

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	Kennerson (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 - tb gardenmaintenance@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 garrecgardendesign@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
Rachel's Pets and Pads House Sitting Service	Rachel Bull (née Moore)	07393 650863
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 -	Rick 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.

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Chapel Talk

Lynda and I recently had a holiday in bonnie Scotland. One of the things that always impresses me as we travel around that beautiful country is the sheer amount of rock and stone on view. We visited Aberdeen, known with good reason as 'the granite city'. We saw mountains of course - lots of them - city walls, cathedrals, houses and sea defences. All these give such a sense of strength, stability and a sense of safety and security! I can see where we get the phrases "rock solid" or "solid as a rock" from. This is all in sharp contrast to our current world situation, where things seem increasingly unstable and insecure! As I gazed in awe one day at some of the sea defences in Fife on the east coast, it made me think of the numerous occasions in the Bible that Jesus is described as our Rock. The Psalmist said on one occasion, "He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, and I will not be shaken." This and similar Bible passages use the imagery of "rock" to describe God's strength and steadfastness. We all need that sense of safety and security and Jesus offers to be our foundation stone and our safe place if we only ask Him. To be. I'll leave the final word to the Psalmist... "

"The Lord... set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand."

Ian

This month's contact is sponsored by Cindy and Clive Brookes in celebration of having made Saxlingham Nethergate their home for 40 years



ST MARY'S SERVICES

6 July: 9.30 am - Holy Communion

13 July: 11.00 am - Matins

20 July: 9.30 am - Holy Communion

27 July: 8.00 am - Holy Communion

27 July: 11.00 am Contemplative Worship

27 July: 6.30 pm Evensong at the Ruins of St Mary's Saxlingham Thorpe

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

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

Vacancy for Saxlingham United Charities Clerk

Saxlingham United Charities are looking for a clerk to provide administrative support and manage their accounts. The Trustees meet twice per year to review their assets, manage the land they own and decide on distributions. The job isn't onerous, around 20-25 hours per year and is paid, a full handover will be provided.

If you'd like to assist the Charity and feel you have the skills required please contact the current clerk, Julie King – saxlingham.uc@gmail.com or Chair, Linda Kent - linda.kent30@gmail.com

The Uzoigwe Family Queensland Gold Coast Marathon on 5 and 6 July

Our very own Rev'd Austin and his family are running a marathon in Australia this month! Please help by sponsoring them. They are raising money for the Awalla Community Charity to help to support the educational needs of the less privileged people in the community of Awalla, Isiekenensi in Ideato South Local Government Area, Imo State, Nigeria.

Any donation can be paid via HSBC Bank Sort Code 40-35-09 Account No: 94568443

VE Day Celebration Thank you

Thank you to all those who made last month's VE Day Celebration Event such a success. Over 100 people enjoyed an evening of singing (thanks to Charlotte) and dance, as well as a supper of sausage and mash. Even more pleasing was the amount of money raised for the Village Hall, a total of £1,899, a fantastic result!

Mrs Julie King
Parish Clerk, Saxlingham Nethergate

Saxlingham Village Voice

Don't forget to sign up to Village Voice which is full of useful and interesting information and is organised by Cathy Harvey. She does not release your e-mail address to the wider community and so all you need to do to join this distribution list is e-mail her at saxlinghamvillagevoice@gmail.com.

Village Hall Website

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



Cinema Trips – all at 7.30 pm

9 July - Fisher Theatre, Bungay - “Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy” The latest chapter in the life of Bridget Jones. Tickets available from the Fisher Theatre priced at £7.00 each.

15 July - Newton Flotman Village Centre - “Maria”. . Doors open at 7.00 pm. Tickets £5.00 each available from William Ball on 471506 or e-mail him at william.ball@outlook.com.

16 July—Fisher Theatre, Bungay— “Bonnie and Clyde” - Recorded live at London’s Theatre Royal in Drury Lane, this is the musical adaptation of the story of the infamous American couple. Tickets available from the Fisher Theatre priced at £14.00 each.

19 July—Fisher Theatre, Bungay— “The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Dessert” - the story of a drag queen and a fellow cross-dresser travelling across Australia in a bus entertaining the public. Tickets available from the Fisher Theatre priced at £7.00 each

Saxlingham Tree Walk



If you enjoy walking and would like to combine that with finding some of the ancient or notable trees in the village, then try this walk from Ross Jolliffe, our tree warden. Ross would be very pleased to hear from anyone that has more information on the local landscape history and anecdotes. Enjoy your walking.

Ross has also provided a Google map of around 150 notable trees (and identification of the community orchard fruit varieties). Both things are to be found on the parish website: <https://saxlinghampc.wixsite.com/saxlinghampc/saxlingham-tree-walk>

Contact deadline

Please note that the deadline for **August’s** edition is **Thursday 17 July**. 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

News from the Pews

The church is open every day serving the community by holding Sunday services as well as baptisms, weddings and funerals when required. Visitors are welcomed from near and far and very positive comments are left in the visitors’ book.

There is a small group of 12 people who take turns in pairs to clean the church every week, by dusting and vacuuming, which takes about an hour and a half at the most. We do very much need some additions to this dedicated group. If you would be willing to become part of the team, please contact Celia Blyth on 499369. The church has its own vacuum cleaner.

It is almost time for the Grand Village Fete. If you have any items to donate, please take them to the church and leave them in the children’s area at the back of the church. If you would like to donate something but cannot get to the church, please see my contact details below and I will try to help you.

Foodbank – here is the monthly list of items most needed by the Foodbank. As usual, grateful thanks to everyone who is so generous in their giving.

Tinned items - fruit, meat, pulses, tomatoes, rice pudding; peanut butter; jam; custard; rice (raw or microwave); instant mash; long life juice; ladies toiletries - shampoo, conditioner, deodorant; razors.

Cindy Brookes, tel 398521
E-mail: cindylbrookes@icloud.com

Save the Date!



Saxlingham Annual Beer Festival
On 13 September at the Playing Field



Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 June 2025

Public Open Forum: The Village Hall treasurer sought clarification of aspects of the loan offered by the PC to assist with the Hall's annual insurance premium.

County Councillor Alison Thomas provided more details of the reasons behind the traffic signals on A140 at Swainsthorpe that have been causing so much inconvenience and the consequent increase of traffic on village roads. She also updated the meeting on the decision of the County Council to support, on financial grounds, a single unitary authority for the county in the proposed reorganisation of local government. The County Council has appointed Stephen Faulkner to lead on responses to the various Solar Panel proposals in the county.

Co-option of Parish Councillors: The PC unanimously agreed to co-opt Elizabeth Utting and Paul Bowen.

Planning: SNC has approved the applications to remove a condition on Hill Pond, West End, for a single storey rear extension and side porch at The Stables, The Green and for tree work to Orchard House, Church Hill.

Enforcement: It was agreed to write to SNC about the on-going breaches of planning control at Barefoot Farm, Windy Lane.

East Pye Solar: It was agreed to set up a working party to prepare the response to the impending consultation that will run from 18 June to 6 August. There will be a special meeting to finalise our response to the consultation on 4 August. The promoters are holding an event to publicise their proposals in the Village Hall on 3 July from 1430 to 1930. The PC will write to the Leader of SNC to ask how the council intends to respond to the impending consultation.

Local Government Reorganisation: The PC was minded to support the proposal for a single unitary authority for the county but would study the various published documents before giving further consideration to the issue.

The VE Day anniversary celebrations: The celebrations raised £1,898.90 for village hall funds.

Damage to the War Memorial grass: County highways will be asked for an estimate of the cost of installing posts to protect the grass from damage by vehicles.

Community Action Norfolk: - the PC's silver membership is to be renewed.

PC Notice Board: the possibility of locating a notice board in West End/Saxlingham Thorpe is being investigated.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 14 July 2025.

Grand Village Fete 12 July 2025 in the grounds of the Old Hall

This article was written mid June to meet Contact Deadline and it's hard to believe that by the time you read this, the grand village fete is upon us. After months of planning and lots of hard work, it is time to enjoy the day. Lucinda and Philip have been very generous in once again hosting the event and not only will you have chance to have fun at the fete, but you will have time to enjoy their beautiful garden.

If you arrive at 1.00 pm (entry is by £1 lucky programme and so the minute you buy your programme you will already be in with a chance of winning a prize) you could start with lunch—there's a BBQ and the Paella stall. For dessert, enjoy a Rossi ice cream or sit back with a cup of tea and a slice of cake, or treat yourself to strawberries and cream, a Pimms and lemonade or make use of the bar. You can of course just sit back and relax with live music on the lawn. The choice is yours.

There will be the usual fun and games including a tug of war plus the very popular dog show and welly wanging.

Hopefully, you will have lots of fun, catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

Help Still Needed! Bric a brac/Tombola and Raffle

We do have some amazing prizes for the raffle including restaurant vouchers, a fruit and veg hamper from our local farm shop, Aldis & Sons, an afternoon tea voucher as well as a unique first prize, a heritage tour of Lotus Cars for two people.

There's still work to be done before the big day and so if you can help by providing tombola prizes, bottles of drink or sellable bric a brac, it will be much appreciated. Any donations can be left in the children's area in the Church.

Thank you.

Delicious Cakes Wanted for the Grand Village Fete on 12 July

Calling all bakers! The team running teas at The Grand Village Fete would be delighted with donations of all manner of delicious cakes. Please bring them to the fete on the morning of the event.

All cakes should come with a full list of their ingredients please, and ideally on a paper plate or similar. However, any plates or tins that need to be reclaimed will be left at the back of the church for collection the following week.

Gluten-free and vegan cakes especially welcome! Thank you