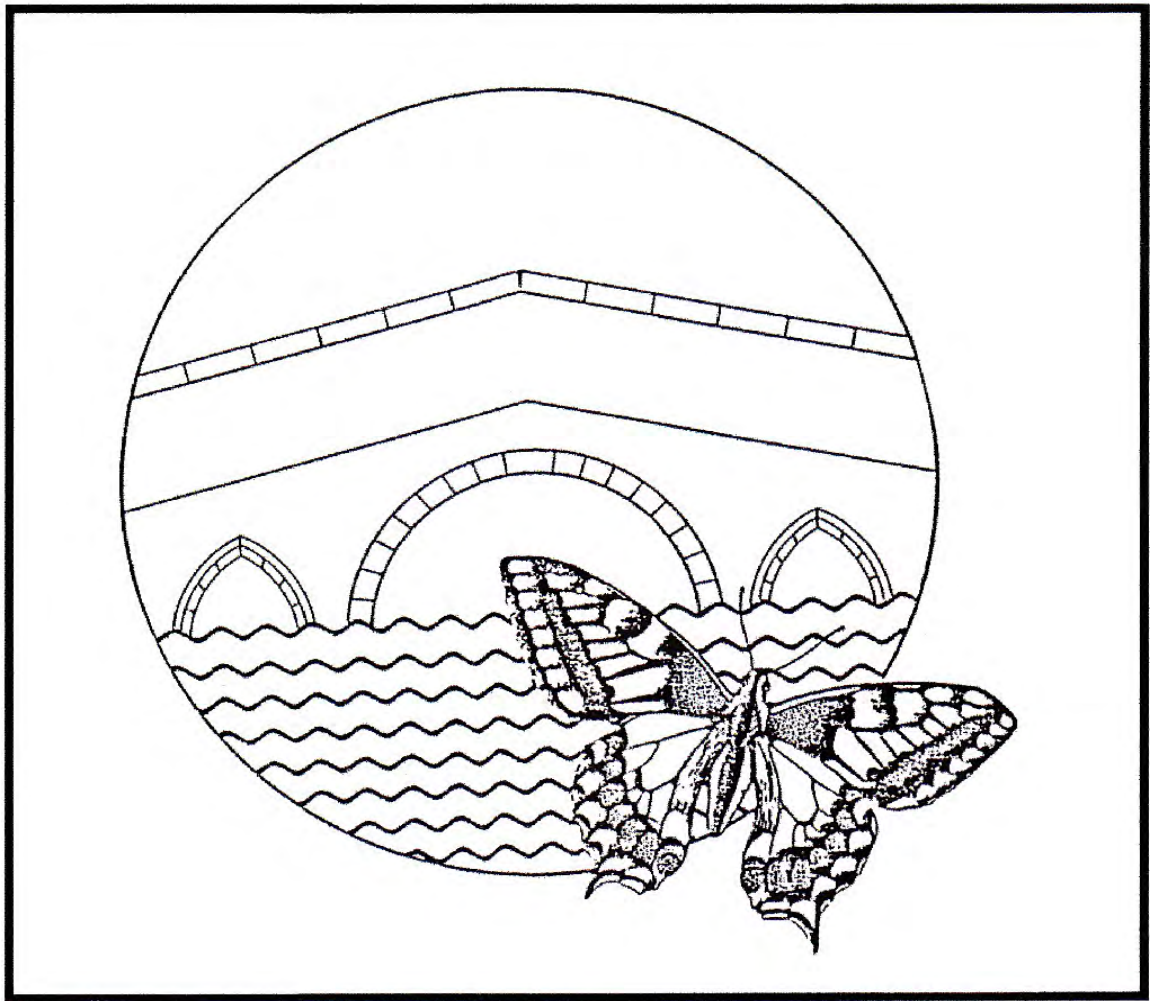


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What's on this Month

Thurs 10th & 24th SOUP & CHATTER 12:15 to 2 pm at the Village Hall
Remember we have plenty of board and card games to be played!

Wed 9th MARDLERS & MORE 10-12 at Village Hall

Wed 9th PARISH COUNCIL 7.30pm at Village Hall

Sat 26th BINGO 7 pm at Village Hall

Next TEA AFTERNOON 2 – 4 pm 29th October

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 10:30am YOGA – Bronwyn 07938 804786

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

6th 10 am Benefice Holy Communion **Potter Heigham**
13th 10 am Holy Communion at Ludham Morning Worship Catfield
20th 10 am Holy Communion at Catfield
Morning Worship at Ludham
27th 10 am Harvest Festival at **Potter Heigham**
Morning Worship at Ludham
4th October Stewardship Sunday invited Speaker Ludham

Archdeacon Steven Bett's retirement service.

Steven Betts has been our Archdeacon for many years now and has helped us through a number of interregnums (periods when we have had no Vicar). If anyone wishes to go the service, it is in Norwich Cathedral on Friday 18th September at 5.30pm

Methodist Church Services

6th 11am At Horsey , First Sunday Special Service
13th 10am Mr S Cushion
20th 10am Mrs J Oliver HF
27th 3 pm Mrs. G Tooke Worship Leader SK

**Notices: Revd Zephney L Kennedy, The Methodist Church UK,
Contact 01692 598179 for more information**

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 (8th)

The King's Arms Ludham NR29 5QQ Bible Discussion Group will meet at 3pm on Tuesdays 1st, 15th, 29th September for reading Psalms and the Letters of John. All are welcome.

Our Prayer Walk will start at the NWT Hickling Reserve Visitors' Centre at 10.30am on Tuesday, 22nd September.

Homily for September 2026

The Future of the Rural Parish

In the Diocese of Norwich, of which our churches in the Waterside Benefice are a part, there are a large number of rural parishes. Many of the parishes form part of a large Benefice where there is just one priest in post and often with minimal support. This is a common situation across England.

Rural parish congregations may be small in number, however, rural parishes collectively make up over 30% of church attendance on a Sunday and contribute a similar percentage in parish share.

But over the last decade these rural parishes have been starved of resources and in many cases sadly neglected by the central church. Until well into the current General Synod, which closes in July this year, it was clear that central church resources in particular were directed to urban parishes.

There is to be a conference in Norwich on Saturday 5 September 2026 put on by an organisation named "Save the Parish" which was founded in 2021, particularly to help secure the future of rural parish churches.

This is an opportunity to hear what the future might hold, not just for our rural churches but also urban parishes which are not immune to many of the changes the future might bring.

All are welcome to attend this very important meeting about the future of our village church, and a golden opportunity to hear from a wide range of experienced speakers about what the future might hold.

Save The Parish Norfolk Conference.

The Future of the Rural Parish

Saturday 5 September 2026

From 2pm until 4.00/4.30pm

At Norwich School, 71a The Close, Norwich NR1 4DD
in The Blake Studio

Please get in touch with your church warden if you have any queries or think you would like to attend this important and informative meeting. Christine Wall AWA

Dates for your Calendar 2026

Potter Heigham Village Hall

Afternoon Teas 2pm – 4 pm

October 29th, December 17th

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

September 10th and 24th October 8th and 22nd

November 12th and 26th December 10th

Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning (see below)

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

Macmillian Cancer Support

Come and enjoy **Our Macmillian Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall on Saturday 26th September between 10 am and 12.30 pm.

Your support for this important cause will be most appreciated, whilst having Refreshments, playing the Games available and hopefully winning a Raffle Prize.

We look forward to seeing you

Potter Mardlers & more

We had a great August meeting and in spite of the holidays over 50 of our members came along. We were pleased to welcome new members, Frankie Dyer and Helen Miles to the meeting, both local ladies, and a special mention to Doreen Dickenson who has returned after a long spell in hospital.

At the meeting we put our minds to where we would like to go for our Christmas Meal, looking at a couple of menus. Too soon you say?

Restaurants are already booking up!!

Our visit to the first RHS Sandringham Flower Show proved to be very enjoyable and extremely well organised, if hot.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, September 9th 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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SOUP & PUDDING LUNCH

We'll be open for our first Soup & Pud Lunch of the season on Wednesday, October 1st 12.00 – 2.00p.m. £5 for a 2 course meal + Tea /Coffee.. All Homemade

We look forward to seeing you all back with us. Don't forget to book your table!

If anyone has any spare fruit apples, plums, blackberries etc. that they don't want please let me know. These are used to make our famous crumbles. I am happy to pay for the fruit should you wish.

Many thanks Hazel 01692 670616

DONATE A PLANT FOR THE STAITHE

Calling all Potter Heigham gardeners.

The three large planters on the Staithe really need some new plants but it is becoming quite difficult to keep annuals watered sufficiently during the increasingly hot summers.

We would really appreciate donations of hardy perennials that don't require a great deal of water during the summer.

Small lavender type plants or succulents would be ideal.

Do you have any cuttings or are you dividing any flowering shrubs?

If you feel able to help in any way it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Sally on 07557 646962

Potter Heigham Bowls Club

The season is now almost over and the positions of the various teams is becoming clearer, some have done well some not so. But after all the matches have been played it comes down to having a game of bowls, meeting like minded people and having an enjoyable evening. New friendships have been formed and old friends welcomed.

When all the games have finished about mid September we will be starting some more maintenance / improvement work to the green and surrounds.

if anyone would like to see what work is involved in keeping the green etc in the condition it is pop along and speak to a volunteer! Better still come and join us.

For info call Tom on 07952202950

Potter Heigham Parish Council

Potter Heigham Parish Council Meeting Notes 12 August 2026

Marsh Road Pumping Station: Following pressure from the Parish Council, Anglian Water have advised they are going to fit a temporary pump while they find a longer term solution to the technical issues they encountered. The temporary fix is expected imminently although they have not yet given a timeframe.

Dog Fouling: Following feedback, the proposal to place a waste bin in Mill Road has been withdrawn. The Council is investigating the suitability of other locations, to provide a bin in the best place to alleviate poo bags being left in hedges, and also to be accessible for North Norfolk District Council to empty.

Road Safety: Our County Councillor is arranging a meeting for Parish Council representatives to meet with NCC Highways to discuss road safety issues around junctions in the village and the speed reduction measures that might be taken.

Allotments: There are some plots available for rent at Green Lane. Each plot is approximately 30 sq m. If you are interested in renting one please get in touch with Donald Pickering by tel: 01692 670407 or email: donaldpickering48@btinternet.com.



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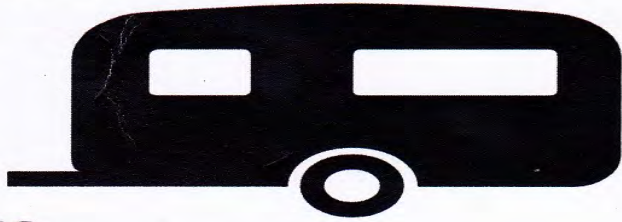
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