

Hempton

Parish News



December 2022

The next meeting will be held on
Wed 18th January 2023 at 7pm, in the Memorial Hall

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Welcome

Christmas and the New Year will soon be upon us. Not sure how you are feeling but the celebrations this year seem to be overshadowed by what's been happening here in the UK and around the world. Sincerely hope I can manage to regain my usual enthusiasm and energy for the forthcoming season. We have been relatively lucky with higher than usual daytime temperatures, but my goodness what a lot of rain...that said this is not a 'grizzle' because we certainly need to replenish that which was lost during the summer.

Now for a couple of updates :-

The Merger

We finally managed a meeting with the solicitor from NNDC. The Grouping Order has been completed and it has been confirmed that the merger will be completed in April 2023. A letter from Electoral Services has been sent to all residents in both Parishes detailing the implications for the precept.

Proposed Roundabout

We have been notified the Planning Committee are currently scheduled to meet in January. The meeting will be held in NCCs offices, Martineau Lane, Norwich. Further details will be posted on our website and displayed on the notice board outside the Memorial Hall.

Seating At The Bus Stop

The bench has been installed. We would still love to hear from you regarding a shelter. Please contact the Parish Clerk and let us know what you think.

The Duck Pond

Wow, what a difference a few downpours make. The contractor is on schedule with planting and we are looking into the feasibility of laying some small tree trunks to act as a natural looking barrier between parked cars and the grassed area. We shall also be revisiting the installation of some wooden posts to protect the grassed area.

That's it for this edition, so in closing I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take care and stay safe.

Very best wishes from the Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk.

Vivien Woods - PC Chair



Birds Quiz

All the answers are related to birds in some kind of way

NO.	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Fleetwood Mac had a No 1 single with this record in 1969?	
2.	"Bye Bye -----" was sung in WW2?	
3.	Norwich City Football Club is known as this?	
4.	An American personal care brand?	
5.	A large seaduck?	
6.	A type of aircraft?	
7.	An English-language nursery rhyme?	
8.	A long-legged, long-necked, freshwater and coastal bird?	
9.	A French brand of economy hotels?	
10.	The 10 th letter of the Alphabet?	
11.	An Indian beer?	
12.	An activity done for enjoyment or amusement?	
13.	A British children's television programme shown on ITV from 1968?	
14.	This bird sang in Berkeley Square?	
15.	Opposite to high, and an anagram?	
16.	This Captain starred in the British sitcom "Are you Being Served"?	
17.	The eggs from these birds are considered to be a delicacy?	
18.	This little bird with a red breast is found on a Christmas Card?	
19.	A children's adventure novel – "----- and Amazons"?	
20.	There were two of these in the "12 Days of Christmas"?	

NOV ANSWERS: 1.Bavarian Motor Works, 2.Four, 3.Cortina, 4.Capri, 5.Triumph, 6.Nissan Cherry, 7.Rover, 8.Tin Lizzie, 9.Morris Marina, 10.Red, 11.A Bull, 12.The people's car company, 13.Jaguar, 14.Switzerland, 15.Rolls Royce, 16.Tesla Model 3, 17.Vauxhall, 18.Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, 19.Mini, 20.Aston Martin, 21.Reliant Regal, 22.1969 Dodge Charger, 23.Mercedes, 24.Transformers (2007), 25.Madness

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George apparently refused to eat a meal on Sunday until he had completed all his services. He sustained himself by sipping a little thin gruel. The family are the proud custodians of a little silver gruel bowl with his initials on it, which was used for the purpose.

15 th December No. 514.	Margaret Mary Katharine Norah	George and Norah	Smallpeice	Hempton	clerk in Holy Orders	George Smallpeice Vicar	born 12 Nov 1906
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Edit: George baptised his daughter, son and granddaughter



George's granddaughter was born in 1931. She was christened by her grandfather George at Hempton, of course.

Her devoted parents Claude and Margaret had decided to call her Rosemary. Grandfather George was not amused!

"I can't christen her that", he said, "It's not a Christian name!"

And so, she was named Angela, after St Michael and All Angels, the nearest saint's day to her birthday.

Edit: George and Angela Rosemary in the Vicarage front garden

Edit: There is also a story about George from another Hempton resident

A young man travelled from London to Hempton for the summer and was working in a hayloft next to Goggs Mill stacking hay when apparently the pitch fork slipped and fell below where he was working and landed some centimetres by George.

Part Three: Tales of a former Vicar - A Ghostly Tale

By Nikki Crossman and Giles Catchpole, two of George and Norah Smallpeice's great grandchildren.

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In 1919 Grandfather Claude Scholey, aged just 22, was sharing digs locally with his friend George Dawnay, whilst he worked as a bank clerk in Fakenham. It was their habit to stroll around the common and heath after their supper. One evening a young woman overtook them. She was clad in a very old-fashioned cape and long frock and was in evident distress. They hurried after her to offer what assistance they could, but she vanished into the mist. It was then that they realised she had made no discernible sound as she rushed past them. Had they seen a ghost?

Some two decades later, Claude, now married to Margaret, George's daughter, was the bank manager of Barclays, Fakenham. (During WWII he was also Captain of The Home Guard, so a real live Captain Mainwaring!).

A young man seeking a mortgage on a property alongside the common approached him. The mortgage was granted and the property was purchased.



Rev'd Hope 'Pat' Patten
17 Nov 1885 - 11 Aug 1958

It must have been more than a year later when the same young man came, seeking advice on certain disturbing events following the birth of his first baby. The nursery was at the top of the house and they were having difficulty getting the baby to settle there. In addition, it was suggested that there was the sound of a child crying in the upper part of the house whilst his own baby was elsewhere. The final straw came when the poor child was put in its pram and pushed to the bottom of the garden, where it proceeded to scream at the top of its lungs as if it feared for its very life.

This being in the days when bank managers were more than merely financial advisors, the young man asked Claude if he thought the house might possibly be haunted.

It was at this point that Claude proposed that he should, in turn, seek the opinion of his father-in-law George Smallpeice, who might be more familiar with this kind of thing, and more likely to be in a position to help.

Claude and George visited the house and were shown the baby's room where the crying had occurred and went to the foot of the garden where the most frightening events had taken place. Claude recalled that he couldn't discern any spiritual presence but it perhaps shouldn't be overlooked that that he had gone through the experience of the trenches of WWI which may well render most men immune to more ancient hauntings, but George came away convinced that the

The family tale goes that George enlisted the support of his friend Hope Patten. George's tenure at Hempton coincided with that of Rev. Hope Patten in Walsingham who was the pastor there between 1921 and 1958. He orchestrated the restoration of the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in 1931. The two of them went to the house on the Common together and family lore reports that the exorcism was successful and peace was restored.

Many years later, in the 1970s, Joan Forman was researching for her book on Haunted East Anglia (1974). She contacted grandfather Claude to ask him about his experience of the "haunted house" at Fakenham. She visited him and he confirmed her research that there had indeed been strange events at the house and that the matter had been resolved by an exorcism. She asked him if he knew the story of the haunting and he said he knew no more than he had already told her.

"Oh "she says, "There's much more to it than that!"

Whereupon she described how, in the 19th century, a young servant girl working in the house had become pregnant by one of the travelling men- or gypsies-while he had been camped on the common during the summer.

The following year, when the gypsies returned, she sought him out to report that she had borne his child. He was furious and threatened both her and the child. He set off for the house by the common with deadly intent. And so, it was her ghost that could be seen from time to time, running across the common, chasing after him to try to protect her babe. Which, of course, she was too late to do because, by the time she reached the house, the wicked fellow had killed the child.

We cannot be certain whether the body of the child was then buried at the foot of the garden and then the distraught girl hanged herself there as well, or whether it was one or the other, but the concentration of the haunting in the garden was thus explained.

It was at this point that Claude realized that he had indeed, half a century earlier, seen the poor unfortunate girl's tormented spirit whilst walking with his friend Dawnay.

And maybe it explains why the King of the Gypsies went to Norah's funeral too.



What's on

What's on at Hempton Memorial Hall

It is a busy few weeks ahead at the hall. The Management Committee will get the Christmas decorations up on the 27th November for those regular groups who are continuing their sessions before taking a Christmas break. The regular groups schedule is advertised on the Management Committees Noticeboard outside the hall. Some groups have space to welcome new members so if you are looking for a new activity in the New Year why not give them a call.

The hall also has lots of other private bookings in the diary this December including Hempton Crafty Collective's Christmas Craft Fayre on Sunday 11th December 12 to 4pm.

If you are interested in booking the hall for your event

please contact Claire at enquirieshmh@gmail.com or on 07532 690758

The Management Committee wishes Hempton and all our customers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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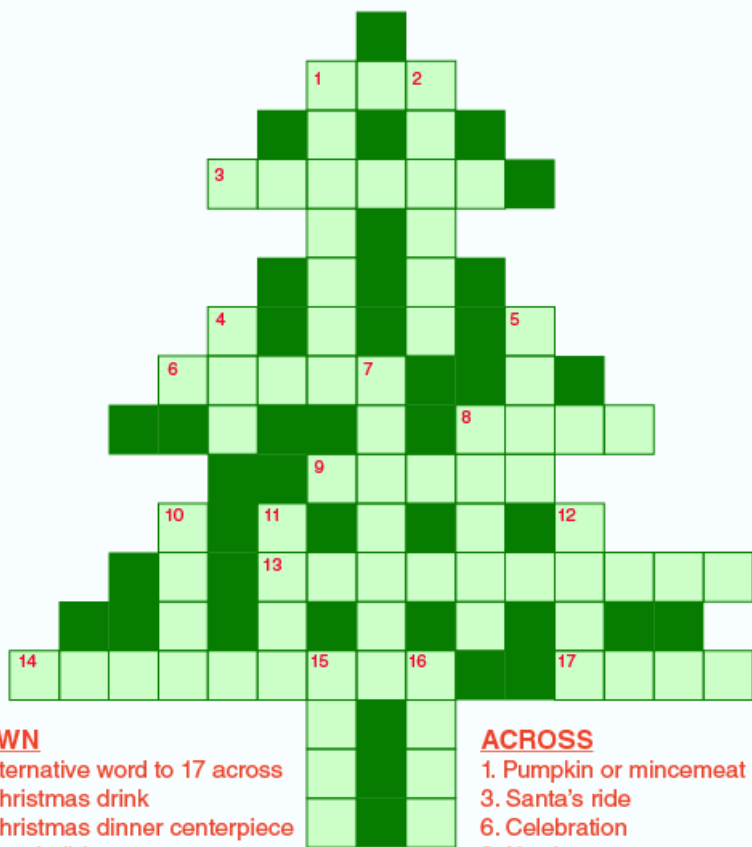
What's on at Hempton Church Rooms

Christmas coffee morning Wed 7th December
Family sung mass Christmas Day 10:00 Holy Trinity Hempton
Nov 27th 17:30 At Mary's Walsingham
Carol service sung by the Richelis Singers.
Dec. 17th. 16:30 At At. Giles Houghton.
Service of nine lessons and carols.
Dec 19th. 18:00 at West Barsham Church
Carol service with reception in West Barsham Hall
Dec 21st. 18:00 At Peters Great Walsingham
Outdoor Carol Service.

We hope to see you at these services, everybody is welcome to join us at this special time of the year.
The clergy, church wardens and congregation wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New year.



For enquiries please contact Christine on 01328 856147.



DOWN

1. Alternative word to 17 across
2. Christmas drink
4. Christmas dinner centerpiece
5. Dec. holiday
7. Christmas warmer
8. "Jingle _____"
10. Christmas tree
11. O. Henry's "The gift of the _____"
12. What carplers do
15. French Christmas
16. Snow glider

ACROSS

1. Pumpkin or mincemeat
3. Santa's ride
6. Celebration
8. Newborn
9. Northpole crew
13. Word of praise
14. Words on a Christmas card
17. It's opened on Christmas

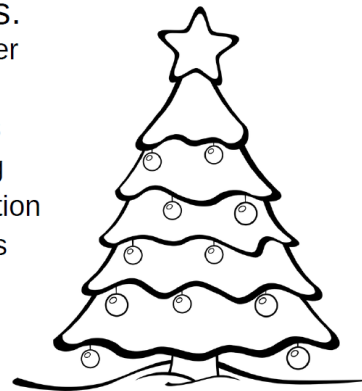




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Find these **Christmas** words.

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| North Pole | Santa | ornaments | nutcracker |
| family | reindeer | tree skirt | mistletoe |
| joy | toys | jingle bells | traditions |
| tinsel | snowflake | eggnog | gathering |
| thankful | Frosty | gratitude | appreciation |
| garland | holly | carols | christmas |
| snow | lights | sleigh | Rudolph |
| turkey | stockings | snowman | tree |
| cheer | jolly | gifts | elf |



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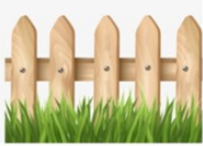
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