

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

It seems that wet weather is becoming a permanent feature of autumn and winter in the UK; the lack of sunshine is tedious for most of us but water-logged fields across the country mean that this year's crops are already at risk. It's a particularly troubling time for our local farmers. Everyone is keeping their fingers crossed for a dry spring as they watch the Brownies' daffodils along Main Street push through the soggy turf.

The Parish Council has had a busy quarter and, like everyone, has faced rising costs in every area. Increased expenditure for grounds maintenance, repairs, utilities, street-lights, insurance and professional services has meant that the precept for Bempton and Buckton has been increased slightly and set at £33,000. This will mean a total rise of £4.91 (showing as 7%) annually to Council Tax band D households and a little less for those in bands A, B and C.

Your councillors are committed to managing public money responsibly by addressing the

frequently expressed concerns of residents; this small precept rise will assist the Council to purchase the Speed Indicator Device (SID) for the community. This will go ahead shortly with a substantial contribution from the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner's office who promised their support at a public meeting last year.

The plan to re-vamp the village playground is making progress. New equipment, including a Ninja Trail is in the design and the Council is actively pursuing external funding to help finance the project.

Maintenance work at Bempton Pond to enhance the area, improve wildlife habitats and keep the surrounding area accessible and family friendly will be carried out if funds allow. Improvements and repairs to the stile at Bolam Lane were made by Tom Meakin (the farmer) and a handy volunteer. A councillor in wet weather gear tested it last month and has confirmed that it is, at last, a much easier climb.



Please don't forget that parishioners are welcome at Parish Council meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm and if you wish to raise local issues please come along to the Village and Community Hall and join us.

Your councillors wish you all a very happy Easter and a warm and sunny spring.

**PARISH COUNCILLORS:** Steve Walker, Bill McCaw, Darren Pollard, Anne Watkinson, Mark Hoyle, Barrie Collins, Annie Oldroyd.

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**MEETINGS:** Held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Bempton & Buckton Community Village Hall at 7:30pm.

## DISCOVER SPRING ON THE CLIFFS

As the days lengthen and the coast shakes off the last of winter, Bempton comes alive with sights and sounds. Spring brings the return of over half a million seabirds to the cliffs, from elegant Gannets to bustling Guillemots – and of course, the charismatic Puffins that everyone hopes to spot. By summer, the colony is in full swing!

There's plenty happening too including guided walks, cruises and special crafting events. Come along, soak up the atmosphere, and let the cliffs show you something unforgettable! For more information on upcoming events at RSPB Bempton Cliffs, head to our website: <https://events.rspb.org.uk/bemptoncliffs>



## BEMPTON BROWNIES TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS!

For half a century, our little community has been proud to have an active Brownie troop, says **Maureen Burnell** (pictured right).



In May, the County Commissioner will join us at our 50-year anniversary, and we are hoping that ex Brownies, young and old (all the way back from 1976) will join us at a celebration event. Everyone is welcome – families, friends and neighbours.

The celebration will be hosted by the Bempton & Buckton Community Village



Hall on 16th May from 2pm to 4pm. If you would like to come, and we hope you will, please get in touch by email to: [bemptonbrownies@outlook.com](mailto:bemptonbrownies@outlook.com).

## MORE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT AS FIRST AID VILLAGE TRAINING RESUMES IN MARCH

The summer saw a huge uptake of the St John Ambulance First Aid Village initiative, which is still open to volunteers. There are names on a growing list of residents who are waiting to take part in the project and we're hoping for a training session in February which was postponed because of illness. A session will take place towards the end of March, followed by a celebration and the

circulation of printed information for street contacts.

If you wish to add your name to the list, please WhatsApp Annie on 07951 593396

NOTE: Our villages are the first UK community to achieve the First Aid Village title and, as a result, an anonymous donor has offered the villages two additional defibrillators to be installed during 2026.

## FRESH PRODUCE & MORE AT THE VILLAGE STORE

Bempton Post Office and Village Store has widened its selection, adding a range of new lines for local customers.

Residents can now buy fresh fruit and vegetables in the village, helping make day-to-day shopping more convenient. The shop has also increased its frozen food offering, with items such as pizzas, burgers and ready meals now available for those looking for quick and easy options.

These join the well-stocked shelves



of regular favourites, including local newspapers and magazines, bakery goods, milk, honey, chocolates and cakes. The store also continues to champion local talent, showcasing gifts and handmade crafts from village craft makers — ideal for presents or a small indulgence. **You can place orders for vegetables by calling Barrie on 07563 135840.**

## GET SNOOKER LOOPY!

Bempton Snooker Club is looking for new players to join. Whether you want to play casually or compete in local league teams, all are welcome.

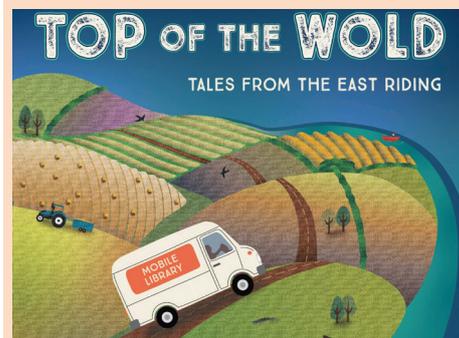
Annual membership is just £40. For more information, call 07860 688539

## HIRE THE HALL

With a spacious main hall (144sq m), modern meeting room and clean facilities the Bempton and Buckton Community Village Hall is the ideal place for wedding receptions, parties and more.

For more information please call 07849 639650. Alternatively visit [www.bemptonandbuckton.co.uk](http://www.bemptonandbuckton.co.uk).

## MOBILE LIBRARY COMEDY COMES TO THE COMMUNITY VILLAGE HALL



On Saturday 28th March, *Top of the Wold – Tales from the East Riding* comes to Bempton & Buckton Community Village Hall for a 1pm–3pm performance.

Presented by Mikron, this lively and laugh-out-loud show tells the story of an eccentric travelling library as it makes its way around the East Riding, delivering books, music and plenty of mischief to the villages it visits.

Tickets are £8.50 and can be booked at [www.eastridinglibraries.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.eastridinglibraries.co.uk/whats-on)

## BINGO NIGHTS

The March and April Bingo nights at the Community Village Hall are scheduled for Friday 13th March and Friday 10th April. (7pm)

## TABLE TOP SALES

Table top sales will take place on the following dates: 21st March, 23rd May, 13th June (Garage Sale), 19th September and 21st November.

### Community Village Hall Regular Events

#### MONDAYS

Pop In, 10am - 12pm

Yoga, 5pm - 6pm

#### TUESDAYS

Sequence Dancing, 10am - 12pm

Tai Chi, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Pilates, 6pm - 7pm & 7pm - 8pm

#### WEDNESDAYS

Craft Club, 1.30pm - 3.30pm (1st, 3rd & 5th)

Soup & Roll, 12pm - 1.30pm (3rd)

Wednesday Club 2pm - 4pm (2nd)

Dancercise 5pm - 6pm

Bowls Club 6.30pm - 8.30pm

#### THURSDAYS

Chair Yoga, 10.30am - 11.30am

Line Dancing 1.30pm - 2.30pm (not all weeks)

#### FRIDAYS

Village Bowls, 10am - 12.30pm

Bingo, 7pm (2nd)

# JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH

## Dear Parishioners

You may have noticed that pilgrimage has become very popular recently. Several celebrities have been televised on pilgrimages to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, to Rome, to Istanbul and to Jerusalem. Recently Sion Reeve carried out research into pilgrimages and holy places, and Ben Fogle has done his own pilgrimage to sacred sites on some of the Scottish Islands where he interviewed people who have found these places spiritually significant.

The York Diocese (of which we are a part) has been encouraging churches to become places of pilgrimage and will be supplying extra resources to this effect.

This year we are hoping to revive the Headland Pilgrimage visiting St John's

Sewerby, St Oswald's Flamborough, St Michael's Bempton, St Leonard's Speeton and St Peter's Reighton on route. This is an ambitious walk of 12 miles but of course you can journey to the church by car or public transport and walk short sections of the walk if you wish. The theme of this year's pilgrimage will be the Journey of Our Lives: from childhood, young adulthood, middle age, fit old age and finally our hoped-for ascent into heaven.

The details and date have not yet been decided but do please get in touch if you are interested.

Kind regards and good wishes for a drier spring.

**Nancy Eckersley (Revd)**

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**Weddings, christenings, private matters of concern please call Revd Joel on 07888 657529 or email [joel@headlandbenefice.co.uk](mailto:joel@headlandbenefice.co.uk) in the first instance or contact Revd Eckersley on 01262 850515 or email [nancyeckersley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nancyeckersley@yahoo.co.uk) or John Harrison on 01262 851552 or email [jmharrison3105@gmail.com](mailto:jmharrison3105@gmail.com)**

## St Michael's Church Events and Socials March - October

**SAT 28TH MARCH Church Concert:** Ben Cooper, Mad for Mildred & Organist 2pm, £7 Refreshments in church hall

**SUN 5TH APRIL Easter flowers in church** 11.30am - 4.30pm

**MON 6TH APRIL Easter flowers and refreshments in the hall** 10am - 4pm

**MON 4TH MAY May Day Event** Refreshments and raffle in the church hall 10am - 4pm

**MON 25TH MAY Spring Bank Holiday stalls,** raffle and refreshments in the hall 10.30am - 4pm

**THURS 4TH JUNE Pie and Pea Supper Quiz** and Raffle 5.30pm £7

**SUN 21ST JUNE Filey Fishermen's Choir** 6.30pm with a retiring collection for the choir. Refreshments in the hall; donations welcome.

**SUN 5TH JULY Hidden Gardens** 11am Map £8 - church hall refreshments 11am - 4pm

**SAT 25TH JULY Jigsaw Challenge** for all the family in the church hall 10.30am: refreshments available

**FRI 28TH AUGUST Flower Festival:** church open 10.30am - 4pm refreshments in hall

**SAT 29TH - MON 31ST AUGUST Flowers in the church and refreshments, stall and raffles** in the church hall from 11.30am Sunday and 10.30am Saturday and Monday until 4pm

**SAT 5TH SEPTEMBER Uke Band with afternoon tea:** 2pm £7

**TUES 15TH SEPTEMBER Dementia Coffee Morning:** 10.30am - 12pm

**THURS 1ST OCTOBER Pie and Pea Supper with Quiz and Raffle:** 5.30pm £7

For more info on any of the above please contact Maureen Burton on 07599716936

## THE VILLAGE PANTRY CONTINUES ITS VITAL WORK

Our Village Pantry continues to help families facing temporary difficulties and those in regular distress. We are so grateful to all our friends and neighbours who continue to contribute. We could not carry on without your ongoing support and generosity. The things we have been most short of during the last few months are supplies of age-appropriate food and toiletries. It would be excellent if there were occasional donations of baby food, breakfast cereals, baked beans, long-life etc and things like children's toothpaste

and shampoos. All non-perishable food stuffs, including sugar, flour, rice and pasta and every day toiletries including feminine products are always needed.

Please continue to help. Donations can be left at the church, at the Bempton and Buckton Community Village Hall with Maureen Burnell or in the Bempton Store and Post Office with Barrie. Maureen Burton (07599 716936) can arrange collections if any of you need help.

## Events and Services at St Michael's Church Bempton

Up to and including August 2026

All Sunday Services 10.30am

### APRIL

**2nd** MAUNDY THURSDAY

Communion 6pm and Vigil

**3rd** GOOD FRIDAY an hour by the Cross at 12pm mid day.

**5th** EASTER COMMUNION

**12th** Morning Service

**19th** Morning Service

**26th** Morning Service

### MAY

**3rd** Morning Service

**10th** Holy Communion

**17th** Morning Service

**24th** PENTECOST All Age worship

**31st** BENEFICE SERVICE

St John's at Sewerby

NO SERVICE AT ST MICHAEL'S

### JUNE

**7th** Morning Service

**14th** Holy Communion

**21st** FATHERS' DAY All Age Worship

**28th** Morning Service

### JULY

**5th** Morning Service

**12th** SEA SUNDAY Holy Communion

**19th** All Age Worship

**26th** Morning Service

### AUGUST

**2nd** Morning Service

**9th** Holy Communion

**16th** Morning Service

**23rd** All Age Worship

**30th** BENEFICE SERVICE Holy Communion

## Regular Events in the Church Hall

**1st Monday in the month 2pm**

Bereavement Support group

Contact Nancy 01262 850515 for details

**Monthly on Tuesdays:**

First Tuesday Soup and Roll 12pm

Third Tuesday Coffee Morning 10.30am

## GET IN TOUCH WITH THE BUGLE

If you have anything you think is suitable for our newsletter or would like to advertise your local business or service, why not get in touch with us!

**Advertising is just £20** for an eighth page advert (94x68mm). Don't worry if you don't have any artwork, we can help with that too! All proceeds help to keep the newsletter alive and going from strength to strength.

Your Bugle editor is Annie Oldroyd (07951 593396). Graham Ambler is our assistant editor and graphic designer (07734 254420). You can also email [bemptonandbucktonbugle@gmail.com](mailto:bemptonandbucktonbugle@gmail.com).

# LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM!

**Mary Doody-Greaves**  
Headteacher, Bempton Primary School

A busy term, packed with unique learning opportunities, has taken our pupils from the wild garden at home all the way to the Arctic!

With a view to leadership and careers, our older children have stepped up brilliantly, completing and putting into practice Sports Leader training and now delivering engaging sports activities at lunchtime. A specialist workshop run by visiting professionals, gave them an insight into possibilities for careers in the construction industry, giving our Junior Surveyors a hands-on look at this area of employment.

Environmental Awareness, a major theme this year, has seen the school participating in an exciting STEM project focused on outdoor learning and conservation. Our pupils have worked on a practical project making hedgehog homes in our wild garden to support local biodiversity. Yorkshire Water complemented the environmental focus and delivered creative Lego workshops that linked engineering skills with water conservation. Our horizons were further expanded when the whole school (together with schools across the country) joined a live assembly from the Arctic to learn about polar exploration.

Each year group took part in Children's Mental Health Week activities, focusing on the importance of emotional wellbeing and mutual support and, of course, our spirits were properly lifted when we made the most of the weather with wonderful playtimes in the snow. It has, as always, been lovely to welcome families into school for our shared



assemblies and the co-operation of parents and carers made our free dress day a great success. We raised vital funds for The Hinge Centre, a cause close to our community's heart. Now, as we move toward the Easter break, we have plenty more to look forward to. Our celebrations will include a traditional service at St. Michael's Church, the much-anticipated egg rolling competition, and our annual Easter Bonnet parade.



# BECOME A SCHOOL GOVERNOR

The school is looking for additional members to join the governing body as community and parent governors. This is a great opportunity to get involved and support the school's continued development.

To find out more please contact School Manager Jaquie Jewitt on 01262 850508.

## PLACES AVAILABLE



The school has places available in all year groups from nursery to year 6.

To book a visit or for more information about the school please contact the school.

**Do you need to contact the school?**  
You can contact the school using the following details:

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