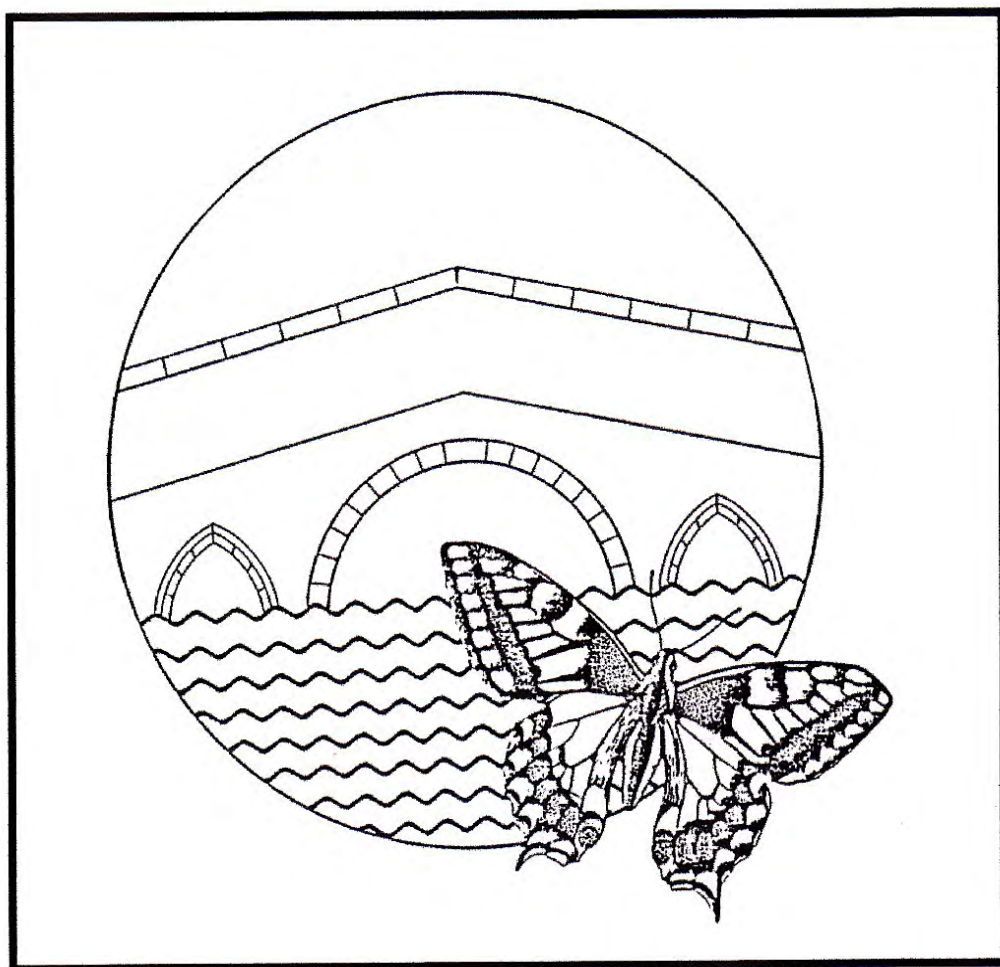


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What's on this Month

Tues 4th & 11th **SLIMMING WORLD** 9am at Village Hall

Thurs 6th **TEA AFTERNOON 2 – 4 pm** see Report

Thurs 9th & 23th **SOUP & CHATTER** 12:15 to 2 pm at the Village Hall
Remember we have plenty of board and card games to be played!

Wed 12th **MARDLERS & MORE** 10-12 at Village Hall

Wed 12th **PARISH COUNCIL** 7.30pm at Village Hall

Sat 1st **BINGO** 7 pm at Village Hall

Weekly at Village Hall

Monday 1.30pm STITCHERS & CRAFTERS – Sue Harris 670471

Tuesday 2.00pm SHORT MAT BOWLS – Mick 670616

Tuesday 7pm TABLE TENNIS CLUB – Andy- 07968 604504

Thursday 11.00am TAI-CHI – Rachael 01603 716522

Thursday evening HEMESBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Friday 2.00pm SHORT MAT BOWLS – Mick 670616

Rainbows (aged 4-7), Brownies(aged 7-10) and Guides (aged 10- 14)
meet weekly in term time. For more details go to www.girlguiding.org.uk
and follow the links.

Benefice Church Services

2nd	10 am	Benefice Holy Communion Catfield (Outside, weather permitting)
9th	10 am	Joint Morning Worship at Potter Heigham with Catfield Holy Communion at Ludham
16th	10 am	Joint Holy Communion at Catfield with Potter Morning Worship at Ludham
23rd	10 am	Joint Holy Communion at Potter Heigham with Catfield Morning Worship at Ludham
30th	10 am	Joint Holy Communion with the Methodists at Ludham Chapel (TBC)

6th September Benefice Holy Communion at **Potter Heigham**

Methodist Church Services

2nd	11am	first Sunday Special Service at Ludham
9th	10am	Mr S Cushion
16th	11am	Sunday Special at Thurne
23th	2.30	Mr S Cushion Open Air Service
30th	10 am	Mrs S Small

Homily for August 2026

It's August already and we have reached the middle of Summer and the end of the Academic year for Students, teachers and parents alike no more school runs for a few weeks! hopefully time to enjoy a welcome break and family holidays. We have had some wonderful hot sunny weather although a little too hot for some people but not for me I love it and am making most of it while it lasts.

I expect that like me most of you have fond childhood memories of summer holidays. When I was growing up I really looked forward to them, counting the days till the end of term because it meant that I would have a whole week away from home staying with my grandparents. My grandfather was a Game keeper in a tiny village in Suffolk and I would spend a lot of time going round the estate on the cross bar of his bike followed by one or two very obedient dogs. If I was not doing that I would be off on my own exploring the fields and woodlands to see what I could find the only rule was to make sure that I could see the roof of the house. It was very hard to find me when it was time to go home.

I wonder what childhood memories Jesus would have had probably much like ours, watching and helping his father and learning about carpentry, learning about the Jewish faith and of course playing with his friends.

Thirty years later when he started his ministry he would have been spending long hours with his disciples teaching, healing and performing miracles traveling around the towns and villages around The Sea of Galilee with crowds of people following him. Like us he would get very tired however he knew the importance of having a break and would often go off on his own in the early hours of the morning to be quiet and spend time with God his father.

A few weeks ago I was watching a documentary about the Holy Land. During the program there was a "Mindful Moment" a short clip of The Sea of Galilee early in the morning the only sound being the birds singing and the waves splashing gently against the shore and sides of the fishing boats. It looked as though nothing had changed since the time of Jesus and I could picture him in my mind walking along the shore talking to God.

We should all follow Jesus's example and everyday find time to stop and spend some time with God, listening to what he is telling us and praying.

Blessings.

Ros Bingham L L M

Notices:Revd Zephney L Kennedy, The Methodist Church UK,

A Julian Meeting for Christian Silent Prayer to be held at St Mary's Church, Hickling NR12 0BQ, at 10.30am on the **second Tuesday** of the month. Meet at 10.30am on the 11th August. We start with a friendly cuppa and a chat before settling for prayer.

A Prayer Walk at the NWT Hickling Reserve from the Visitors' Centre starts at 10.30am on Tuesday, 25th August.

A Bible Discussion will be held in the *King's Arms* at 3pm on Tuesdays 4th and 18th August. We welcome all who would like to explore the Christian faith.

A visit to St Botolph's Church, North Walsham Road, Trunch, NR 28 0PZ for Prayer-through-Art, 4th August from 10.30am -12.30pm Join us in this quiet space prayerfully to draw the images and architecture. Pencils, paper will be available. Simply bring paper or board. No paint, please. A donation as a thank-you for the cuppa would be graciously welcome..

Should anyone wish to find out more, do contact me, Zephney Kennedy, at 01692 598179. Blessings and warm wishes,

"You shall not pollute the land in which you live."

Numbers 35:33, *The Bible*

Science can purify religion from error and superstition; religion can purify science from idolatry and false absolutes. Each can draw the other into a wider world, a world in which both can flourish.

—John Paul II

Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat – July 2026

At the time of writing, our coastline is basking in temperatures reaching the mid-20s, with both locals and visitors making the most of everything the area we call home has to offer.

For our volunteers, it has been a busy start to the summer. We have already responded to four taskings from HM Coastguard, including three incidents in a single afternoon.

Alongside operational duties, preparations are well underway for our annual Lifeboat Day on Sunday 23rd August. This is one of the most important dates in our calendar and plays a vital role in raising the funds needed to keep the station operational.

We're looking for support from our local community. If you, or someone you know, could help with fundraising on the day, bake a cake for our popular cake stall, or donate a raffle prize, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Every contribution, no matter how big or small, helps support our volunteer crew and ensures we can continue serving our community when needed most.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable Summer

The Village has another Defibrillator

It's located at The Falgate. Thanks to Jo & Sean at the Falgate for hosting it for us.

And was paid for by an anonymous donation, coffee morning and bingos. Could we thank everyone that has helped get it located. That in itself was very difficult.

Potter Heigham Country Fayre and Companion Dog Show – Sunday **August 16th**

Potter Heigham Country Fayre and Companion Dog Show, only a couple of weeks away. We have changed the categories to hopefully be more accommodating to the whims of Mother Nature so, hopefully the hot weather has not deterred your garden entries.

Remember to look through those photos, craft activities or get baking or making preserves.

The more entries the more fun it will be. We have several new stalls and activities for all.

As always there will be a raffle and any donations of prizes gratefully accepted along with home made cakes for the refreshments.

Remember, this event raises funds to help support our Village Hall so that we can implement ideas that came up from the survey and also this year, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

Looking forward to seeing you all there on Sunday August 16th

Any questions, call Sheridan 01692 670206.

Tea Afternoons

Hello and thank you to everyone who came to the last tea, which was themed around comemorating VE day. We had lovely wartime treats, some dressed up as land girls, a soldier and even a couple of the french resistance fighters came along! There was a video presentation of Potter during the war and parachute racing which was hotly contended!

This time, we will be doing a lovely "Secret Garden" themed tea, 2-4 Thursday, 6th August.

We will be making a garden themed tea with games and children's activities, and a raffle of course!

Let us know of any dietary requirements or allergies, Lifts to the hall available. Donations to the raffle, gratefully received. Contribution of £3 Per Adult, £1 per Child required. **Booking via Maggie @ 07905320956**

Dates for your Calendar 2026

Potter Heigham Village Hall

Afternoon Teas 2pm – 4 pm

August 6th, October 29th, December 17th

Soup & Chatter 12:15pm – 2 pm (2nd and 4th Thursday of the month)

August 13th and 27th September 10th and 24th

October 8th and 22nd November 12th and 26th

December 10th

Potter Heigham Country Fayre and Dog Show

Sunday August 16th

Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning

September 26th 10am to 1 pm

Christmas Craft & Family Fair

Saturday November 28th

Potter Heigham Parish Council meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Sports Announcement

Hemsby Football Club has come to Potter Heigham!

We are thrilled to announce that we have a great opportunity for the Potter Heigham Village Hall and the Hemsby Football Club to work together so that children can enjoy this great game.

The Club will be starting with the under 12s boy's team and will eventually be marking out two pitches. Practice is on Thursday evenings and home games will be on weekends.

They play in the Norfolk and combined youth league, welcoming lovely teams to our home ground. The goals on the field with wheels, are for the club and should not be moved.

They have generously offered to provide some other goals that can be used by anyone who wants to enjoy the game.

Members of the club will be at the Country Fayre on August 16th so come along, have a go and find out more.

Potter Mardlers & more

We were really pleased to welcome 3 new members from Hickling to our July meeting. Also a first for our club... congratulations to one of our members, Jane Dixon, who got engaged while on holiday in Australia. So pleased for you, Jane.

Replacing our usual cake our members were all treated to fresh strawberries and cream together with a shortbread biscuit. Our Quiz got our members thinking about how much they knew about Spices and the UK.

The outing to Thetford Garden Centre followed by a visit to Bressingham Steam Museum and Gardens was enjoyed by everyone. A ride on the 1897 Galloper Carousel brought back many childhood memories. Easy to get on to the horse, maybe more difficult to get off. Mmm!

It was interesting to see the royal carriage used by the royal family on many of their train journeys and the magnificent steam locomotives.

By the time you read this we will have paid a visit to the first RHS Sandringham Flower Show. More on that next month.

Many thanks to all our ladies who have contributed prizes for our Tombola Stall on August 16th at the Country Fair at Potter Heigham Village Hall. Come and say Hello!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, August 12th 10.00 -12.00. and there is plenty of parking. Doors open 9.30a.m.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

Hazel

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Many thanks Hazel 01692 670616

Potter Heigham Bowls Club

Talking to the chair of Norfolk County Bowls at a match recently (we both having played bowls for over half a century) we got to remembering some of the greens from the past and how things have changed. Each green used to have its own anomalies which helped the home team as they knew from the start which was the best side to bowl.

Having been playing matches recently at some clubs in the area makes me realise how lucky we are here.

Almost every club we go to I have people saying to me how they like playing at Potter “You've got such a lovely green” is often heard.

It is frightening to think what it costs to run even a small club, there is the upkeep of the green also the surroundings / machinery etc.

Luckily we have such wonderful Volunteers doing the work.

The games are progressing well winning some and as usual losing some . We have teams still playing in various cups also players doing well in personal ventures. We have recently welcomed some new members whom I think are enjoying playing. There is still room for All as we range in ages from 20 to 80+.

Try out our Saturday Afternoon session from 2 pm. Just wear flat shoes the rest is provided including tea / squash & cake.

So contact Martin on 07715121931 or Tom on 07952202950 for more info. **Better still Turn Up and be Welcomed**

Garden Allotments available to rent

They are in good order and ready for digging / planting this spring!
Contact Donald Pickering on 01692 670407

Potter Heigham Parish Council

Potter Heigham Parish Council Meeting Notes 8 July 2026

- **Marsh Road Pumping Station:** The Parish Council continues to press for a swift resolution to the ongoing issues with the broken Anglian Water pumping station on Marsh Road. The Council is liaising with the relevant authorities to help expedite the repairs. Anglian Water has confirmed that it is experiencing technical issues which are delaying the completion of the work.
- **Dog Fouling:** There has been an increase in dog fouling around the village. Dog owners are politely reminded to pick up after their dogs and either use the dog waste bins provided or take the waste home for disposal. The Council are considering moving an underused bin from Bridge Road to a problematic area on Mill Road and will confirm any decision made in due course.
- **SAM2 Speed Data:** The latest SAM2 speed monitoring device was positioned facing towards Ludham near the telephone exchange over the month of June. The data recorded:
 - Over **14,000 vehicles** travelling at **35 mph**
 - Almost **6,000 vehicles** travelling at **over 40 mph**
 - A highest recorded speed of **65 mph**

The data has been shared with the Police for their information.

New Parish Clerk: Sheila Beckett has been appointed as the new Parish Clerk and will take up the post following a handover on 15 July 2026.

Full minutes and papers from meetings can be found at
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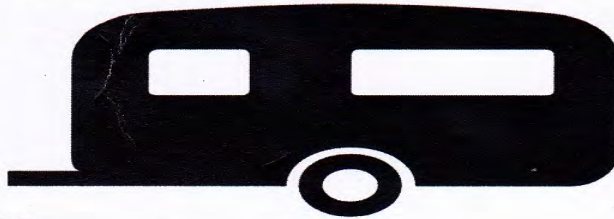
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