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What's On

MARCH

Thur 7	7.30pm	Corpusty & Saxthorpe Neighbourhood Plan	Village Hall
Wed 13	7.30pm	Matlaske PC Meeting	St Peter's Church
Thur 14	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Quiz Night	Village Hall
Sat 16	7.00pm	Edgefield <i>The Norfolk Nut</i>	Village Hall
Sun 17	10.30am	Baconsthorpe PCC AGM	St Mary's Church
Mon 18	7.30pm	Baconsthorpe Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tues 19	7.30pm	Corpusty & Saxthorpe Parish Council	Village Hall
Sun 23	11.00am	Corpusty & Saxthorpe Past, Present & Future	Village Hall
Wed 27	4.00pm	Plumstead PCC AGM	St Michael's Church
Sat 30	10.00am	Corpusty & Saxthorpe Spring Clean Challenge	Duke's Head

APRIL

Fri 1	10.30pm	Hempstead Coffe & Gossip	Village Hall
Mon 8	7.30pm	Edgefield Vestry Meeting & APCM	Village Hall
Thur 11	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Bingo	Village Hall
Thur 25	11.00am	Barningham Winter Annual PCC Meeting	Barningham Hall
Tues 30	10.00am	Baconsthorpe Plant Sale	The Old Rectory

Clash Diary

May 10	Baconsthorpe Invitation	July 10	Matlaske Coffee Morning
May 10	Matlaske Quiz	July 27	Matlaske Fête
May 11	Baconsthorpe BBQ	Sep 2	Plumstead PC Meeting
May 13	Plumstead PC Meeting	Sep 16	Baconsthorpe PC meeting
May 14	Plumstead Coffee Morning	Oct 4	Matlaske Quiz
May 20	Baconsthorpe PC AGM	Nov 11	Baconsthorpe PC meeting
June 22	Edgefield Open Gardens	Dec 8	Matlaske Christmas Party
June 23	Edgefield Open Gardens	Dec 9	Plumstead PC Meeting
June 29	Edgefest 4	Dec 15	Baconsthorpe Christmas Party

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

CORPUSTY

Second and fourth Monday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Bure Valley Quilters & Stitchers
Second Tuesday	12.30pm - 3.00pm	Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach
Tuesdays during term time	5.45pm - 7.15pm	Brownies
Second Tuesday	10.00am - 12noon	North Norfolk Knitters Rita Taylor 587507 k2togp1@btinternet.com
First and third Thursday	10.00am - 12noon	Art Group Rita Taylor 587507 k2togp1@btinternet.com
Friday during term time	9.30am - 11.30am	Toddler Group

EDGEFIELD

Third Monday	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
First Tuesday	2.30pm	Tuesday Club
Second Wednesday	2.00pm	Ladies Club
Last Thursday	10.30am	Coffee Morning

HEMPSTEAD

First Monday alternate months	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	10.00am	Charcoal Drawing £4 - Mike Thody 711282
Third Wednesday	7.30pm	Film Club

Mobile Library Van

14 Mar / 11 April / 9 May / 6 June			
Matlaske	12.30	NR11 7AQ	Old Post Office
Plumstead	1.15	NR11 7LG	Walnut Farm
Baconsthorpe	2.45	NR25 6LJ	Council Bungalows
	3.20	NR25 6LE	Hare & Hounds
	4.10	NR25 6LG	Old Post Office
Hempstead	3.40	NR25 6TL	Telephone kiosk
28 March / 25 April / 23 May / 20 June			
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

Post Offices

Baconsthorpe Village Hall	
Tuesdays	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Fridays	10.00am - 1.00pm
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Corpusty Stores	587202
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Letter from the Rector - Revd Canon David Longe

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Dear All

In the middle of January, I decided to walk our seven parishes. I set off from Matlaske at about 8.45am for Plumstead and found myself walking into a headwind; as I strode out of Plumstead down Jericho Lane into Little Barningham (which is just outside the Benefice) it started to snow; making it over Matlaske Road, down Monks Lane it rained but a kind person took pity on me with my first restorative cup of tea (mint). Revived I continued from Saxthorpe crossing the Bure into Corpusty then over the fields – another bitter headwind – to Edgefield; from here winding through the beautiful woods to Hempstead as the sun began, I traipsed on to Baconsthorpe then Barningham where, revived again by a second cup of tea, I made it home.



As I walked, I prayed, I gave thanks for the beauty of God's creation, for the wind, the rain, even as it whipped into my face and I drove my hands deeper into my pockets. In the churches where I stopped for shelter, I gave thanks for their beauty and stillness, powerfully pointing to something greater than myself. I suspect my gratitude for the cups of tea was rather gushing, as they were so fortifying (thank you again to my two tea brewers!).

What struck me too as I wandered was the work we do to keep our communities as communities, rather than just dormitories. One hundred years ago I would have met more people on my walk, yet our communities have changed with the closure of shops and pubs, we see and interact with our neighbours less and in some of our villages the only central meeting place left is the church.

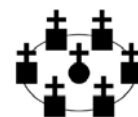
Our community interaction is now often centred around events (such as those listed in this magazine), organised by an incredible hardworking group of people who work tirelessly to bring us together. These gatherings are vital as humans are not designed to live in isolation for at the very core of our being is our desire to socialise.

One such community activity is the Diocesan Play Van that for many years has been providing fun for children and a central place for parents and carers to socialise in Baconsthorpe. (I try and drop in each week.) The idea behind the play van is that it sets up a playgroup that is eventually run by the community. We are lucky it has been with us so long, but now the time has come that either the community run it or it stops. If anyone reading this is interested in taking on the playgroup, do let me know.

So, as spring fast approaches, I pray you may be able to stop and consider the beauty of creation; and consider too how we can keep our communities thriving, as we all have a part to play in this world in which we live.

May God be with you all,

David



The Benefice of Matlaske Church Services for March

3rd

Sunday before Lent

9.30

Holy Communion
With pancakes and refreshments

Edgefield

11.00

Morning Prayer
Pre-Lenten drinks and snacks

Plumstead

6th

Ash Wednesday

6.00

Holy Communion with Ashing

Saxthorpe

10th

Lent 1

9.30

Holy Communion

Hempstead

11.00

Matins

Matlaske

17th

Lent 2

9.30

Holy Communion

Baconsthorpe

11.00

Matins

Saxthorpe

24th

Lent 3

9.30

Holy Communion

Barningham Winter

11.00

Morning Prayer

Edgefield

31st

Mothering Sunday

9.00

Holy Communion

Plumstead

11.00

Morning Prayer

Saxthorpe

11.00

Morning Prayer

Hempstead

11.00

Morning Prayer

Matlaske

11.00

Morning Prayer

Edgefield

Holy Communion Services

Saxthorpe 9am Wednesday 20th / Matlaske 11am every Thursday

Lent Course

April 3rd and 10th 7.00pm

TBC

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Baconsthorpe

200 Club

January

£25 Corinne Youngs, £10 John Perry Warnes, £5 Roger Hall, Peter Cope

February

£25 Peter Cope, £10 Nancy Glazebrook, £5 Harry Delaney, Susie Belbin

Pop-up Pub

Friday 29th March with Bangers & Mash for supper.

An Invitation

We have a small group of people who arrange various events in Baconsthorpe and would like to know if they are getting it right. So... you are invited to come along for complimentary Wine & Cheese on Friday 10th May at 6pm in the village hall, when you will have the opportunity to share your ideas for future village activities. We look forward to seeing all the family - there will be games for the children!

Village Hall News

Not a lot to report - it has been rather quiet over the winter months. However, we did have a very successful jumble sale which raised £180.50 for the hall. To that end we would like to say a big 'thank you' to all our loyal volunteers, without whose help it would not have been possible.

Our next event is a quiz on Thursday 14th March at 7pm, £6 per head, supper included but please bring your own drinks. Booking essential. Contact Emma on 07884 432412.

Bingo returns on 11th April, eyes down at 7.00pm and the Christmas Party will be on 15th December from 3.00pm.



Corinne Youngs
577263

Susan Belbin

Barningham Winter

A huge welcome to Ben, who has moved into 4 Wells Farm Cottage and to Mr & Mrs Brian Clements, who have moved into Dairy Farm Cottage. We do hope that they will be very happy in their new homes.

We send our condolences to the Callaby family on the death of Mrs Mary Callaby. Mary lived with her husband Walter in Gap Farm, Matlaske for many years, but she was always a keen supporter of St Mary's Church, Barningham Winter where her funeral will take place. Also, to the Seaman family of Dairy Farm, Barningham Winter, on the death of Mr Tom Seaman. Mr Seaman ran Dairy Farm for many years before his son Richard took over the reins.

Thank you to all those who contributed to and took part in the Scrabble Evening at Barningham Hall. This has become an annual event and very much enjoyed by all the 'scrabblers'. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Courtauld who, once again, hosted this event.

Note for your diary 11am, Thursday 25th April at Barningham Hall, Matlaske the Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Barningham Winter, Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Annual Meeting of Parishioners, Meeting of the Parochial Church Council. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



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Edgefield

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After a very wet morning on 10th February, we had a mild and perfect morning on 11th for people to come and look at the snowdrops and the much-improved old churchyard. They heard what work has been done to the tower and ongoing plans for the graveyard. We are thinking of making it a good wildlife area, with bug houses and perhaps some bird nesting boxes, etc. Any ideas or help will be very welcome.



Richard Peaver
587486

The diseased chestnut tree near our present church tower has been felled. If you would like some firewood, do please help yourself. A donation towards our costs would be kind. There is an offertory box just inside the main church door. Many thanks to those who helped with the clearing up.

The snowdrops in both places now look wonderful, so do go and enjoy them. Spring is on its way!

Angela Turner

Village Hall News

By the time you read this, our next round of improvements to the village hall will be complete. We are installing a new combi-boiler, which will reduce our heating costs and the toilets are being updated to allow a new storage area in the hall. It is all part of our long-term plan to make the hall ever more user-friendly.

Don't forget to put Edgefest 4 in your diary! Saturday 29th June on the Green, with live music from The Honky Tonks and barbecue-style food. Tickets will go on sale in May.

Jim Frost

Anyone passing along the road by the pond is asked to take great care not to injure toads or newts heading for the water. Richard Sear, of The Old Post Office, would greatly appreciate any help in assisting amphibians on their nightly journey.

Hempstead

200 Club

£50 T Collier, £25 Mary Scarff, £10 I Hicks, £5 R Hunt, J Feilden, J Wolf

Coffee & Gossip

1st March, 10.30 to noon. Please join us for good coffee, delicious cake and a chat.

Toads

We are expecting their arrival anytime now. If you are driving in or out of the village at night, please watch out for both toads and patrollers. Many thanks.

Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride

Yvette Gibson reported last month on the incredible amount raised by Hempstead cyclists. A big thank you is due to her too, for being the rep who galvanises us into action, and also her own name should have been in the list of riders. Thank you, Yvette, for a job very well done!

Su

Hempstead Church has just received £2043.52 from the Norfolk Churches Trust being half of that raised by residents cycling for the Church in their annual cycle ride. MANY thanks to ALL those that took part. This money will be put towards the re-thatching of the apse which is becoming urgent, and is scheduled for this summer. WELL DONE.

Francis Feilden, Church Treasurer



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Diana Gorst of Gap Farm

Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughter Jane Ingham for the loss of her Mother who passed away peacefully.

Welcome

To Duncan and Mandy who have moved into The Old Post Office. We hope they enjoy living in Matlaske.

PC Meeting March 13th 7.30pm, St Peter's Church

Diary Dates

Quiz Nights: Friday 10th May and Friday 4th October **Coffee Morning:** Wednesday 10th July
Fête: Saturday 27th July **Christmas Party:** Sunday 8th December

Matlaske Residents

Would you like to be shown how to use our defibrillator, or have a refresher? Our Heartstart trainer Jim is happy to do a group session, or a one-to-one in your own home. Please contact him at jim.shepherd123@btinternet.com or on 577521 for further details.



Marion Shepherd
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Plumstead

Church News

Sunday 3rd March: Morning Prayer, 11 am. Last Sunday before Lent. Do come and join us for the service or just for drinks and nibbles around 12 midday.

The church's electoral roll is to be revised this year. It happens every six years. The electoral roll is the basic list in every parish of all those entitled to vote on elections within the Church of England. Those entitled to have their names on this roll have to be 16 years of age or more and they must reside in the relevant parish or be regular worshippers in church whose roll they wish to join. Application forms are available from Eleanor and need to be completed and returned by 7th March.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Wednesday 27th March, 4 pm. All are welcome to attend, but only those on the electoral roll may stand for office or vote in church matters.

Parish Council News

The village has experienced its first case of vandalism for some years. Some time on the evening of Sunday 10th February, two windows of the old phone box, now used to house the defibrillator, were broken using a ball bearing gun. The police have been informed and we have a criminal damage number, but no member of our constabulary has been in attendance. The panes have been repaired with your money and we are over £100 less well off. It reminds us how lucky we are that events like this are extremely rare. Anyone with useful information is urged to contact the police. Thank you, Nick for arranging for the repairs so promptly.

The Parish Council have arranged for copies of the Holt Chronicle to be available in the Church, so please help yourself.



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We say goodbye to Fred Fisher who was born in 1930 and had lived in the village for 26 years. He passed away peacefully in Kelling Hospital in January. He had been unwell for some months but until then had been very much part of village life. Fred was born in Leytonstone and evacuated to relatives in Staffordshire during WW2. His parents then moved to Warwickshire where he started life working for the railways in the booking office. He met Jill playing tennis in Leamington Spa and they set up home in a village nearby. He then worked for Blue Circle Cement where he took on various roles including welfare officer and stores manager. He

spent 8 years working in Nigeria for the company - a time he very much enjoyed. He and Jill came to Norfolk for holidays for many years to visit his sister and brother-in-law Molly and Charlie who lived in Plumstead. They became part of the community spending time with Eileen, Mervyn and their boys. It was this connection that inspired them to retire to North Norfolk. Holt was their first choice though it was not long before they did a house swop with those living at St Michael's Cottage in 1992. Fred was a staunch member of the Catholic church in Sheringham. He also thoroughly enjoyed his sports playing squash until he was 65 and golf, which he finally gave up at 80 years old. He also supported our village in many ways, being a founder committee member of the Plumstead 2000 Fund but most particularly was known as the 'Raffle Man'. He would always be relied on to run the raffle at any event. We send our condolences and our love to Jill.

Jill would like to thank all the many people in the village who supported them both during Fred's illness. She is so grateful for their time, driving her to hospital, providing meals and a listening ear during those difficult times.

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Neighbourhood Plan Referendum – Thursday 7 March

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VOTE YES if you want better protection for our village green spaces.

VOTE YES if you want better protection for the surroundings of our historic listed buildings.

VOTE NO if you want the planning process to continue as it is at present.

There are many other policies and aspirations in the Neighbourhood Plan which give the villages more control of their future. VOTE YES to have the Neighbourhood Plan adopted. The Parish Council supports this.



Sophia Hodgson
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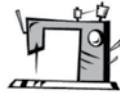
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Corpusy & Saxthorpe Past, Present & Future – A Special Event

Saturday, 23rd March 11.00 - 3.00 at the village hall. Do attend the exhibition! Admission is free. Including displays, crafts, information on and displays by, local groups, how the village might look in 2020 under the Neighbourhood Plan, a raffle, refreshments of course (bacon rolls, cakes, etc) and a very special presentation at 12.30pm by Norfolk historian, Brian Hedge, using fantastic photographs of Corpusy & Saxthorpe from the collection of Norman Wilson, son of well-known local author, Janet Wilson. An archive of photos of our village life people, places, churches, school group pictures, groups, the railroad station in its heyday, etc, dating from the 1890s to the 1980s. These photos can be reprinted and will be for sale.

Corpusy & Saxthorpe Spring Clean Challenge 2019

Anyone interested in taking part should meet outside The Duke's Head 10am prompt on Saturday 30 March. All equipment will be provided and if you have any queries please ring Andrew Brown on 587250 for further information. Please also bring secateurs so that encroaching branches, etc can be cut back as we navigate footpaths.

Roger Glew would like to thank all those who stopped to help him after his accident in the village on 5th February. He is recovering well.

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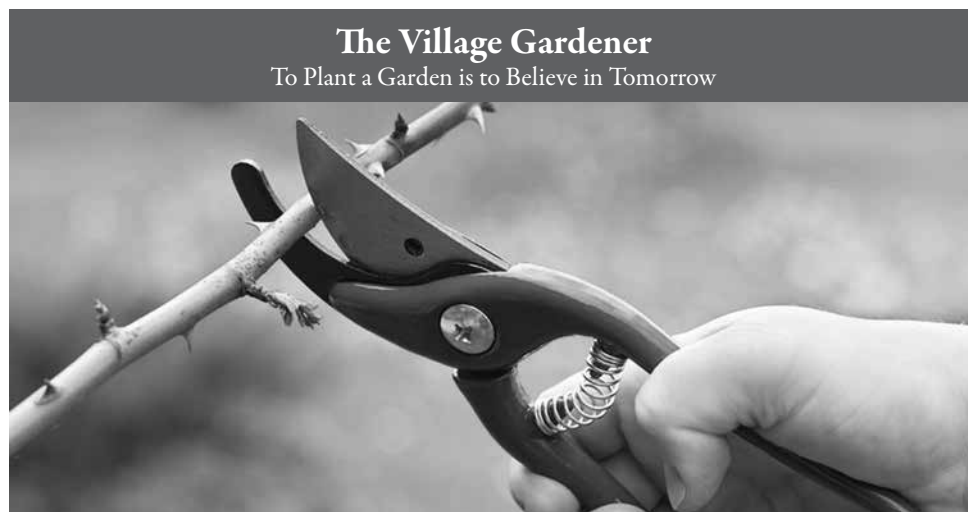
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The Village Gardener

To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow

As I write this month's column, we hit double figures outside! Despite the blue sky and mild temperatures, I am thinking of the record low temperatures that America has been struggling with these last few days. My Gran always used to say after any big snow in America we would get the same a fortnight later. We shall see!

March I feel is an optimistic month: we've made it through February and March can give you a proper sense of the year finally turning out of winter... thank goodness!

OK: tasks for a sunny but chilly day. If you have fruit trees they would benefit from a good mulch, make sure you weed well round them first and don't mulch right up to the bark, as trees need excess moisture to be able to drain away, so if the mulch is right up against the bark it can cause bark decay – not what you want. Another good job is to finish off pruning your roses. If you're feeling less than confident, here is how I go about it: firstly, be confident! Don't be scared! Your aim with your pruning is to have an open middle. This ensures air can move around, which in turn helps prevent disease. You need to remove any branches that cross, because if branches cross, they can rub, thus again causing the potential for disease. When you do cut the offending branches, ensure you cut to an outward facing bud. If you chose an inward facing bud, you will be creating the reverse of what you are after which is an open outward framework. When you make your cut, it needs to be at 45 degrees away from the bud, to ensure any water that collects drains away from the bud and helps prevent rot. Now for the brave part! You need to remove any branches older than two years old. This will help maintain the vigour of your rose, and vigorous roses will give you a better show and resist disease more robustly too. Rose lecture over! All that's left to say is that weather permitting, you could set your first early potatoes and onion sets, but that is as long as it's not too cold and damp... fingers crossed!

This month's question comes from Miss C Trench, who asks should I cut down the foliage on my hellebores in early spring? In my opinion, yes you should! Cutting back the foliage helps prevent leaf spot disease and you will get nice fresh foliage.

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

Mick McCarter


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A Day in the Life of the Play Van

As the Rector explains on page 6, the time has come for the community to take over the Play Van. Please contact him if you would like to help.

My Day begins with a quick check of my tyres and mirrors to make sure I'm in working order then off we go! It's Tuesday so I know we're going to Baconsthorpe, an isolated village in North Norfolk. The roads are narrow, windy and very pretty. I love seeing all the farm land and my friends the tractors.

Once I get to my destination The Development Worker (Lesley) unloads all of the toys and equipment needed for the planned session off the van with help from Andy. Oh! there goes the soft play assault course, I wish I could play on it. Next, in goes the refreshment box, today it has tea and coffee for the adults and grapes, brioche and melon for the children. I hope Lesley remembers my refreshment, I need some diesel!

It takes Lesley about an hour to set up (if any of the readers would like to volunteer, that would be great). I peek through the windows and think how great it looks. There's a baby corner, craft table, train set, treasure baskets and much much more!

Next I watch the parents arrive, they are welcomed at the door, they sign in and pay their £2 and immediately start chatting and playing. Haha everything has gone quiet so I know it must be snack time, all the children and parents sit together, it's a very nice social time.

Oh here comes the rector, David Longe. He often comes for a quick hello! I can see the children whooshing down the slide and some wonderful paintings. Then after a while I hear Lesley say it's tidy up time! The children and parents help to tidy up then they all sit down for a story and if they have time, play with the musical instruments or lycra. The children have a wonderful time but it's soon time to pack the van back up again and Toot Toot off we go!



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