Church & Village News

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March 2018



Fritillaries , Corpusty Mill Garden Roger Last

Skipper's Corner

Snippets that Skipper approved by wagging his tail when they were read to him

> Ye Highlans and Ye Lawlans Oh whaur hae ye been? They hae slain the Earl o Murray, An laid him on the green.

When, as a child, Sylvia Wright was sung The Bonnie Earl of Murray, she thought there were two deaths to mourn, for she heard the last line as "And Lady Mondegreen". When she later realised her mistake, she coined the term 'mondegreen' for similar mis-hearings of lyrics, and the word is now in our dictionaries.



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What's On

MARCH

Fri 2 Fri 2	10.30am 7.00pm	Hempstead Coffee & GossipVillage HallEdgefield Quiz NightVillage Hall
Sat 3	9.45am	Plumstead Annual Spring Clean Flagpole Garden
Mon 5	2.30pm	Baconsthorpe PCC AGMAsh Tree Farm
Mon 5	7.30pm	HempsteadParish Council Meeting Village Hall
Tue 6	1.30pm	Barningham PCC AGM Manor Farm, Baconsthorpe
Thur 8	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Quiz Night Village Hall
Thur 15	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Village Hall Committee Meeting Village Hall
Mon 19	10.00am	Hempstead Church Spring Clean Church
Tue 20	7.30pm	Corpusty Parish Council Meeting Village Hall
Fri 23	1.15pm	Hempstead Bridge Drive Village Hall
Mon 26	6.00pm	Plumstead Parish Council Meeting Plumstead Church
Mon 26	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Parish Council Meeting Village Hall

APRIL

Mon 2	10.00am	Hempstead Open Church and Easter Egg Hu	nt Church
Wed 11	7.00pm	Hempstead Village Hall Committee AGM	Village Hall
Mon 23	7.30pm	Edgefield Church AVM and APCM	Village Hall
Tue 24	10.00am	Baconsthorpe Plant Sale	The Old Rectory

Coffee Morning at Mannington Hall in aid of the Angela Houston Award Friday 23th March 10.30am – 12.30pm / Tickets £5.00 including coffee and cake Display of the Award Winners' Textiles and Lace Exhibition with Lacemaking Demonstration Gardens Open All proceeds to Annual Angela Houston Award for students at Norwich University of the Arts

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Clash Diary

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Matlaske Quiz May 11 Plumstead Parish Council AGM May 14 Baconsthorpe Prize Bingo May 16 Baconsthorpe Parish Council May 21 June 16 Edgefield Gardens Open Nov 5 Edgefield Gardens Open June 17 Baconsthorpe Fête June 23 Matlaske Coffee Morning July 4 Baconsthorpe Auction July 6 Plumstead Fête & Open Gardens July 8 Plumstead Parish Council July 16 Matlaske Fête July 28

- Baconsthorpe Jumble Sale Aug 17 Plumstead Parish Council Sept10
- Sept 17 Baconsthorpe Parish Council
- Baconsthorpe Chandler Green Sept21 Baconsthorpe Parish Council
- Matlaske Christmas Party Dec 2
- Plumstead Parish Council Dec 3

If you are arranging an event please check with Corinne Youngs that there is not already an event being held that day. This will help prevent any clashes.

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Regular Village Hall Events

BACONSTHORPE

Tuesday during term time Tuesday Last Friday

10.00am - 12noon Diocesan Play Van - 07918 027092 7.30pm - 9.30pm Carpet Bowls - 711320 6.00pm - 11.00pm Pop-Up Pub

CORPUSTY

2.00pm - 4.00pm	Bure Valley Quilters & Stitchers
12.30pm - 3.00pm	Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach
5.45pm - 7.15pm	Brownies
10.00am - 12noon	North Norfolk Knitters
	Rita Taylor 587507 K2togp1@btinternet.com
10.00am - 12noon	Art Group Non-members £10 a session
	Professional artist in attendance every 3rd week
9.30am - 11.30am	Toddler Group
	12.30pm - 3.00pm 5.45pm - 7.15pm 10.00am - 12noon 10.00am - 12noon

EDGEFIELD

- Third Monday First Tuesday Second Wednesday Last Thursday
- 7.00pm 2.00pm 2.00pm 10.30am

Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday Club
Ladies Club
Coffee Morning

HEMPSTEAD

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First Monday alternate months 7.30pm Tuesday 10.00am Third Wednesday 7.30pm

Mobile Library Van

15 Mar / 12 Apr / 10 May / 7 Jun / 5 Jul							
Matlaske	12.30	NR11 7AQ	Old Post Office				
Plumstead	1.15	NR11 7LG	Walnut Farm				
Baconsthorpe	2.45	NR25 6LJ	Council Bungalows				
<u>^</u>	4.10	NR25 6LG	Old Post Office				
Hempstead	3.20	NR25 6LE	Hare & Hounds				
	3.40	NR25 6TL	Telephone kiosk				
1 Mar / 29 M	Iar / tł	ж					
Saxthorpe	11.50	NR11 7BL	Old Post Office				
Corpusty	12.10	NR11 6QP	School				
	12.40	NR11 7BU	Great Farm Cott's				
	2.00	NR11 6QJ	Adams Lane				
	2.15	NR11 6QL	3 Council Houses				
	2.30	NR11 6QL	16 Council Houses				
Edgefield	3.15	NR24 2AX	The Street				
~	3.40	NR24 2AL	The Memorial				

Parish Council Meeting (next is 5 March) Charcoal Drawing £4 - Mike Thody 711282 **Film Club**

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Baconsthorpe Vill	lage Hall
Tuesdays	1.00pm – 4.00pm
Fridays	10.00am – 1.00pm
All services	
Corpusty Stores	587202
Monday-Saturday	9.00am - 12.00noon
All services including	Euros
Holt Library	712202
9 Church Street, Holt	NR25 6BB
Mon Wed Sat 9.30am	-1.00pm
Fri 9.30am-6.00pm	
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Letter from Father Michael Interim Priest in Charge Tel 577865

My dear Friends

First of all, Jo and self would like to thank you for the warmth of your welcome - welcome back to five of the parishes and the making of new friends at Saxthorpe and Edgefield. The newly-formed Benefice of Matlaske has, I feel sure, an exciting future and all of us await the arrival of David Longe as Rector in October.

The whole of March falls within the Church Season of Lent. It is such a pity that Lent often has a rather bad press - many see it as a rather miserable few weeks. Not a bit of it! It is a time to take a constructive, good look at ourselves, and an opportunity to make time for a quiet space in our often hectic lives. I do hope that you will be able to come for short Wednesday evening services during Lent - a hymn, a visiting preacher and the ancient night service of Compline (details in Church Services). Holy Week, when we remember Christ's triumphal ride into Jerusalem, begins on Palm Sunday and there are services throughout the week. Everyone is most welcome to join us. Lent and Holy Week lead us on to the joy of Easter Day and the good news of the Resurrection. It will be wonderful to meet many of you in church at Hempstead on Easter Morning.

Meanwhile, one more invitation. Calling all families, there are two services to celebrate Mothering Sunday - do please come to one and bring the children. Posies will be blessed and given to Mums and Grannies. 9.30 Family Communion at Baconsthorpe (like we had at Christmas) and 11am Family Service at Saxthorpe.

Because Easter Day is 1st April and the April magazine may not reach you by then, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter when it comes.

God bless you all

Father Michael Cartwright

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Do you enjoy singing choral music? Join The Benefice Choir! Our small group would welcome more singers to rehearse regularly and sing for some church services. Reading music would be an advantage. Interested? Call Su Summers 01263 710702





	Church Servic	es for March 2018				
Sun 4th	Lent 3					
9.30 11.00	Eucharist CW TL Matins	Hempstead Matlaske				
Wed 7th						
19.00	Compline Address by Christina Reece CBE (:	Hempstead served on General Synod)				
Sun 11th	Mothering Sunday					
9.30 11.00	Family Communion Family Service	Baconsthorpe Saxthorpe				
Wed 14th	1					
19.00	Compline Address by Canon Paul Thomas (F	Edgefield Parish Priest, Erpingham)				
Sun 18th	Lent 5					
9.30 11.00	Eucharist BCP Eucharist CW TL	Barningham W Edgefield				
Wed 21th	1					
19.00	Compline Address by Father Phil Blamire (R	Edgefield Rural Dean)				
Sun 25th	Palm Sunday					
9.30	Eucharist	Plumstead				
11.00	Matins	Hempstead				
Mon 26th	1					
19.00	Compline	Baconsthorpe				
Tue 27th						
19.00	Compline	Saxthorpe				
Wed 28th	1					
19.00	Compline	Barningham W				
Thu 29th	Maundy Thursday					
10.00	Eucharist	Matlaske				
Fri 30th	Good Friday					
12.00	Readings & Hymns	Edgefield				
14.00	Readings & Hymns	Plumstead				
Sun 1st A						
10.00	Benefice Choral Eucharist CW TL Offertory to Bishop's Lent Appeal	Hempstead				
		horpe Wednesday 7th and 21st 10 am t Matlaske Every Thursday 10 am				
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Please see www.askthe.police.uk for more information



Sheep Watch

The rams were put in with the ewes during late October, while they were still grazing in Barningham Park. This means that they will lamb as from March 20th, when the weather is hopefully better and the new spring grass will be starting to grow.

Once the grass growth slowed up in November, the ewes had to be moved from the Park onto fodder radish, so this is the start of more work – electric fencing on a very regular basis! Fodder radish is a crop grown by arable farmers to put goodness back into the soil and create better soil structure. We benefit by having another winter crop for the sheep to eat.

We had a good scanning with the Suffolk ewes working out at 195%. There were three barren ewes, 45 singles, 154 twins and 38 triplets. Fewer triplets scanned this year, thankfully, as a

ewe cannot usually rear three lambs. One has to be fostered on, but that's not always possible, and the result can be several time-consuming orphan lambs to feed.

Once we reach six weeks prior to lambing, we will drench all the ewes with a mineral supplement, and inject with 'Heptavac P' to safeguard the unborn lamb against several diseases. The ewes will

come back to the yard around March 10th to enable them to settle down and adjust to their food and surroundings. This helps reduce their stress near to lambing on March 20th when everything becomes manic and our stress levels soar!



Louise Catling

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

February's Nature Watch suggests that many kites are being killed by eating poisoned bait left out by farmers to kill foxes and other predators, but this claim is unfounded, and it certainly doesn't happen here. Poison baits are not used, and are totally illegal, with a prison sentence attached. I think the author has misunderstood the cause of secondary poisoning. According to the RSPB web site, "Scavenging birds such as the red kite are particularly at risk, as they may pick up poisoned rats (secondary poisoning)." There is no mention of poisoned bait as a cause for kite deaths. I might add that shooting estates do more for conservation through habitat management by year-round feeding of all birds, and vermin control than any other body. Without this our countryside would be void of many species.

Yours

David Radley

Gamekeeper, Barningham Estate

How to Blow Eggs for Decorating at Easter



Poke two holes in a raw, regular-sized egg. Pierce the smaller end first, then the other end (top and bottom). To pierce the initial hole use a pin. The holes then need to be made bigger, so you can get the egg contents out. You can do this with a pin or use round nails. Make the hole you are going to blow through a little larger using the nail or pin. Then make the end hole twice the size of the first hole, as this is where the egg contents will flow out. One way to help prevent cracking when drilling the holes in the egg is to place selotape at the piercing point.





Reach through the larger hole with a needle, wire, straightened paper clip or toothpick. Pierce the yolk and break up the membranes that keep it whole. Gently push the instrument in and out of the hole repeatedly.

The traditional method for removing the yolk uses a small straw (like those thin straws you can find in any coffee shop) and air from your mouth, but you can also use a syringe to push air into the hole.

Set up a clean wide bowl or jar to catch the insides of the egg. Hold the egg right above this bowl when you're blowing. If you use clean materials, you can save these partially beaten egg yolks and whites for other dishes in the future.

Hold up the thin straw to the small hole. Blow air through the straw and into the egg, letting the insides flow out from the larger hole. Or you can put your mouth to one of the holes and blow. Do this until the egg is empty.



Take a glass of water and pour it over the eggshell to rinse it out. Then take your straw or syringe to blow out the water and any remaining egg yolk/white. Shake gently and repeat until the egg is completely clean.

You'll want to do this over a bowl. If you're saving the eggs for later use, set up a separate wide bowl for catching the water, or just do it over the sink.

Dry the intact eggshells. Optionally, put all eggshells in the microwave on high for 15-30 seconds or bake them in $300^{\circ}F/150^{\circ}C$ oven for 10

minutes. This may help to make them stronger. Alternatively, you can let them drain (larger hole facing downwards) for 2-3 days.

Now they're ready to decorate!

Read the full article here: https://www.wikihow.com/Blow-Out-Eggs

How to Decorate Eggs with Shaving Cream and Food Dye

Neon food colouring or regular food colouring (less vibrant colours though)

Eggs Baking sheet Shaving cream/whipped cream Straw Gloves (optional to not get messy!)



Start by squirting white shaving cream onto a baking sheet and spreading it evenly. Drip different colour food colouring onto the shaving cream. Take a straw and swirl the colours together to get a tie dye look.



Roll an egg on one side into the colors and flip it over. Let it sit for 10 minutes and rinse clean.

So easy! Enjoy and don't forget to send us photographs of your eggs!



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Edgefield

Church News

Two advance notices. The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Monday 23 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. And secondly: John and Joyce Kinsley are opening their garden at Kinsfield, Barningham Road, Edgefield, on Saturday and Sunday, 16 and 17 June. There will be stalls and teas, and all proceeds will go to the Oncology Unit at the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital. Also, as mentioned last month, services during Passiontide and Holy Week are given in the details of Benefice services elsewhere in this issue.



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Hempstead

200 Club

 $\pounds 50\,P\,Grieve\,\,\pounds 25\,R$ Hart $\,\pounds 10\,J\,Roy\,\,\pounds 5\,L\,Buxton\,J\,Sanders\,\,D\,Lister$

Coffee & Gossip Friday 2 March 10.30am to 12noon in the village hall.

Village Hall Committee AGM Wednesday 11 April 7pm

Bridge Drive



Friday 23 March, 1.15pm for 1.45pm start. Village hall NR25 6TL (Off-street parking)£8 per person which includes afternoon tea, please contact Richard and Jill Roy 715851 or Su Summers 710702

Toad Patrol

If anyone coming into the village at night by car sees toads on the road by the pond, and there is no one on patrol, please could they ring Su 710702. This would be very helpful, thank you. More patrollers still welcome!

Church Spring Clean

It is that time of year again! We are planning our annual spring clean of All Saints Church for Monday 19 March at 10am. Many hands make light work, and if anyone can give us an hour's help we'd be very grateful. Coffee and biscuits supplied. Please give Ann a ring 713656 if you are able to help. Many thanks.

Easter Day 1st April

We are really pleased to have the Benefice Easter Day service here in Hempstead, and would be delighted to see as many as are able to come. The collection will be sent to the Bishop's Lent Appeal for the church at Simbai in Papua New Guinea. Easter refreshments after the service.

Easter Monday 2nd April Open Church & Easter Egg Hunt

The church will be open for tea, coffee and cake from 10am till 1pm. Everyone is welcome from any parish and this year the proceeds will go to the new Benefice Fund.

The Easter Egg Hunt will start at 10.30am, please log in with Marianne just beforehand, and hopefully (weather permitting) the hunt will take place in the churchyard, otherwise in the church. All Hempstead children are invited.

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Matlaske

100 Club

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Parish Council

We are pleased to welcome Ian Fitzpatrick-Swallow who has joined the Council. He has taken the place of Florence Hunt.

Dates for Your Diary



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Quiz Nights May 11 and October 4 (provisional dates, awaiting confirmation) Coffee Morning July 4 and Christmas Party December 3

Fly tipping

Fly tipping is defined as the 'illegal deposit of any waste onto land that does not have a licence to accept it'. Instances of garden waste 'fly tipping' are on the increase in North Norfolk. It has been brought to the attention of Matlaske Parish Council that this is the case in Chapel Loke. Although garden waste is bio-degradable, it is still classified as waste and it is still an offence to illegally deposit it under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 Section 33. There are a number of ways to dispose of garden waste legally - please see the poster in our Village Noticeboard.

Paranormal

Norfolk has a rich history in folklore, ghostly goings-on and all things paranormal, from spectral black dogs with flaming red eyes, Black Shuck, wailing women at Aylmerton, to Sir Thomas Boleyn's phantom coach crossing bridges throughout North Norfolk on May 19. These are just a few of many. At Paranormal for Norfolk, a local paranormal investigation and research group based here in Matlaske, Claire is researching the paranormal and its tales in Norfolk. Claire would love to hear from you if you would be happy to share your old stories as well as your more recent unexplained experiences, whether they are hauntings, sightings of bizarre creatures (cryptozoology) or UFOs. E-mail Claire at paranormalfornorfolk@mail.com.

Plumstead

Keep Britain Tidy - Heroes Assemble - March 3 10am - 11am

Are you able to help for a short while on Saturday 3 March? More hands make less work, and the last two years' graft has meant there is less rubbish to pick up, although Costa paper mugs seem to be a favourite!



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Volunteers are required to assist with our annual tidy-up around the village, one hour only, 10-11am. We will meet at the Flagpole Garden at 9.45am. Bring your own gloves - rubbish bags will be provided. The last two years of the Great British Spring Clean have seen a real improvement in and around our hedgerows and verges. Any queries call Alastair Brown 577447

Winter Warmer

On a bracing January evening, the good folk of Plumstead wended their eager way towards the twinkling glow of our Church. The old guard met the new and we much enjoyed getting to





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know each other better. Nick dispensed his unbeatable mulled wine which, was accompanied by delicious mince pies and assorted savouries. We welcomed Michael back to the fold and he took the evening to another level with a spirited sing song!

John Lintott

In the coming weeks the Church will have its final building work completed. There was some subsidence around the north porch, so it was deemed necessary to replace the soak-away which was malfunctioning. Many of you in the village have given generously to support the building works for the church. The PCC is extremely grateful. Do find a moment to inspect them, which also includes, the total renovation of the chancel roof ridge, so you know that your money has been used wisely.

Saxthorpe with Corpusty

We welcome back to our Benefice Father Michael Cartwright who is with us until Sophia Hodgson our new rector the Reverend David Longe arrives. Father Cartwright is available 587510 for spiritual guidance at Dairy Farm Cottages, Barningham Winter or on 577865.

Our regular village correspondent Judith Banks is still away as her husband Michael is unwell. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

A warm welcome to our stand-in head of Corpusty School, Dan Buddle, who is also head of Foulsham School.

Regarding the 100' mast, the current application PS/171969 has been withdrawn and is no longer available on the NNDC website. If a further application is made, notices will have to be posted near the site inviting public comment.

Unfortunately, the proposed sale of the pub has fallen through. The Parish Council is keen to establish whether there would be support for a community bid to be made. Please address any expressions of support to the clerk to the Parish Council, Kirsty Cotgrove, at c.sparishclerk@gmail.com. If sufficient expressions of support are made, the Parish Council plans to hold a public meeting to progress this initiative.

Unfortunately, villagers are continuing to encounter dog mess in public places, especially the common. Please be vigilant and keep your dogs under control, especially where there are unfenced gardens, and always bag and bin any mess.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



Do you care for a relative or friend? Would you like some help or an opportunity to relax?



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200g dark chocolate, plus extra for curls 4 eggs, separated 50g butter 4 tbsp caster sugar 2 tbsp Tia Maria

Melt chocolate in bowl over hot water then whisk in egg yolks, butter and Tia Maria, set aside.

In a separate bowl whisk egg whites until stiff, fold in the sugar and then fold into the melted chocolate.

Divide into six sundae dishes and place in fridge to set, preferably overnight.

Decorate with whipped cream and chocolate curls.

Marion Shepherd

Sudoku

Enter a digit from 1 to 9 in each cell, so that each horizontal row contains each digit once, each vertical column contains each digit once, and each subgrid contains each digit once.

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Recipe of the Month

Chocolate Mousse with Tia Maria

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The Village Gardener To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow



For all you keen gardeners out there who are tired of the lack of light in the evenings...keep the faith! The clocks will spring forward at the end of the month and that extra hour will come in handy as March is when it all kicks off!

Let's get the ball rolling in the veg garden. Early and main crop potatoes will need chitting this month for planting out (traditionally) on Good Friday, which this year is on 30th March. My favourite gardening guru Monty gave me the inspiration last year to grow all our potatoes in large galvanised containers. I was apprehensive at first (especially when we had a particularly dry patch – now that's a dim and distant memory! – but at harvest was totally sold on the idea as we had a really good volume of potatoes for quite a small amount of effort. Earthing up is obviously still essential, but was much easier in the containers. All in all, a success! And I will be repeating the project again this year. It is however important to keep the containers well watered. The other veg that need to get going this time of year are broad beans, beetroot and summer cabbages, which will need some form of protection now if you want to set them. But best of all is to use your gut when first setting veg seed: if the ground is still really chilly and the weather grim, hold fire for a couple of weeks. No one thrives in cold damp conditions!

Now moving swiftly on to the flower garden, March is a good time for bare-root planting, so any roses you've had your eye on over the winter can go in. Also, any bare-root hedging can go in now the ground is not quite so frozen or (hopefully) waterlogged.

Now for this month's question: Wayne Carre has asked when is the best time to plant a native hedge? That time is now, Wayne! The soil is nice and damp, and our local garden centres hold a good stock of native hedge plants.

Do keep the questions coming in! Email me at redmaple@btinternet as ever the most interesting question will be published next month.

Mick McCarter





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Tuesday Club & Ladies Group - Edgefield Village Hall

There are two monthly events that started in Edgefield Village Hall more than 40 years ago that are still running today – the Tuesday Club and the Ladies Group.

The Ladies Group started life as The Matlaske & Edgefield Young Wives in 1968. Today it is a group of about a dozen 'older' wives who meet every month for tea and biscuits. The ladies contribute to a Christmas Club and have a raffle at their meetings to pay for the wine at their Christmas Party. The ladies would welcome anyone to this free event who would like to join them for tea and good company at 2pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

The Tuesday Club was started in 1977 and is held on the first Tuesday of the month. There is a talk from a local speaker followed by tea and cake, a raffle and an auction of produce. Once a year the Tuesday Club has an outing to visit a local site of interest and the December meeting is always Christmas Lunch at a local venue. In February Jim Frost talked about his working life in the Hertfordshire Police Force, CID and Fraud Squad.



On 6th March Rey Major – an award-winning wildlife photographer – will be giving a photographic tour of the Galapagos Islands.

On 3rd April Jacky Lambert will be giving a talk 'Decorated Eggs – Inspired by Faberge'.

Catherine, Vera and Dawn are happy to welcome anyone to Tuesday Club. It starts at 2.30pm and you can either attend as a one-off or regularly attend these talks, membership is £5.00 a year.

Emma Youngs