

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

Water Restrictions

Affinity Water have now placed us in a hosepipe ban situation and you won't be able to use a hosepipe for the following activities:

- Watering gardens
- Washing cars, washing windows or patios
- Filling swimming and paddling pools
- Using jet washers

Some people are exempt from this but even with an exemption, you should try to use water for your most essential purposes only. For example, sprinkling a lawn is not essential and your grass will re-grow.

Fines can be up to £1000 for abusing the ban.

Highways

Please note the important forthcoming road closures:

Hill Road for 5 days from 7th September for patching works (much needed!)

<https://one.network/?tm=GB151534018>.

And as reported previously, Walden Road from The Plough in Radwinter through Stocking Green to Swards End will have the water main replaced from the 17th August to the 18th December. The latest information on this is that the closures will be at night and that they will extend the duration of the works to operate a traffic light system, keeping the road open. There will be delays of course but you can use the road. Debate between Affinity Water and affected residents continues, so some of this information could change.

Work will start from the 17th August at the crossroads by Radwinter church and Primary School, meaning there will be some delay from when back-to-school starts. <https://one.network/?tm=GB151534018>.

Hempstead Wood

Our local ancient woodland of Hempstead Wood is leased to the Forestry Commission for over 900 years. The wood comes under the Forestry Commission's Lavenham Beat who are currently running a consultation on the next 10 years of the woodland (and others) and you can have your say by completing it at: [Lavenham Forest Plan 2026-2036 - Forestry Commission - Citizen Space](#).

The consultation closes on the 16th August so you only have a couple of weeks to take part.

Just to remind you, there is no public access to the wood itself. You can travel along the bridleway on the southern boundary, and the wood contains the rare Oxlip and three types of deer including red deer that travel from Thetford Forest.

Environment

The village benches have been oiled and the kerb weeds cleared at the bottom of Church Hill. The Council have noted that the benches by the pond at the bottom of Church Hill need replacing.

Minutes of Parish Council meetings can be viewed either on notice boards within the village or by viewing them on the village website: <https://www.hempstead-essex.org.uk>

The next meeting is on Thursday 16th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

VHMC

The next meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee takes place on



Thursday the 27th August at 7.30pm. If you'd like to join our team of volunteers and take on a specific responsibility like painting our railings or hedge cutting or maintenance, come along to the meeting to meet the team. We hope you will join in.

Knitting Group

Meeting dates in August for the group are the **14th** and the **28th** in the village hall from 10-11.30am.

No experience necessary so come and join a very sociable morning for just £2.



Shoeboxes for Ukraine front-line soldiers – your help please

We have a very special request to make of everyone, and we hope you will support it.

As you know, John Tapscott has been involved with UK-Aid through Rotary for a long time, and as a village we have undertaken many collections and sent donations to Ukraine.

We have committed to filling 60 shoeboxes for front-line soldiers (50 men and 10 women) with carefully chosen pre-bought goods and are asking you to pack and fund a box, or as many boxes as you can at a cost of £10 each. There is a card for you to write your own message on to go in the box you pack, and the Knitting Group have made 60 hats for inclusion. Please bring cash to cover the number of boxes you fill. The hall will be open on **Saturday 22nd August from 10-11.30** with tables laid out with the products ready for you to fill the boxes. There'll be tea/coffee/biscuits/cakes and we'll also take other donations for Ukraine except clothing. Food, toiletries, batteries, torches, toys etc welcome and if you are bringing unused medicines, they must have 6 months of date life on them.

We'll open the hall again on **Saturday 5th Sept** at the same times for those who can't make the 22nd.

In all the hardship Ukrainian soldiers have been through, this small gesture from people they don't know means a huge amount to them. **Please come and give your support. Thank you.**

Sampfords' Lawn Tennis Club - A free tennis coaching session

With the summer tennis season upon us, we are arranging a free coaching session for adult and junior members that are interested in brushing up their skills - or learning to play the game with our resident coach.

Membership is £40 per adult and £10 for Juniors for the period to 30th April 2027 and includes unlimited use of the court, access to the court booking system and LTA membership. To get involved, contact Patricia Southall patricia.southall@openworld.com for more information and an application form.



SUPER STARS SPORT

SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMP!

Radwinter C of E Primary School
Multi-Sports Summer Camp
CB10 2TX

PRICES

Prices vary per day - £22.50-£26

Prices vary per block booking - £68-£72

DATES
23rd, 24th July
18th, 19th, 20th August
25th, 26th, 27th August
1st, 2nd September

ACTIVITIES
ARTS AND CRAFTS
FOOTBALL
DODGEBALL
TENNIS
BASKETBALL
LACROSSE
ARCHERY
CAMOUFLAGE
PARK
AND MANY MORE

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Radwinter Quilters

present their

25th Anniversary Quilt Exhibition 2026

Quilts & Crafts on display
Raffle
Demonstrations (by Dawn's Seagull Gals)
Sale Table
Refreshments

August Bank Holiday Weekend
Saturday 29th August to Monday 31st August
10am - 4pm
at St Marys Church
Radwinter
Essex
CB10 2SW
(Parking available behind the Village Hall)

The Fabric Townhouse
(an independent online fabric shop) will be bringing a stall on Saturday

Entry: Donation to our designated charities
In aid of Radwinter Church and Motor-Neurone Disease

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.