

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	Kennerston (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 69232
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@lady-molecatcher.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	Rich Mantin	01603 765337/07789 194430
Washing machines, cookers, dishwashers, fridge freezer etc repairs	Michael Jay	01603 499578/07884 255292
Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall Bookings	Ashley Yallop	01603 433083/07525 150999
Community Emergency Co-ordinator	Claire Smith - e-mail saxlinghambookings@gmail.com	
Police Telephone Number	Bryn Austin	01508 499757/07788 795666
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If you would like to advertise in the Trade Directory, please do get in touch with the Editor.

Saxlingham Contact November 2025

Chapel Talk

As I listened to the news on 14 October, I was overwhelmed by the excitement and emotion expressed, as the hostages from Gaza were released! You'll remember that Hamas released all 20 of the remaining living Israeli hostages and Israel released nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners and detainees as part of the cease-fire deal to end the war.

It's surely impossible to imagine the trauma experienced by these hostages having been held captive for so long, and in such desperate conditions. This also made me think how easily we can all be held captive by our thoughts... maybe fears about the future, financial worries or health concerns to name but a few. When such thoughts crowd our heads and dominate our thinking, we lose our freedom to enjoy life. Good news... as with the hostages, we too can be set free! God doesn't want us to live in captivity. We can be released from guilt, or shame, or fear, or doubt; indeed, anything that might be holding us captive.

Do you feeling anxious, depressed or held captive by your thoughts? Ask Jesus to set you free. He will, no negotiations needed! (Read John's Gospel chapter 8 verse 33)

Ian

The Picnic Club at Saxlingham Chapel
Saturday 29 November 11:30 am – 2.00 pm

Aimed at 4 to 11 year olds, there will be lots of fun, with Bible stories, songs, games, crafts and quizzes. All you need to do, is book a place, bring a grown-up and some lunch. Spaces are limited, book by emailing saxlinghamchapel@gmail.com or link <https://form.jotform.com/saxlinghamchapel/the-picnic-club>

This month's Contact is sponsored by Saxlingham Nethergate Parish Council.

ST MARY'S SERVICES

2 November: 9.30 am - Harvest Thanksgiving

9 November: 10.30 am - Remembrance Service starting at the War Memorial

16 November: 9.30 am - Holy Communion

23 November: 10.30 am Benefice Service at Newton Flotman with Bishop Ian Bishop

30 November: 8.00 am - Holy Communion

30 November: 11.00 am Contemplative Worship

CHAPEL SERVICES

Every Sunday at 11.00 am and 6.30 pm

All are warmly invited

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.

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



**Stars
Display**

St Mary's Church
Saxlingham Nethergate

1 December - 5 January
10 - 4 each day

**Create a star and leave in church
before the end of November to join all
the others. Use whatever materials
you wish, but it needs to be capable of
being hung by string or placed on a
shelf**

The poster features a light cream background with several colorful stars (red, green, and yellow) scattered around the text. The stars vary in size and are some are partially cut off by the edges of the poster.

News from the Pews

Early Bird Christmas Fair

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council and everyone who attended the Christmas Fair, I would like to thank everyone involved in its organisation and the stall holders, for their support for this event. All four rooms of the village hall were full of people looking at stalls, buying items or raffle tickets, or having refreshments. Over £780 was raised for the church plus £65 from the poppy donations which will added to the donations received on Remembrance Sunday.

Sunday 9 November

Remembrance Sunday and Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal Deadline

The traditional service, beginning down at the War Memorial at 10.30 am, will take place as usual and we hope to see many of you to mark this very important day.

There are some Samaritan's Purse boxes, along with suggestions of how to fill a box, at the back of the church. The deadline for filling these boxes is also the 9th and so please either fill a whole box or leave some items at the back of the church to be placed in a shared box. If you have filled one of these boxes in previous years, the gift ideas are the same – toys, personal care items and school supplies. The age ranges for the gifts are boys or girls 2 – 4 years old, 5 – 9 years old and 10 -14 years old. All the information for filling a box and including a financial donation to help cover the cost of getting the shoeboxes to their destination can be found at occ.Samaritans.purse.org.uk. Any shoebox can be used to fill with items – it is suggested that an ordinary box is covered in Christmas paper, with the lid covered separately, and an elastic band holding them together.

December church display—Stars

As mentioned last month, we will be delighted to see a range of stars decorating the church throughout December. Please leave them in the church during the last week of this month and in any event by 26th, ready for the team to hang on the Thursday. If you are willing to help us do so, it would be very much appreciated. Encourage everyone to come and admire the skills of fellow villagers.

Foodbank

Thank you for the fantastic amount of items for the Foodbank in October. The Norwich Foodbank provides food for around 1,200 adults and children every month. The following has been requested: soup (packet or tinned); long life juice; custard; rice pudding; pasta (500g); uht long life milk.

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

Saxlingham School Bulletin

At Saxlingham Primary, we have been celebrating Harvest with a special service at Saxlingham church where we sang songs, read prayers, and shared some of our learning about harvest traditions. As part of this celebration, we organised a collection for Waveney Food Bank. After the service, parents and carers from Sparrow Class (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) came into class to share some autumn crumble with the children. The crumble had been made by the children using produce grown and tended by the 'Saxlingham Seedlings' school garden club. It was lovely to see so many visitors sharing our own harvest.

This term, all classes have been enjoying timetabled outdoor learning sessions. Outdoor learning provides our children with meaningful hands-on experiences. It supports holistic development by connecting learning to the natural world, encouraging physical activity, teamwork, and problem-solving in real-life contexts.

Plans for our new 'garden room' working space are taking shape and we hope to have this up and running in the very near future.

Visits from prospective parents are always welcome. Full details of our Open Days are available on the website <https://tasvalley.org.uk/saxlinghamprimary>.



Come to the Cinema

Fisher Theatre Bungay - 12 November—Caravaggio—One of the most extensive films ever made of one of the greatest artists of all time.. Tickets on the door priced at £7.00 each and starts at 7.00 pm

Poringland Community Cinema - 14 November - Mr Burton— If you missed the showing of this film in Newton Flotman, here's another opportunity to see the story of little known early history of actor, Richard Burton. Tickets £5 each on the door with film showing at 7.30 pm.

Newton Flotman Village Centre - 18 November—Salt Path— the story of Raynor and Moth Winn who set out to walk the South West Coast Path after having lost their home and livelihood Doors opening at 7.00 pm with film starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5.00 each available from William Ball on 471506 or e-mail him at william.ball@outlook.com.

Hempnall Village Hall— 29 November— By now, you may have realised that Hempnall Cinema is back— although November's film title had not been released by Contact deadline, watch out on Facebook for details or e-mail hempnall.cinema@gmail.com

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 aid 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.

Contact deadline

Please note that the deadline for **December's** edition is **Thursday 13 November**. 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

Village Hall Website

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

Saxlingham Village Voice

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

Notes on the Parish Council Meeting held 13 October 2025

Councillor John Cook talked about the local Government re-organisation; the aim is to create simpler, more sustainable Government Structures. John also mentioned the Streetwave scheme which has been monitoring the mobile signal in rural areas using waste collection vehicles.

East Pye Solar – The PC urges any concerned parishioners that have received a 'Compulsory Purchase' letter or similar communication from East Pye to get in touch with the Clerk Julie King. If you are concerned, the PC may be able to offer assistance or advice.

Highways – The footpaths have been walked and inspected by the PC. Replacement posts are currently being investigated.

Speeding – The Council has been analyzing the data from the SAM 2 device. Due to the high numbers of speeding vehicles, the PC is approaching our local Community Police Officer to request more police speed checks in the village.

Community Speed Watch – The PC is keen to start a Community Speed Watch group in the village but volunteers are needed! Can you help? If interested and you are keen to help reduce the speeding in the village, please contact Jackie Lee-Smith. Email: jack-icelesmith5@gmail.com.

Poor Mobile Phone Signal – The Council urges as many people as possible in the village to give feedback on the NCC website: norfolk.gov.uk and type in **Mobile Coverage in Norfolk** to complete the form on 'your mobile experience'.

Allotments – The main gate has been repaired. There is also one half plot available for rent. Please contact Julie King if you are interested.

Flood Action Group – A representative from the PC will be attending a meeting with the Environment Agency in November.

Community Library – It was agreed to create a Community Library in the phone Kiosk on The Green on a trial basis.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 10 November 2025

The full minutes of this and all other Parish Council meetings, are available on our website:-

<http://saxlinghampc.wixsite.com>

Julie King (Clerk) Email: saxlinghamnethergatepc@gmail.com