

Hempstead E-newsletter

Oct 2025

A pdf version will be on the village website at www.hempstead-essex.org.uk and a hard copy is available on the Parish Council Noticeboard.

Parish Council

There was no meeting of the Council in September.

Please do submit your response to the bus consultation proposing to cut completely the 320 and 321 but services leaving Hempstead without a service. Full details were in last month's Newsletter but please note that the consultation closes on the **27th October** and to take part, go to: <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/iptu/localbus2025>

Next Meetings

The next meetings will be on the 9th October and the 13th November at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Members of the pubic are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings to raise issues with the council but can't speak during the formal proceedings.

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New Knitting Group for 'Hats for the Homeless'

You are invited to join in making Hats for the Homeless between now and the 5th December, meeting in the Village Hall on selected Friday mornings for an hour. No experience is necessary and yarn, needles and a pattern will be provided. And you can make the pom-poms too. We are choosing a pattern which will be easy. The photo shown here is just an example and not necessarily what we'll make but it gives you an idea of the simplicity.



This is a social gathering over tea/coffee in the Committee Room and Elspeth Butterworth and Diana Frost welcome anyone who is interested whether you are an experienced knitter or want to learn.

Meetings will be on the following dates:

17th and 24th October, the 7th and 21st November and the 12th December. Hats will be taken to the Salvation Army in Saffron Walden for distribution. A fee of £2 will be charged per session to cover the cost of the hall hire. Tea/coffee is free. All sessions will be from 10-11am.

HDS – Hempstead Drama Society



Our superb Drama Society is staging 'A Christmas Carol' on the **4th, 5th and 6th December**, telling Charles Dickens' story of an old miser visited on Christmas Eve by three spirits.

This classic story never loses its charm and is a must for Christmas viewing. Please note the dates in your diary for now and you will be informed when the tickets go on sale and from whom they can be purchased.

If you wish to offer your support to the society in whatever capacity they may need, please contact Diane Frainer in the first instance on 07940 558328.

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Wreath Making



You are invited to book for Anna-May Long's Wreath Making evening on **Wednesday 10th December** at 8.30pm in the Village Hall.

As previously, there will be drinks and nibbles provided along with a beautiful selection of material to create your wreath, and you only need bring gloves and secateurs.

Tickets are £30 each and can be booked now from Diana Frost at diana_frost@lineone.net

Anna-May is also holding Autumn Wreath making evenings on Friday 3rd October 8-10pm and Sunday 12th October from 10am to 12 noon at Fairycroft House in Saffron Walden →

£35 pp including all materials and a welcome drink

All profits will be donated to Water of Hope, providing clean drinking water to displaced families in a tented encampment

Email: anna-may.long1@nhs.net to book your place

 @annamakesandgrows



Thefts

There have been incidents in our surrounding villages of break-ins, even in daylight with occupants in their homes stealing children's bikes, tools, equipment etc. Recent years have seen a large number of thefts, particularly in November, where goods seem to be being stolen for Christmas gifts. Review your security and safety accordingly. In the case of the recent children's bikes theft, the padlock was such good quality the thieves took the door off instead.

Ukraine collection

The next collection for Ukraine will take place on **Saturday 25th October**. The village hall will be open to receive donations of cash or goods from 10-11am or us the collection point on the Common in Saffron Walden.

The recent nightly shelling of Kyiv is taking a heavy toll on people's ability to live normally so food, clothing, torches, generators, batteries etc, are most welcome. Thank you.



Harvest Festival

Our church looked beautiful at the Harvest Festival service on Sunday 28th September in autumn tones with floral displays, seasonal fruits, berries and stems alongside the generous donations of food for the Foodbank, display in baskets on the chancel steps.



Radwinter Repair Café this Saturday:

There's still time to book your slot for repairs of small electrical, knife sharpening, jewellery cleaning, basket repairs, ceramic repairs on Saturday. This time we also have somebody dedicated to bike repairs.

We are also having a collection for Macmillan of the following:

Old and used stamps, foreign currency, broken and used jewellery and watches, old small tech gadgets, such as mobile phones, mp3 players, cameras, tablet computers - Any condition, any age. NO desktop computers or printers.

These can be brought in at any time between 10.30am and 2pm.

As always there will be a lovely array of home baked cakes and savouries from the Radwinter WI.

To book your repair slot email: radwinterrepaircafe@gmail.com

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T&C: Newsletter entries must be received by diana_frost@lineone.net by the **24th** of each month. Only village events will be promoted. No advertisements or personal profit promotions will be featured. To unsubscribe, email Diana Frost.