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March 2021

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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.
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From the Parish Council

Hello everyone,

Welcome to our March newsletter. Two months of the year already gone - the saying 'tempus fugit really does seem to be so apt.

Fortunately, our recent visit from the 'Beast from the East' was a relatively short one and we hope not too disruptive for you. However, if you struggled, for example, to get and then stay warm or to go food shopping then please contact the Parish Clerk who can sign post you to organisations that can possibly offer some help.

The Covid-19 vaccination programme seems to be rolling out at pace and the great news is Fakenham Surgery appear to be a little ahead of schedule. I heard on the news that uptake of the 70+ years demographic is around 90% which is great news too. That said there are still so many falling ill and still too many succumbing to it, but it is heartening to have some positive indicators that we could at last be stealing a march on this horrid destructive virus.

Now for a quick update on what's happening in the village: -

Goggs Mill

We have been working with NCC Highways and Fakenham Town Council to look at ways to improve road safety. We had hoped to get a speed reduction, but for now that has been dismissed by Highways due to legislation. However, we have agreed some new road markings and road signage to flag the hazards namely the narrow bridge and bends. Whilst we have not been given a date for the works to be done, we will keep this on the 'front burner' and follow up with Highways on a regular basis until we get a date for the works.

Proposed Roundabout

The Highways Engineer advised that there was a delay to the delivery of the project, and we are still awaiting the submission of the planning application. We will keep you updated.

Pond Area

The team is still on schedule for the planting programme to start, weather permitting, either this month or next.

Postal Voting

Don't forget to get registered if you choose the postal voting route for the local elections due to be held in May 2021.

In closing we take this opportunity to wish you well.... take care and stay safe.
Vivien Woods, Hempton Parish Council Chair

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Out and About

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newsletter please send them through to the Clerk (Just for fun).

hemptonparishclerk@gmail.com



Hempton Memorial Hall

Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

Currently Closed Due to Government Lockdown

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.

Information

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



FLY TIPPING can also be reported to the Clerk or directly to NNDC via:
www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/environmental-protection/report-fly-tipping/



We still have some **FACE SHIELD VISORS** available to residents of Hempton.
 Free of Charge (Please message the Clerk to arrange collection or delivery).



Online Arthritis Action Groups

Arthritis Action Groups are an opportunity for people with arthritis to talk with others and share their tips on how to manage their arthritis and stay active whilst at home, and we actively welcome new attendees.

East Anglia Groups: Evening: 4th March 6pm

Morning: 5th March 10:30 am

For joining details see <http://www.arthritisaction.org.uk/media-centre/events>

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March Quiz

All the answers start with Mar....

1. A fruit preserve made from citrus fruits.
2. A large tent set up for an outdoor event.
3. A planet.
4. The original name for a Snickers bar.
5. You will find this in Fakenham on a Thursday.
6. A metamorphic rock.
7. A dark, thick yeast extract spread.
8. Butter made from vegetable oils.
9. A pouched mammal.
10. They can bring the colour of sunshine to your garden.
11. This could be a girl's name or where you may find sailing boats.
12. You may use this to cover a cake.
13. Small hard balls used in a variety of children's games.
14. A major British multinational retailer.
15. A nobleman of high hereditary rank.
16. An English Journalist and Television Presenter.
17. A fair found in King's Lynn.
18. A City in Turkey.
19. A vegetable.
20. A type of confectionary made from sugar, water and gelatin.



February Quiz Answers
 14 February, Je t'aime, Pauline Collins, John Paul Young, Aquarius, William Shakespeare, Amethyst, Violet,
 Febbrato, 150 million cards, Cadbury, Hugh Grant, 4 February 1920, 16 February 2021, Every 4 years, Prince
 Andrew, Tomato, Love Hearts, Dr Zhivago, Venus

From the Holy Trinity Church

We said a sad, quiet goodbye to Father Paul who goes off to a much larger Parish and should be licensed soon. We wish him well and hope to see him in the future.

This leaves us again with no Parish Priest and no stipend to pay a wage. This could have been the start of the end for our Parish Church as we know it. We got down on our knees and asked for a miracle!

Along came Father Andrew Davey on his BMW 1200 motorcycle, resplendent in his leathers, beard flying in the wind, and offered his help.

He is newly retired from his Parish of Clenchwarton and West Lynn, and he was hoping for a quiet retirement in his new home in Queens Road. He loves his bike and had dreamed of holidays on the continent riding were the mood took him. He is an active member of Norfolk Blood Bikes, fantastic people who quietly transfer blood, organs, samples and breast milk to where they are needed. They respond to calls through the night and at weekends whenever and wherever.

He knew we were in need and came to our help. He offered to take services, visit those in need and look after our sick and needy. He found the local people so welcoming, and was moved when his Christmas tree remained in his window when the children went back to school in January last year. The mums knocked on his door to make sure that he was alright. He explained that Christmas really lasts until Candlemas in February, a whole six weeks, and his tree stays up until then, as did the tree in the church this year.

He is also a bell ringer and was seen out in his front garden with bells tied to chairs, ringing bells and he is always happy to explain why he is doing these, encouraging people to join in.

I have never seen him without a big smile on his face and a mischievous twinkle in his eye. He also looks incredibly like Santa, so small people let me know what you think!

Please meet him, if not at the church on Facebook, services are at 10am on a Wednesday and Sunday. He is busy trying to give us a good Easter looking positively to the future and better weather. We hope you enjoyed Saint Valentine's day by showing your love for others and enjoying your pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Quietly reflect through Lent and prepare for Easter.

Once we know how the restrictions are going it would be nice to plan for Easter with hot cross buns and Easter eggs.

So take care, be kind and please STAY SAFE.

Christine, Church Warden, Holy Trinity Hempton.

From the Holy Trinity Church

+ foot note

Well almost true! Father Andrew came to Hempton Church as a member of the congregation when he moved to Fakenham, his beard covering his clerical collar. He sat behind me and after service we had a chat and he explained that he had just retired and wanted to spend a year with no clerical duties, just being a member of a congregation.

I promised not to say anything and didn't! However, Father Paul knew! He then asked Andrew to provide cover for him for holidays etc. The congregation got to know and love Andrew and when Paul informed us that he had been called to serve in another Parish we talked to Andrew. We told him that we knew that the congregation would love him to continue but, respecting his wishes for retirement we asked him to consider what he really wanted to do and we were happy to talk to the Bishop.

Andrew was then invited to have a chat with the Bishop. This resulted in an agreement that he would be happy to continue with the services but would not be licensed or receive a stipend for the next two years.

So, we are now on a journey; Andrew has given us the opportunity to grow the congregation. We have always welcomed everybody into our family. We have not been able to pay our Parish share in full for the last three years. The Parish share is money paid to the Church of England. It was just over £10,000 a year but when funds dropped we asked for a reduction and it was reduced by £2,500 but unfortunately it proved too high to meet. We still have to pay insurance, heating, lighting, consumables along with upkeep, the bills go on.

We let out the church rooms for £5 an hour to generate some income, so when things get back to normal remember us when you have gatherings and are looking for somewhere to hold them.

We have refitted the kitchen and have disabled facilities and managed to redecorate before lockdown. All of these improvements were made possible by people giving donations and giving time to help out and the tradesmen used working at cost. I call us 'Dibley' because we go from one problem to the next, not knowing how we will manage, but we work together, do what we can and are guided through.

So, if anybody out there has good fundraising ideas they would like to put into action get in touch. Also, if you or someone you know are in need of help, let us know. If there are any families out there with ideas to help out and make connections, let us know. We are all here to support the Parish.

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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