

# Hempstead Herald

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## Regular Events

### Coffee and Gossip

A chance to meet up with friends on a Friday morning once a month and enjoy a good cup of filter coffee and a piece of home-made cake. Profits are donated to **The Hempstead Herald**.

### Play Reading Group

Started so that we could enjoy taking part in plays without the anxiety of learning the lines! Meets bi-monthly and welcomes new members. *Contact:* Su 710702 [su@linaria.co.uk](mailto:su@linaria.co.uk)

### Art Class

#### Tuesday mornings 10 am

Meets during term time. Mike Thody would be pleased to welcome new students from the village and beyond. Good quality refreshments served. *Contact:* Mike 711282 [mikthody@aol.com](mailto:mikthody@aol.com)

### Village Hall Hire

£7.50/hour Apr–Sept  
£9/hour Oct–Mar  
Catering for 80  
Overhead projector.  
*Contact:* Su 710702

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## Pay a visit to your own...

At first glance one might not be impressed:

A bit tired and dated; well past its best;

Rather down at heel; in a bit of a rut;

Not so much town hall – more scout hut.

But on entering... What a wonder of timbered design;

High-vaulted ceilings and walls of knotted pine.

It boasts an ash-sprung dance floor and elevated stage;

It's a vibrant, breathing building; proud to show its age.

Art Classes, Quizzes, the Follies and Hog Roasts

Are all among the many events it annually hosts.

Although not much to look at whilst one's standing without,

You'll need to step inside to really appreciate what it's all about.

I'm afraid it will never make the *listed* building lists

Yet, throughout the years, its rural charm persists.

It's a unique little building offering a warm welcome to all –

So why not soon pay a visit to your own Hempstead

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## Hempstead Events

*All events in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated*

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|--------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Jun  | Wed 7 pm          | <b>Play Reading Group</b> *      |
| 3 Jun  | Fri 10:30 am–noon | <b>Coffee &amp; Gossip</b> *     |
| 11 Jun | Sat 10:30 am–noon | <b>Queen's 90th Birthday</b> * † |
| 19 Jun | Sun 12 noon       | <b>Charity Lunch</b> *           |
| 23 Jun | Thurs 7 am–10 pm  | <b>Vote EU Referendum</b> *      |
| 4 Jul  | Mon 7:30 pm       | <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> *  |
| 8 Jul  | Fri 10:30 am–noon | <b>Coffee &amp; Gossip</b> *     |

## Further Ahead

|         |            |                                    |
|---------|------------|------------------------------------|
| 7 Aug   | Sun 2 pm   | <b>Fête on the Playing Field</b> * |
| 3–4 Sep | 10 am–5 pm | <b>Hempstead Arts</b>              |
| 14 Oct  | Fri 7 pm   | <b>Quiz &amp; Meal</b>             |
| 10 Dec  | Sat 7 pm   | <b>Christmas Party</b>             |

\* See within for more details † In the church

## Hempstead Fête – 7 Aug

### Cake Stall

We are very grateful for over 15 years of exceptional cake making by Rose Carver who has made a large proportion of the cakes and contributed a lot to the success of the fête. She is standing down so let's continue the good work by offers to make a cake (or cakes) from everyone in the village who is able. **Before you forget** please let a committee member know **now**.



### Fête Committee

Liz Buxton 714082, Tony Collier 713004, Tim Scarff 711657 and Peter Quin 712831.

### Other Stalls

Also, please contact a committee member if you would be willing to help on the day; bake a cake for the **teas**; donate prizes for the **tombola**; **books**; **plants and produce**; and **bric-a-brac**. Don't wait to be asked...

## Village Stall

Please support the stall outside the hall by putting on your excess plants and garden produce. Please name plants, and price everything. The hall gets half of what is raised each year, so everything donated helps to keep our hall going.

## Parish Council

Meets every two months - next meeting on Mon 4 July at 7:30 pm. Please come along to raise any matters of local concern.

## Queen's 90th Birthday

Visit the church on Sat, 11 June between 10:30 am and noon to enjoy a piece of birthday cake and coffee/tea/squash. Children are invited to bring pictures they have drawn or painted to add to our noticeboard – they will receive a Queen's Birthday Goody Bag for doing so. (Well done to those who have already pinned their pictures up in church!). Marianne Scarfe will also be offering face-painting, and a drawing table for those children who would prefer to do their pictures on the day. We hope to see you all...

## Charity Lunch – 19 June

The church service at 11 am will celebrate the work of **Venda** in schools in one of the poorest areas of South Africa. All Saints' Church has supported this Norfolk-based charity for some years now, and Michele and Ceri from the charity will be there to report on current projects. After the service, lunch will follow in the Village Hall. All are welcome and bring your friends to share a really good meal in return for a donation to Venda. You can join us for the service beforehand, or just meet us at noon in the hall. It would help enormously for catering purposes if you could let Su Summers know you are coming 710702. Thank you.

## Bridge Club

Welcome to the Bridge Club using our hall on Tuesdays in June while their usual venue is being improved. I'm sure any bridge player in the village would be welcomed by Robert Herring 713486. Runs from 7 pm to 10 pm.