

### Special Edition with Hempstead's information on marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War Memorial:

Our big day is nearly here. Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 4.30pm at the War Memorial to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Dedication. The Lord Lieutenant of Essex. Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst is attending and as far as I know, it is the first time we have welcomed anyone in that role here. Being the King's representative in the county of Essex, in conversation, she should be initially addressed as Lord-Lieutenant and thereafter as Mrs Tolhurst Ma'am. Major Andrew Cadogan and some of his uniformed men of the 35 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search) based at Carver Barracks are also attending along with Cllr Martin Foley, our County Councillor and Cllr Mike Taylor, our District Councillor. Major Cadogan will give a speech. The village hall car park will be in use so if you need to bring a car, please park elsewhere in the village.

An Order of Event for the half hour we will spend at the War Memorial is attached for you to print and bring with you. The event is open to everyone and there is no singing, but a bugler will play a longer version of Reveille. Nick Turkentine, Chairman of our Parish Council will host the event, and Ross Midgley will read a couple of the back stories of men named on our Memorial. There is a time for laying wreaths and flowers and anyone wishing to do so will be invited forward after the Lord Lieutenant, Major Cadogan and Nick Turkentine have laid theirs.

The purpose of this event is to tell the story of the Memorial – what it represents, why it's there and why it is important. We especially welcome children to come and in particular hope they will find great fascination in the fabulous four tables of memorabilia that will be displayed in the hall afterwards when we have tea and cake from 5pm. The memorabilia items are from a private collection and will not be seen again in this format, so this is a unique opportunity to view them. They are exceptional pieces showing regimental accessories, books, domestic items and give a real insight to how life was lived in wartime. This will not just interest boys – there is something to fascinate everyone.

David Drane will be taking photographs and Paul Davies will be writing about the event. The High Street will most likely be closed from 4-5.15pm while we are at the Memorial and, of course, we cannot guarantee the weather so you may need to bring umbrellas. You will need to stand for at least 35 minutes so if you need to sit, please bring seating. If you have any questions, please write to me: [diana\\_frost@lineone.net](mailto:diana_frost@lineone.net). We hope to welcome as many of you there as possible.

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### Marking the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of Hempstead War Memorial

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 4.30pm

#### Order of Event

Welcome and introduction

Nick Turkentine

The backstory of two names

Ross Midgley

From a military perspective

Major Andrew Cadogan

Inc. 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae

The laying of flowers/wreaths

Reveille (Bugle)

Ian Coote

Conclusion

Nick Turkentine



## Parish Council

### Highways

Cllr Frainer is meeting with Cllr Foley to see if progress can be made on potholes. It is known that Essex Highways are planning to re-surface the main road in 2026, date not yet known, using micro-surfacing which is the same method as used last time.

### Repairs to War Memorial

The lettering on the War Memorial has been refurbished so that it is fully readable again.

### Planning

An application for alterations at Welltrees was reviewed and commented on by the Council.

### The Hundred Parishes Society

The Council again subscribed to The Hundred Parishes Society who feature details of all the parishes that make up the Hundred and a large collection of walks to enjoy them. To see their content, go to: [Hundred Parishes](#)

*Members of the public are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings to raise issues with the council but can't speak during the formal proceedings. Nick Turkentine, Chairman, Parish Council*

PARISH  
COUNCIL

## Margaret Drane

Margaret died, peacefully in her sleep, at Highfield Care Home, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, just days after her 90th birthday. A 'Thanksgiving Service, for her life will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Hempstead at **2pm on Thursday 10th July 2025**.

Some of her extraordinary life can be heard in her two interviews with Hazel Weedon, accessible on our history website: [Voices – Hempstead](#)



*HDS Presents...*



## 'A Midsummer Night's Quiz'

An HDS production based on Actors, Film, Theatre and  
of course- Pantomime!

All served with a 4 course supper

Prizes for the Winners and Last of the Losers

Tickets £15 per person

Bring your own booze/soft drinks and a reusable cup

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**, doors open 7pm, ready for a 7.30pm start

Tables/Teams of 8 people- come along and meet new people and  
have a laugh! There'll be a raffle too.

Contact Mark on: [markdymond42@gmail.com](mailto:markdymond42@gmail.com) for booking and  
payment

## Rainfall and Nature

I'm sure everyone has noticed how dry this year has been so far. We keep informal records at Rosemary Cottage and since the 1<sup>st</sup> February, we have measured only 107.5mm (by month: 27, 5, 27.5, 18, 30). That is about 4½" in five months. This is exceptional low, even for this dry part of the country.

Our wildlife seems to have survived well so far, but each year brings differences in abundances and declines. Box caterpillar has been fewer so far though more will come later, and day lilies which are usually smothered with little black beetles as soon as the flowers emerge, are remarkably free of them. Crane flies, black fly and aphids are abundant with ladybirds arriving late but numbers now growing.

Muntjac seem to survive no matter what, but nest boxes and birds seem to have done well this Spring with the timing of caterpillars appearing when needed to feed young.

The village pond at the bottom of Church Hill is worth a visit where you will see dragonflies and damsel flies, especially in the afternoons and the horse trough has a good number of water beetles.



The Churchwardens of the Benefice of Thaxted, the Sampfords,  
Radwinter & Hempstead  
invite you to the **Institution** by the Bishop of Chelmsford,  
The Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani  
and **Induction** by the Archdeacon of Stansted,  
The Venerable Kate Peacock  
of  
**The Revd David Sheppard**  
as Rector of the Benefice  
**7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm service**  
Thaxted Parish Church  
Watling Street  
CM6 2PE

Parking in Margaret St car park, CM6 2QN  
Clergy are asked to indicate if they wish to robe in Choir Dress in the Lady Chapel  
RSVP to Maryanne Fleming, Benefice Administrator  
07958 629506 or admin@ttsrh.org

### Next Ukraine collection



The next collection of goods to transport to Ukraine is likely to be Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Please note this date is not fully confirmed yet and I will update you asap, thank you.

### Babies and Toddlers

Meet on Fridays from 10 – 12 noon at Great Sampford Baptist Church if you would like to meet others with young children.

### Pizza Night

Nadia and Bogdan's next pizza night is **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** from 4-8pm. Menu selections are available at: [Fresh Italian Neapolitan Wood Fired Pizza | Pizzeria Gusto | Haverhill, Suffolk](#)



### Village Hall Addition

Thanks to some lovely work by Mark Dymond, with a little help from Russ Wide, these splendid new flag holders adorn the front of the hall ready for the event on the 4<sup>th</sup> July. But they can also be used at other times, such as Christmas for trees to be positioned or other celebratory decor that you might want for your event. Remember the hall offers some of the best hire rates around, and along with the new paint colours and chandelier now hanging in the committee room, it's a lovely setting.

Book your hiring through Julie Dalton at: [Village Hall Booking Form - Hempstead in Essex](#)

### Village BARN DANCE & hog roast

Salix Farm, Gt Sampford, CB10 2QE, **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025**, 7 pm Start, Doors open 6.30 pm

Tickets : Adults £16.00 Under 18's £12.00

Prepayment essential Tickets will be reserved on receipt of payment which can be by BACS (preferred) or cheque. Please email [mikeandsue@salixfarm.co.uk](mailto:mikeandsue@salixfarm.co.uk) with ticket application form below to order tickets and receive bank details (tickets will be emailed to you once paid for)

Or if paying by cheque, please make cheque payable to Mrs S J Lindsell and send or deliver to Mrs Sue Lindsell, Salix Farm, Gt Sampford CB10 2QE together with application form below.

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#### BARN DANCE TICKET APPLICATION

Name:

Tel no:

Email Address:

Number of adults @ £16  Amount £

No of vegetarian

Number of under 18s @ £12  Amount £

No of vegetarian

TOTAL £

Paid by: BACS/cheque/cash (please indicate)

\*\*\*Please indicate if the vegetarian option of Grilled Halloumi is required\*\*\*

A pdf version will be at [www.hempstead-essex.org.uk](http://www.hempstead-essex.org.uk) and a hard copy available on the Parish Council Noticeboard.

**T&C:** Newsletter entries must be received by [diana\\_frost@lineone.net](mailto:diana_frost@lineone.net) by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month. Only village events will be promoted. No advertisements or personal profit promotions will be featured. To unsubscribe, email Diana Frost.