

Trade Directory

Architectural Services - for advice and free quotation, contact	Mark Woods	01508 498805
Oil boiler services: servicing/commissioning & breakdown repairs	Chris Clarke 1-service/2 - emergency	07377 516660/07912 146619
Central heating/boiler engineer (gas/LPG) - Gas Safe registered	Kenneron (Boiler Champ Ltd)	07874 007263/01508 473080
DKC Oil Boiler Servicing and breakdowns	David	07375 995198
Oil Boiler Services - for enquiries: em Enquiries@JAboilers.co.uk	James Allen	07526 052222
Car servicing/repairs/MOT prep etc	Mike Curtis	01508 550293/07753 182065
Airport transfer specialist/Chauffeur hire. www.peterrudlingtravel.co.uk	Ben Rudling info@peterrudlingtravel.co.uk	07545 560565
The Village Chimney Sweep of Saxlingham - City and Guilds	Ben Hampton	07920 585518
Computer repairs, virus removal & more - www.pcassistonline.co.uk	Darren Rose	01508 471459
Coco's Dog Grooming - holistic grooming, washes/full grooms, etc.	Rachael Hill	07812 753750
Electrician - ICD Domestic Electrics	Ian and Caroline Duerden	01508 813802/07790 273689
Foot Care Practitioner - all treatments (diabetics welcome)	Mandy Baker	07398 402620
Funeral Services (Poringland based offices)	R B Copping	01508 494434
Professional Gardener with horticultural qualifications - tbgardenmaintenance@gmail.com	Tom Beevor	07557 670733
Floorlayer and Handyman	Bradley Patrick	01508 499133/07982 740833
HR Consultant- advice and support on employment matters	Lucy - Lucy@mustardhr.co.uk	07809 227222
Garden Design and Maintenance garreegardendesign@gmail.com	James Garrec	07551 660485
Gutter Tech, Clearing, Cleaning, Repairs. guttertechnofolk@gmail.com	Charlie (Nick Charles)	07982 452351
Local Handyman, property maintenance/painting & decorating service	Ian Pilkington	07789 541421
Landscaping and gardening, patios, fencing, brickweave drives etc	Rachel Cooke (Arkscape)	01508 470482
Interior/exterior painting and decorating	Michael Wiseman	07941 699232
Live honey bee removal from chimneys and wall cavities	Louise - louise@buzz-off.co.uk	07876 141153/01603 259945
Lady Mole Catcher for all pest and wildlife management problems	Louise - louise@ladymolecatcher.co.uk	01603 259945/07876 141153
Pet sitting service - cats, dog walking and other animals	Jo Sanders - jsanjicook@yahoo.co.uk	07902 393078
Plumbing and bathroom installation	Neil Prior	01508 489359/07713 352494
Recycled car spares, MOT failures - www.dysalvage.com	David Yarham	01508 482612/07860 626595
Tutor - 3Rs, maths and sciences to GCSE, revision support	Storm Roberts - fayre@me.com	07939 242262
Wills and estate planning accredited by Trading Standards -	Richard Mantin	01603 765337/07789 194430
Washing machines, etc. - all repaired	Michael Jay	01603 499578/07884 255292
Washing machines, cookers, dishwashers, fridge freezer etc repairs	Ashley Yallop	01603 433083/07525 150999
Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall Bookings	Claire Smith - e-mail saxlinghambookings@gmail.com	
Community Emergency Co-ordinator	Bryn Austin	01508 499757/07788 795666
Police Telephone Number	Non Emergencies	101
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If you would like to advertise in the Trade Directory, please do get in touch with the Editor.

Saxlingham Contact October 2025

Harvest

At harvest time the church celebrates God's generous provision through services of thanksgiving, with donations of food and finance often going to support local Foodbanks. Even when our national harvest has not been as abundant as expected, we are not in danger of starvation. In countries where there is famine or war, it's a very different story. Although we have plenty, we remember those less fortunate and make sure that out of our bounty, we share so that others may be blessed.

Friends in the parish recently brought some home-grown vegetables to the rectory, along with a batch of delicious home-made tomato soup for us to enjoy. This expression of generosity was not prompted by poverty (clergy do receive a monthly stipend!) it was a gesture of friendship, a gift from the heart, a desire to share the blessings God had given them.

We can all bless others throughout the year - and not only with garden produce or cooking. Most people (especially those who live alone) appreciate the gift of time spent with them, conversation, and a listening ear. Perhaps we can pass on books that we've enjoyed, or teach a neighbour a new craft, introduce them to new friends or offer to do practical jobs in house or garden.

Think of ways to share your blessings - and you will be blessed once more in the sharing.

With every blessing! Dawn

This month's Contact is sponsored by **Diane and family** in loving memory of **Robin** who sadly passed away three years ago on 27 October. He is missed so much and thought of every day with love.

ST MARY'S SERVICES

5 October: 9.30 am - Harvest Thanksgiving

12 October: 11.00 am - Matins

19 October: 9.30 am - Holy Communion

26 October: 8.00 am - Holy Communion

26 October: 11.00 am Contemplative Worship

CHAPEL SERVICES

Every Sunday at 11.00 am and 6.30 pm

All are warmly invited

How to contact the teams:

Contact Rev'd Dawn Davidson at The New Rectory, The Street, Saxlingham Nethergate, Norwich, NR15 1AJ; tel 498924; e-m: dawndavidson@btinternet.com

Contact Pastor Ian Masson at 73 Blithemeadow Drive, Norwich, NR7 8PY; tel 07778 347461; e-m: ianmasson1@btinternet.com

Contact Rev'd Austin Uzoigwe at The Rectory, Church Hill, Tasburgh, NR15 1NB; tel 470901; e-m: revaustinuzoigwe@aol.com

Contact Rev'd Rachel Hayden at The Rectory, Church Lane, Newton Flotman, NR15 1QB; Tel 01508 826971; e-m: racheljhayden@outlook.com



Hempnall Art Exhibition (supporting a local charity)

4 and 5 October between 10.30 am and 4.00 pm

Hempnall Village Hall Bungay Road Hempnall NR15 2NG

Art works for sale by club members and invited artists

Home made cakes; teas and coffee

Free Entry



SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE VILLAGE HALL CENTENARY CELEBRATION



**Dress code:
1920's or
Black & White**

**Join Us for an Evening of Live Jazz,
Cocktails and Canapés**

Saturday 15th November 7pm - 11pm

**Tickets £15 per person. To book call 01508 826516
or email secretary@sn-villagehall.co.uk**



Harvest Supper and Quiz at Saxlingham Chapel

Browns Lane Saxlingham Nethergate NR15 1SX
Saturday 18 October from 5.30 pm



Please come along for a lovely evening with food and fellowship

News from the Pews

Harvest Festival Weekend – 4 and 5 October - A reminder that the annual Harvest Festival service is at 9.30 am on Sunday in the Church and will be preceded by the Harvest Supper on the Saturday evening in the Village Hall. The church will be specially decorated for the weekend so do please admire the skill of the flower arrangers. For either event, please remember to bring any offerings for the Foodbank.

Early Bird Christmas Craft Fair—11 October from 1.00 pm—don't forget to visit the craft fair—lots of handmade items, refreshments and one more chance to get your knives/tools sharpened with Norfolk Edge Perfection who will be in the car park at the same time



Christmas Stars Display - a display of stars for the whole month of December and everyone is invited to get involved. The stars can be of any size, so long as they are capable of being either hung up by string, or placed to sit on window ledges to complement the floral displays. Please drop off the stars in the church within the children's area during the last week of November. Get crafting!

Foodbank donations—these are really appreciated. Please place your items in the plastic box behind the font during church opening hours (10.00 am – 4.00 pm). They are collected monthly and taken to the Norwich Foodbank.

Urgently needed items: long life juice; tinned soup; custard; 500g of pasta; toiletries – shampoo, deodorant, body wash; pasta sauce; UHT milk.



Samaritans' Purse - once again we will be helping to send shoeboxes full of items for children who live in parts of the world where they do not have access to these things. They will be collected from the church during the week of 10 - 17 November. Shoeboxes to fill will be available at the end of October in the church with a list of items which can be included but any of the following items can be purchased now : toys, school supplies, personal care items, hats, gloves, small backpack, watch, wind-up torch etc. Please decide on the approximate age of the child so that whatever is in the shoebox is suitable for a boy or girl.

Many thanks
Cindy Brookes, tel 398521, email cindylbrookes@icloud.com



Calling all villagers to

Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall

HARVEST SUPPER

SAT 4 OCTOBER 2025

6.00 for 6.30 pm
£10 per per person

BUFFET AND HOME-MADE DESSERTS

LIVE MUSIC AND RAFFLE

Book with:

Helen Pye: hpye87@gmail.com
Teresa: Stevens.t@btinternet.com
Cindy: cindylbrookes@icloud.com

Please bring a small gift suitable for the Foodbank

Are You Good with figures?

The search is still on for a new Saxlingham Church treasurer? We need someone competent with figures to look after the finances by running the bank account, dealing with payments, donations and sorting out gift claims and then reporting back regularly to the PCC. Don't be shy. Please come forward.

If you are interested or would like further information, please get in touch with Rev'd Dawn Davidson or our churchwarden, Cindy Brookes, whose details appear elsewhere in Contact. They would love to hear from you.

Early Contact deadline

Please note that the deadline for **November's** edition is **Tuesday 14 October**. Don't forget there is a parish photocopier available for use at very reasonable rates.

Please contact me with contributions/sponsorship by telephone on 498277 or e-m: stevens.t@btinternet.com or at home, 6 Pitts Hill Close, Saxlingham Nethergate, Norwich, NR15 1AZ.

Teresa Stevens

Useful Information Sharing

Don't forget to look at the PC's website for useful information – saxlinghampc.wixsite.com/saxlinghampc (or just Google Saxlingham PC). Anyone wishing to add useful items, please send them to our Parish Clerk, Julie King at saxlinghamnethergatepc@gmail.com

Saxlingham Village Voice

If you wish to sign up to Village Voice e-mail Cathy Harvey at saxlinghamvillagevoice@gmail.com.

NOTE (from an eagled eyed parishioner): — As Cathy numbers each post made on Village Voice you may have noticed she has now exceeded over 1000 posts, all of which are designed to provide useful up-to-date information which Contact cannot do. How amazing is that! Big thank you to Cathy!

Saxlingham United Charities

The Trustees of the Charities have a modest amount of money available to them each year to assist those in need in the Parish. In October the Trustees consider applications from residents. Those who were in receipt of a donation last year will receive a letter and application form. If you, or someone you know, wasn't in receipt last year and could benefit then the Trustees would encourage applications in confidence. The short application form can be obtained from any of the Trustees or the Clerk, contact details below, or from the Saxlingham United Charities' section of the Parish Council's website <https://saxlinghampc.wixsite.com/saxlinghampc/saxlingham-united-charities>.

The Trustees will be meeting in late October and therefore all applications must be returned to a Trustee or the Clerk **by 25 October**. Whilst Trustees only consider regular applications in October each year, they would encourage anyone who finds themselves needing urgent financial assistance to make contact with one of them or the Clerk at any time. **If, for whatever reason, you find yourself in need of financial assistance, please do make contact.**

Trustees:

Linda Kent e-mail: linda.kent30@gmail.com tel: 01508 813160

Lorraine Titlow e-mail: lism.till@btinternet.com tel: 01508 498079

Chris Clements e-mail: chris.clements3@yahoo.com tel: 01508 499697

Clerk:

Julie King e-mail: saxlingham.uc@gmail.com tel: 01508 470759

Address: 22 Henry Preston Road, Tasburgh, Norwich, NR15 1NU

Come and Dance on a Thursday!

5.30 pm—7.00 pm Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall

Beginners Dance Class with Charlotte - line dancing and much more.

£8.50 per person. Come along and have some fun.

Village Hall Website

Don't forget to visit the village hall website <https://saxnethergatevillagehall.co.uk/>



Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 September 2025

Public Open Forum: Concern was raised about recent loud music events at Foxhole and Councillor John Cook confirmed that he had received many complaints that were being followed up

Planning: 2025/1970 - Land East of Windy Lane - Proposed agricultural barn with solar panels and polytunnel. Erect shed and partly completed farm track to support agricultural activities- Retrospective Application - PC recommended refusal as a building of 276sqm and some 8 metres in height, with the capacity to install an additional floor as this cannot be reasonably required for the needs of a small agricultural holding of less than 5ha. In addition, the size and height of the building will be obtrusive in this rural landscape. Also the previous decision notice states that SNC would not support a future application

2025/2193 - Hawthorne Cottage, Pitts Hill - Conversion of a garage to a home gym. New patio and decorative curve brick wall. Revised garage elevation and revised windows. - The PC recommended approval.

2025/0006 - Calico Cottage, Foxhole. Extension to existing dwelling to create annexe following demolition of agricultural structure. - The PC recommended refusal as the application does not comply with policy DM 3.7. The application has subsequently been approved by the Council.

Planning Enforcement: The PC agreed to accept the response regarding the planning enforcement complaint but will continue to closely monitor current and any future enforcement issues. It was agreed to send a letter to SNC supporting those affected by the noise issues in Foxhole.

East Pye Solar: The PC will sign a joint objection letter with other affected village Parish Councils. Any developments will be posted on the new East Pye Solar page on the PC website.

Flooding: A meeting will be organised with other partner organisations to discuss actions required to alleviate future flooding

Play Area: All repairs required by the annual safety inspection have been completed

Work is continuing on the refurbishment of the finger post at the junction of Norwich Road and Shotesham Lane

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 13 October 2025. The full minutes of this and all other PC meetings are available on the website:

<http://saxlinghampc.wixsite.com/saxlinghampc>

Saxlingham School Bulletin

The new school year is well under way at Saxlingham Primary School, and our new Reception children are settling well into school life! This year marks an exciting milestone as we launch our brand-new curriculum across the Tas Valley Federation. By sharing the same curriculum, we can strengthen collaboration between staff, ensure consistency in learning experiences, and celebrate the unique strengths of each school while working together as one Federation. Full details of the curriculum can be found on our school website: <https://tasvalley.org.uk/saxlinghamprimary/curriculum>

Our theme for this term is Belonging, and we will be exploring this through our key values of Responsibility and Thankfulness. Our big ideas - Belonging, Duty, Democracy, and Community—will guide our learning and help us reflect on what it means to be part of a caring and respectful school family.

This term, we are seeking to establish a new 'garden room' working space. This will enable us to deliver some important new interventions, including ELSA and Thrive, which are designed to support pupils to understand and manage their emotions, develop social skills, and build resilience so they can better access learning.

Full details of our Open Days are available on the website <https://tasvalley.org.uk/saxlinghamprimary>. We are also organising Toddler Stay and Play sessions, with the first session taking place on Tuesday 7 October, 1.30-3.00 pm at Preston Primary School, Tasburgh.

Do come and join us or contact the School Office for more information!

Come to the Cinema—all films start at 7.30 pm

Fisher Theatre Bungay - 7 October—The Penguin Lessons—a disillusioned Englishman goes to work in a school in a divided Argentina and his life is transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach. Tickets on the door priced at £7.00 each

Newton Flotman Village Centre - 21 October—Mr Burton— This poignant Welsh drama tells a little-known story about the early life of the celebrated actor and film star, Richard Burton Doors opening at 7.00 pm. Tickets £5.00 each available from William Ball on 471506 or e-mail him at william.ball@outlook.com.

Poringland Community Cinema - 10 October - The Black Bag— when intelligence agent, Kathryn Woodhouse is suspected of betraying the natin, her legendary agent husband faces the ultimate test of whether to be loyal to his marriage or his country Tickets £5 each on the door

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