 'Thumper' appear in?
12. When were the first Cadbury's Easter eggs made?
13. What type of fancy hat is traditionally worn at Easter time?
14. What flower is associated with Easter?
15. What is the Easter Bunny called in Germany?
16. Where is the most famous Easter parade held?
17. What is the most popular Easter Egg?
18. The picture of which animal is stamped on British eggs as a mark of quality?
19. What meat is traditionally eaten on Easter Sunday?
20. What is the name of the 40 day period before Easter?
21. What type of bun is traditionally eaten during Easter?
22. Where in 2012 was a record breaking chocolate egg made weighing 4,000 kg?
23. The players of which sport are described as "egg chasers"?
24. What is the name of the film in which a young rabbit does not want to become the Easter Bunny?



From the Holy Trinity Church

Hi, well Holy Trinity have a busy Easter planned! Easter Week, we have Mass as usual on Wednesday morning, and services on Thursday, Friday, Saturday with a big celebration on Sunday.

For those who don't know the routine, Maundy Thursday is the day that the Queen gives out Maundy coins to the old and deserving, you may have seen this on the telly. Also, it is the day that Judas gave up Jesus to Pontius Pilate, Judas was one of the disciples but like a 'bestie' who travelled around with Jesus and the other disciples teaching the gospel, healing the sick and comforting all who needed him Judas was tempted with 30, yes that's right, 30 pieces of silver, a bit like being offered the latest high tech gaming console with all the latest games, or the best new car you could imagine! Judas was to let the guards know who Jesus was by kissing his cheek when they all said goodbye that night at dinner.

Let us think about that for a moment, could you be tempted into telling on your best friend or work colleagues? We have all faced this dilemma from time to time, we all want everything and instantly, but it isn't the best way to be, but we're only human. Jesus was seen as a big threat to those in power! He taught us to show kindness and love towards each other, to accept our differences and to say sorry when we knew we had been wrong. He loved children very much and it hurt him badly if he found them suffering, he gave them protection, now who does that for you? People loved him and those in power were frightened that he would be liked more than them and they would lose their power, a bit like the things we still see today. So as usual Jesus and his gang met for supper and had a good time in the house of a friend, when they left and said their goodbyes, Judas did kiss Jesus on the cheek when he gave him a goodbye hug. Jesus was arrested, and taken off to gaol. Well Judas was given his silver but now he didn't want it, he wanted his friend back! He felt sick, ashamed and very very sad. The rest of the gang went their separate ways, they were frightened that they would also be arrested, so took themselves away. They were so afraid that Peter a real 'bestie', spent the night wandering around the town afraid of what would happen next, 3 times a local stopped him and asked him if he was a friend of this Jesus bloke. 3 times he said 'no way', not me, don't know him. By the time the cock crowed he was so ashamed of himself he felt sick, so he decided to find out if he could help his friend.

From the Holy Trinity Church

So, what happens next?

3 wooden crosses are produced great big heavy wooden crosses and Jesus and 2 other prisoners are made to carry them to the top of a steep hill outside of the town, they are beaten and whipped to keep them moving. Somebody offered to help Jesus carry his cross but were pushed away. When they reached the top of the hill the crosses were laid down and the men held down on them, the guards then put large metal nails through their hands and feet to keep them attached to the crosses the crosses were then lifted upright and left to die slowly while the crowd watched. For the onlookers it was a day out for a picnic and to teach them what happens to people who broke the law. There would have been a bit of a festival feel about it, yelling and shouting as they went to the hill, the clothes that were worn by the prisoners were stripped off them and lots drawn to see who would get them, a bit like a raffle. Jesus was left with his Crown because nobody wanted that. The friends and family of the crucified men were there with them to support and to help them on their way. Jesus had his mum Mary and another 'bestie' John with him; they loved him so much. Jesus spoke to the other two on the crosses each side of him and told them if they were truly sorry for what they had done they would join him in heaven. Jesus was hot in the heat of the day and the guards asked him if he would like a drink, they got a sponge and instead of soaking it in water or wine, they soaked it in vinegar before putting onto a long stick and lifting it to his lips. Well if you think that was unkind, the sponges they used were the ones they used to wipe their bums, (toilet paper hadn't been invented) how disgusting was that? and what else would they think of? Jesus started to question why his father was letting this happen to him and asked him to stop it. Jesus looked down at his mother and needed to know that she would be looked after and have a home once he had gone, so he told her to accept John as her son and John was to take her to his home and to treat her as his mother. Once that had been agreed a dark cloud covered the sun and he died. This darkness caused by the cloud frightened the guards and the crowd, they went away as soon as the guards had made sure the prisoners were dead. They broke the legs of this two but they plunged a sword into the side of Jesus, they expected blood, but it was water that came out of his side.

Well you would think it was all over. No! A wealthy man asked if he could have the body of Jesus to lay in a tomb he had bought for himself. The body was taken and looked after by the women who cleaned him up rubbed oils into his skin and wrapped him in cloths, they then laid him inside the tomb, they could do no more for this man they loved, so a large stone was pushed across the entrance to seal him in and keep his body safe. They stayed outside trying to make sense of what had happened that day.

So in the evening on Good Friday we gather in Church and kiss the cross and let him know that we still love him and try to live the lives he wanted for us. It is a sad day, but we mark it by eating hot cross buns and offering them to our friends.

From the Holy Trinity Church

So how do we remember this in Church? Well hygiene was very important to the Jews and when you went into the house of a friend the host liked to wash your feet for you. The ground was dusty and people wore strappy sandals and got uncomfortable with dust and small stones between their toes. So a good host would insist that sandals be removed and feet washed to make you comfortable, just like today we offer visitors the best seat in the house and the best food, anything that makes them comfortable and welcome. So in the evening at Church we gather for the service and guess what Father Andrew will ask us to do...take our shoes and socks off, then he puts on his pinny gets a bowl of warm water and washes our feet. I know gross or what, but it shows us that the Church really cares for us and makes us ALL welcome.

What happens on Good Friday?

Jesus was the butt of every joke and humiliation that the guards could think of... they beat him, they mocked him and called him the King of the Jews, they put a purple cloak on him and made him a Crown out of thorns then they pressed it into his head until he bled...imagine wearing a Crown made of blackthorn and brambles, ouch!

He was then taken to the man in charge, Pontius Pilate, , who listened to what he had to say, he didn't think that he was a King at all, just a man sent by his father, God (the main man) to teach us how to look after each other, not to steal, not to go after somebody else's wife, husband, girl or boyfriend, to love and respect our parents, not to want things because others have them, not to be jealous of each other and how to be a good person. He healed the sick, made the blind see and the deaf hear, he cured lepers and the crippled walked again, he even raised the dead. He chatted with Pontius Pilate about all of these things and Pontius started to doubt that this man was a power hungry threat. Pontius also tried other prisoners, thieves and murderers, really bad people. It was a time in the Jewish calendar that gave Pontius the right to pardon one of the prisoners, to let them go without a criminal record. Pontius didn't know what to do, a crowd had gathered, and they wanted to watch an execution, they were very excited. They mocked Jesus in his purple robes and his crown of thorns the blood trickling down his face and neck. Pontius really wanted to release Jesus but the crowd kept shouting that he should be crucified. The guards were busy whipping the crowd into a frenzy which looked as though it would get out of control. Pontius couldn't hear himself think, Oh what to do? He had an idea, he sent for a bowl of water and a towel, he washed his hands of the responsibility and asked the crowd who they wanted to be pardoned. Well given the chance they released the very worst of the criminals and chanted crucify the King of the Jews.

From the Holy Trinity Church

Saturday passes quietly, we gather at the Church where we bless the Easter candle that will guide us through the year, this is done outside and now in the remembrance garden, we have a small fire and light our candles, we have been known to let off a firework and then we go into Church and sit quietly keeping a vigil for as long as we need to.

Sunday, wow the stone has been moved, but who did it and why? the tomb is empty. What has happened? The women wailing in distress, then, wow some of Jesus' friends see him. Thomas is not convinced! Jesus tells him to put his hand on the wound in his side. He is with us again for a short time, we celebrate, we put the best linen out, the brass candles are polished, so you can see your face in them, we sing and party. Lent is over we have chocolate eggs, eggs are a symbol of the start of life, we are renewed. It's the most important day in the Christian year.

This year Father Andrew will be in the Church and you can watch it all on Facebook, but there will be no washing of feet or kissing of the cross due to the current civic rules. But what can be done will be done.

It is very sad to have to tell my small people that the Easter Bunny who leaves eggs in and around the Church to find, is not allowed to this year because of the rules and keeping you all safe. I hope that at some point this year we will be able to have some chocolate fun. So I hope this clears up any questions about why we do these things at Easter and just maybe you will be curious about what we do and join us, ask questions, get answers

Some good news is that one of the congregation left us some money toward getting a proper sound system in the Church and with what we had already collected it shouldn't be too long before we are heard loud and clear to one another. Another small miracle we didn't think we would be able to achieve. Now what I would ask you all to do is to help us raise some money but you won't have to give us a penny. Still with me...curious? Well, when you shop on line there is a site/ app easy fundraiser, if you log onto this site and register with Holy Trinity Hempton then find the site you want to buy from and most of them are there, buy what you need pay the amount then the business will give us a small amount of money, usually pennies but they really add up over the course of the year. So small techy people, get on the computer and show the grown-ups how it's done, and it will help us so much to stay open.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter, take care, be kind, look after each other and PLEASE STAY SAFE.

Christine, Church Warden, Holy Trinity Hempton

P.S. Don't forget to let us know if anybody needs help.
Father Andrew has acquired a large Roman candle!

Easter Trail

Friday 2nd April – Monday 5th April
inclusive

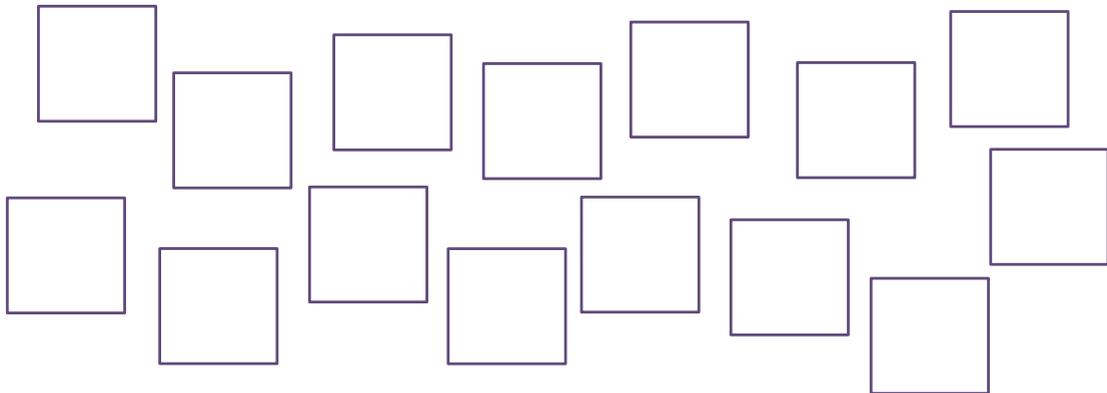
The Easter Bunny has left 15 Golden Easter Eggs in windows around Hempton Village and each one has a letter on it.

Follow the trail around the Memorial Hall, Bakery Court via the pub, Dereham Road, Back Street, River Court and Horns Row. Collect all 15 letters and rearrange them to spell out a popular Easter phrase.

Correct entries can be entered into a draw for a chance to win one of 3 lovely Easter Eggs!

Correctly completed entries should be posted in the Parish Council post box located on the front wall of the Memorial Hall by the closing date of Tuesday 6th April.

The first 3 randomly selected correct entries will win an Easter Egg and will be notified after 6th April.



Easter Trail

Name:

Tel. No:

Email:

Address:

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The winners will be drawn from all correct entries received and details will be published in the May Newsletter. By submitting a completed answer form all entrants will, by default, be giving us permission to contact them and publish their name should they win.

Answer:
(Popular Easter phrase)



Easter Puzzles

Easter Sudoku

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters for 'Basket'. You should not guess!



		S	K		
K					S
	S			T	
	K			B	
A					B
		T	E		

Easter Cryptograms

Find the answers to the jokes by using the keyboard below, choosing the coded letter and replacing it with the letter it stands for.

A	C	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	R	S	T	V	W	X
K	T	B	I	E	M	O	A	H	F	R	G	L	N	Y	C	U	P

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter Egg a joke?

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What kind of rabbit tells jokes?

K		M	W	S	S	T		E	W	S	S	T
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Easter Puzzles

Easter Anagrams

Unscramble the letters and find the 14 words relating to Easter

poh	
daynus	
teaser	
pluti	
abekst	
gegs	
teln	
aphpy	
buynn	
Dear Pa	
balm	
oatcloche	
nbntoe	
kcisch	

Spot the Difference

Can you spot the 6 differences?



Information

Please remember to report any **STREET LIGHT FAULTS** to the Parish Clerk.



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www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/environmental-protection/report-fly-tipping/



CPRE Norfolk Awards 2021

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There is a new **TEXTILE RECYCLING BIN** located opposite The Bell. You can dispose of your unwanted clothing and paired shoes. The paper bin that used to be located there has been removed due to lack of use, as paper items can now be recycled in your own recycling bins, collected fortnightly.

Please do use this textile bin, as a small amount of funds will be received from NNDC in exchange for the textiles which will be added to our council reserves and redistributed into future community projects.



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Hempton Memorial Hall

Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

Please check with the Bookings Clerk for hall reopening information

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

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

Hear is some information on the lifting of some lockdown restrictions



STEP 2



NO EARLIER THAN 12 APRIL

At least 5 weeks after Step 1

BUSINESS / ACTIVITIES

- All retail
- Personal care
- Libraries and community centres
- Most outdoor attractions
- Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual or household use only)
- Self-contained accommodation
- All children's activities
- Outdoor hospitality
- Indoor parent and child groups (up to 15 people, excluding under 5s)

LARGER EVENTS

- Funerals (30 people)
- Weddings, wakes, receptions (15 people)
- Event pilots

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- No international holidays

COVID-19 ROADMAP 2021

Hempton Church Rooms

Church Room Bookings

For more information or to book the Church Rooms please contact Christine on 01328 856147 - Hire is £5 per hour

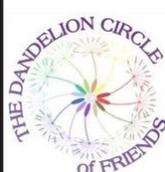
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