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What's On

APRIL

Wed 3	7.00pm	Hempstead Play Reading Group	Village Hall
Fri 5	10.30am	Hempstead Coffe & Gossip	Village Hall
Sat 6	10.00am	Baconsthorpe Allotments Open Day	Castle Road
Mon 8	7.30pm	Edgefield Vestry Meeting & APCM	Village Hall
Thur 11	10.00am	Hempstead Church Spring Clean	Church
Thur 11	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Bingo	Village Hall
Fri 19	6.00pm	Hempstead Taizé Service	Church
Mon 22	10.00am	Hempstead Easter Egg Hunt & Open Church	Church
Thur 25	11.00am	Barningham Winter Annual PCC Meeting	Barningham Hall
Thur 25	3.45pm	Hempstead Music	Village Hall
Tues 30	10.00am	Baconsthorpe Annual Plant Sale	The Old Rectory

MAY

Fri 3	10.30am	Hempstead Coffe & Gossip	Village Hall
Fri 10	6.00pm	Baconsthorpe Wine & Cheese	Village Hall
Fri 10	7.00pm	Matlaske Quiz Night	Barningham Hall Old Stables
Sat 11	10.00am	Baconsthorpe Church Clean + Clear + BBQ	Church
Mon 13	6.00pm	Plumstead PC Meeting	Church
Tues 14	10.00am	Plumstead Christian Aid Coffee Morning	Church View
Sat 18	7.00pm	Hempstead May Feast	Village Hall
Mon 20	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Parish Council AGM	Village Hall
Thur 25	11.00am	Barningham Winter Annual PCC Meeting	Barningham Hall
Tues 30	10.00am	Baconsthorpe Annual Plant Sale	The Old Rectory

Clash Diary

June 22	Edgefield Open Gardens	Sep 16	Baconsthorpe PC meeting
June 23	Edgefield Open Gardens	Oct 4	Matlaske Quiz
June 29	Edgefest 4	Oct 5	Edgefield Bingo
July 10	Matlaske Coffee Morning	Nov 11	Baconsthorpe PC meeting
July 27	Matlaske Fête	Dec 7	Hempstead Christmas Party
Aug 4	Hempstead Fête	Dec 7	Edgefield Festive Event
Aug 31	Hempstead Arts	Dec 8	Matlaske Christmas Party
Sep 1	Hempstead Arts	Dec 9	Plumstead PC Meeting
Sep 2	Plumstead PC Meeting	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

11 April / 9 May / 6 June			
Matlaske	11.40	NR11 7AQ	Old Post Office
Plumstead	12.25	NR11 7LG	Walnut Farm
Hempstead	3.40	NR25 6TL	Telephone kiosk
Baconsthorpe	4.05	NR25 6LE	Hare & Hounds
	4.20	NR25 6LG	Old Post Office
	4.40	NR25 6LJ	Council Bungalows
25 April / 23 May / 20 June			
Saxthorpe	4.10	NR11 7BL	Old Post Office
Corpusty	2.45	NR11 6QP	School
	3.40	NR11 7BU	Great Farm Cott's
	4.30	NR11 6QJ	Adams Lane
	4.50	NR11 6QL	16 Council Houses
Edgefield	1.55	NR24 2AL	The Memorial
	2.15	NR24 2AX	The Street

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Fri 9.30am-6.00pm	

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Letter from the Rector - Revd Canon David Longe

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Dear All

Earlier in Lent I learnt a new word 'solastagia', which expresses being homesick when you are still at home. I learnt about this word from an article written by Hannah Malcolm, a 26-year-old who has just won a prestigious church award, *Theology Slam*. *Theology Slam* is a theological competition that saw the finalist speaking on Theology and the Me Too Movement, Theology and Mental Health and Theology and the Environment.

Hannah's ten-minute talk on Theology and the Environment, without notes, speaks not only of how humanity needs to mourn the damage we have inflicted on creation, but how we must look forward with hope that that which has been destroyed and damaged can be restored.

It is a powerful and important message that I pray lodges itself deep into our consciousness so that we can all begin to look for new ways to care for our creation. It is also a message that resonates with these 40 days of Lent, when we fast from all that is not of God, and feast more fully on what God provides and offers us. On Ash Wednesday I offered this reflection for Lent:

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them
 Fast from emphasis on our differences; feast on our oneness
 Fast from the darkness around us; feast on the light of Christ
 Fast on thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God
 Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude
 Fast from anger; feast on patience
 Fast from worry; feast on divine order
 Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives
 Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance
 Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness
 Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others
 Fast from discouragements; feast on home
 Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire
 Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity;
 Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence;
 Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds. Loving God, let us Fast from anything that leads us away from you and teach us to feast on all that brings us closer to you.

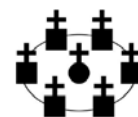
Words attributed to Arthur Ward

And now as Palm Sunday and Easter approach us, while we may be solastagic, we must fast from that which mars creation and feast on all that allows us to be good custodians of this beautiful world.

With my prayers for a blessed Lent and Easter,

David

For more on *Theology Slam* see the finalist speak here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFrS2t_9z5E



The Benefice of Matlaske Church Services for April

7 th Lent V - Passiontide begins		
9.00	Eucharist	Plumstead
11.00	Matins	Hempstead
14 th Palm Sunday - start of Holy Week		
10.00	Eucharist	Saxthorpe
Meet on Corpusty Green at 9.30 for Palm Sunday procession with donkey to the church		
Compline during Holy Week		
7.00pm	Holy Monday 15 th	Barningham Winter
7.00pm	Holy Tuesday 16 th	Edgefield
7.00pm	Holy Wednesday 17 th	Baconsthorpe
18 th Maundy Thursday		
11.00	Chrism Mass	Norwich Cathedral
6.00pm	Eucharist with foot washing	Plumstead
19 th Good Friday		
2.00pm	Meditation	Matlaske
6.00pm	Taize Service With choir and instrumentalists	Hempstead
21 st Easter Sunday		
9.30	Said Eucharist	Plumstead
9.30	Said Eucharist	Saxthorpe
11.00	Sung Eucharist	Edgefield
With choir and Easter Egg Hunt		
28 th Easter II		
9.30	Eucharist	Hempstead
11.00	Matins	Barningham Winter
5 th May Easter III		
9.30	Eucharist	Matlaske
11.00	Matins	Baconsthorpe
Eucharist Services		
Saxthorpe 9am Wednesday 3 rd , 17 th , 1 st May		
Matlaske 10am every Thursday except 18 th Maundy Thursday		
Lent Course		
April 3 rd and 10 th	7.00pm	See Revd David Longe for venue details

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Baconsthorpe

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Daphne would like to thank everyone who when they win a prize in the £200 Club donate their winnings back to the village hall.

Pop-up Pub

Friday 26th April with fish pie for supper.



Corinne Youngs
577263

St Mary's Church Parish Family Work Morning – Saturday 11th May

Over the past year many of you have been involved in the magnificent fund-raising effort (Raise the Roof) to replace the lead stolen from our parish church's roof. As the final piece of the restoration, the church has recently had the interior walls lime washed so that it is now probably in as good a condition as it has enjoyed for a hundred years.

However - and this is where we need some Baconsthorpe community spirit and elbow grease (!) - the church yard needs some attention so that the wild flowers have air to flourish and the whole setting is something we can all be proud of and enjoy. The interior too needs a finishing touch. A small team have toiled heroically through the winter months of building works, ensuring that services could continue (St Mary's hosted both the final service of the departing Michael Cartwright and the Induction of our new Rector, David Longe, despite scaffolding poles and tarpaulins inside the church); but now that spring is here, we can apply some sparkle and a touch of class.

So, please bring your families to the church, do a couple of hour's work and then enjoy a BBQ as reward for your endeavours. The aim is to have fun, while wielding your implement of choice:

Inside

- If you fancy brass rubbing, come armed with some cloths and brasso
- If you fancy polishing the furniture - furniture polish and rags
- The floor? We have mops, but if you prefer driving your own vehicle, do bring it (especially buckets)
- One can never have too many dustpans, brushes and brooms either and hoovers are handy too

Outside

You may have noticed that some back breaking work has already taken place to bring under control the stinging nettles and other undergrowth, so the work required in the church yard is manageable.

- If you see yourself as a raker then please bring an implement
- Those who enjoy a good bonfire will not be disappointed
- Strimmer? Need a couple of these to tidy up around grave stones etc
- Hoes / rakes for the paths
- Stiff plastic brushes for cleaning grave stones – an ideal activity for the younger members of our parish

So, please come along, armed with your dirt buster of choice (there will be spares too) for a fun community morning and full stomach as reward for your (light) toil. If you are planning to come, it would be good to know: harrysteel73@gmail.com

We are also trying to improve our Children's Corner in church and are asking for a few suitable toys ie not too noisy which would keep small people amused. Please leave in the church.

Tessa McCosh & Harry Steel, Church Wardens



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Village Hall News

Quiz Night - success! Thank you to everyone who attended and to the volunteers who made the evening possible. However, it would not have been possible without Emma Youngs, who not only compiled the quiz, ran the evening but provided supper too! Thank you, Emma - a good night was had by all. Thank you also for the raffle prizes that were kindly donated. On that subject - donations, it won't be long before the Summer Fête is upon us - Oh, yes it will! Donations for the Tombola Stall would be very much appreciated. They may be left at the village hall on Tuesdays between 1pm - 4pm and on Fridays between 10am - 1pm. Thank you in anticipation.

Prize Bingo

Don't forget, Eyes Down on Thursday 11th April at 7pm - light refreshments will be available but do please bring your own drinks. See you there!

Susan Belbin

Allotments Open Morning



Please come and join the Parish Council and allotment holders at the allotments on Castle Road on Saturday 6th April at 10am for a clear-up and open morning. There are vacant allotments available and this would be a perfect opportunity to come and have a look around. These are amazing value starting from £11 a year depending upon the size.

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Barningham Winter

A huge well done and congratulations to Guy Parker of Barningham Rectory who has been promoted to captain in the British army and is Aide de Camp to Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe (DSACEUR) and is based at SHAPE in Belgium. Guy is the youngest person ever to be given this important role.

Congratulations to Joe Buxton of Wells Farm, Barningham who has become engaged to Miss Olivia Beeson of Stratford-upon-Avon. We wish them both every happiness in their future together.

May I remind anyone who hasn't returned their electoral roll to me can they please do it as soon as possible. If anyone would like to be on the roll and I haven't given them a form please do contact me. The annual meeting of the PCC will be held on Thursday 25th April at 11am at Barningham Hall.

Please remember to use the bottle bank and paper bank at Matlaske rather than just putting glass and paper in your green bin. It REALLY does help the parish council's finances.



Sara Buxton
577207

Edgefield

Church News

One minute we are planning for Christmas and then suddenly Easter is upon us! There are various services throughout the Benefice preparing for Easter, and we have one here on Tuesday 16th April. On Easter Sunday we have our service at 11.00am and would love to see lots of people there. For those who would like to have an arm lily in the church at Easter, in memory of some special person, do please let me know as soon as possible, and by 13th April at the latest (tel 587292) but do avoid leaving messages on the answerphone. They will be £2 each.

A Happy Easter to everyone.

Vestry Meeting and APCM

The Annual Vestry Meeting (sometimes known as the Annual Meeting of Parishioners) will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 8th April. At this meeting churchwardens are elected. Any resident of the parish whose name appears on the (civil) local government electoral roll (as opposed to the parliamentary electoral roll) is entitled to attend, and vote, at this meeting, whether or not they are churchgoers. The Vestry Meeting is followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). This is the equivalent of an AGM for a company or a charity, and can be attended only by those whose names are on the church electoral roll, which has been revised this year and a copy of which is posted on the church notice board.

Angela Turner

March for Cancer Research

On Saturday 9th March, I did the Spring March for Cancer Research UK at Blickling Hall. I would like to thank all the generous people who sponsored me and helped me raise £622. Thank you all.

Bebe Mason

Village Hall News

A fantastic evening was held at the hall on Saturday 16th March, with Norfolk comedians and musicians, Pat Nearney and Danny Platton, who kept us royally entertained with their jokes and comedic songs. Edgefest 4 is approaching! Saturday, 29th June from 6pm. Tickets are £10 and the evening will include live music from The Honky Tonks, plus food and a licensed bar. Tickets are already selling fast!

Jim Frost

Edgefield Amphibians

Over the last couple of weeks, every evening, our local amphibians have been returning to the pond on the village green for their annual spawn. We have a variety of toads, frogs and newts, including the endangered Great Crested Newt. We are so fortunate to have such a diverse range of wildlife right in the heart of our village, which in the spring and summer often includes nesting moorhen. Amphibians are plucky and resilient little creatures who are able to survive much that nature throws at them, for example sub-zero temperatures, summer droughts and their long annual migrations. Natural predators such as herons are a fact of life (and death!) for an amphibian, but what they really cannot contend with without our help, is the danger posed by cars and cats. We urgently need volunteers to assist Edgefield's amphibians to safely cross the main road through the



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village and around the green from now into April, weather dependent. Please let me know if you are able to help. If you are unable to help but have occasion to park your car near the village hall, please could you always take care not to squash these defenceless little animals! The UK amphibian population has declined by 70% over the last few decades. Many thanks.

Richard Sear
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Hempstead

200 Club

£50 A Sewell, £25 J Buxton, £10 J Tomlinson, £5 P Grieve, J Shrimplin, S Parker

Coffee & Gossip

Friday 5th April in the village hall. Please come any time from 10.30am to noon to enjoy good coffee and excellent cake with friends.



Sharon Hannah
711769

Norfolk County Music Festival

Well done to Freya, Kelci and Amber Taylor and Beau-Jessica & Matilda Hannah who performed with Holt strings at the Norfolk County Music Festival and were awarded a Highly Commended Plus performance by Adjudicator, William Bruce.

Happy 90th Birthday

To Diana Spalton, who celebrated with family over this special occasion. Thank you also to Diana who has collected the Children's Society boxes around the village for the last 20 years and now has handed the job over to Sharon Hannah. Diana would like to thank Sharon for taking on the collection and wishes her the best of luck. Thank you to those who have kindly donated to the Children's Society, £202 raised from the March collection.

Play Reading

The play reading group will meet in the village hall on April 3rd, refreshments and looking at parts from 7pm and starting to read at 7.30pm.

Church Spring Clean

We would be very grateful for help with this annual task on 11th April at 10am. Many hands make light work as they say, and there are jobs to suit everyone. Refreshments provided. More information from Su 710702.

Easter at All Saints'

We have an evening Taizé service on Good Friday at 6pm which will be led by the Benefice Choir and instrumentalists. It is a service of reflection with readings and congregational chants and candles. These will be taught to the congregation just before the service begins. Please join us for this beautiful and thought-provoking service. The Benefice Choir will also be singing at Edgefield on Easter Day at 11 am.

Easter Monday 22nd April: Easter Egg Hunt & Open Church

The children's Easter Egg Hunt starts at 10.30am - children should book in with Marianne from 10am. This is a free event for the children including children's refreshments.

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As tradition has it, the church will again be open for coffee, tea and cake from 10am till 1pm. Proceeds from this will be put into the church children's activities fund.

May Feast

Book the date! This will be held on May 18th, 7pm for 7.30pm in the village hall.

Music in Hempstead

Thursday 25th April 3.45-4.30pm. Following on from the first Music in Hempstead we will present another mini-concert in the village hall. Beethoven's *Piano & Wind Quintet* (Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Horn and Piano). Refreshments at 3.45pm and music starts at 4pm. There is no charge for this event. More details from Ian Summers 710702 / ian@isdata.co.uk

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To Joss & Ellie Gillard on the birth of their son Edwin Arthur on 6th March, a first grandchild for Angie Gillard.



Marion Shepherd
577521

Recycling

Please recycle your glass and paper in the bins provided at the entrance to the old airfield. Matlaske parish council receives money for this, which will be spent on your village.

Quiz Night

Don't forget our next quiz night which is on May 10th. Come along to the Old Stables at 7pm for a fun evening. If anyone could donate a raffle prize, Marion and Cherry would appreciate it.

St Peter's Church News

We are considering two small new additions inside the church and need your help with setting them up. Firstly, we need a bookcase, preferably tall, which will house a very small lending library of specific types of books, as a local resource. Then we need the books to populate it, which would be on Christianity, local interest, local wildlife, local farming, local geography or local history. Secondly, we aim to have a small screen, which could be a "dressing or presentation screen", again, preferably tall, on which we aim to attach and annotate photos or drawings of Matlaske, its ancestral families and local scenes of industry, agriculture or leisure activities.

If you are able to help, with a bookcase, appropriate books, screen or photographs and drawings, with descriptions of the content, that would be wonderful. In the first instance please contact Jim Shepherd, Matlaske PCC Treasurer, on 577521.

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No pictures of the churches please!

Plumstead

Spring is very definitely on the way now, despite the recent high winds. Daffodils are fully in bloom and the birds are beginning to nest, even the gentle hum of the occasional mower has been heard...

Church News

There will be a Christian Aid Coffee Morning on Tuesday May 14th 10 - 12noon at Eileen's house, Church View, Church Street. If wet it will be in the church. Is open to all the Benefice. There will be a raffle, a cake and a bring and buy stall. Do put the date in your diary and come and support it. We are planning a Spring Clean of the Church during April - if you would like to find out more and volunteer to help please contact Eleanor on 577868

Parish Council News

Roy's sheep have now gone to greener pastures and they have done a wonderful job in keeping the coarse grass down over the winter in preparation for the wildflower season. Thank you, Roy and Mary. There is some activity in the pond already - we hope for lots of toad and frog spawn and no doubt the moorhens and ducks will be nesting. The fencing and gate posts between the pond area and the meadow have become unstable over the past six months, so the gate into the meadow from the pond will now be left open in order to give easy access. Please do go and visit in the coming months. The cowslips should be popping their heads above the ground very soon and in previous years have been a sight to behold. However, they are simply the forerunner of the many beautiful flowers we shall see in due course. I wonder how many orchids will appear this year? The Parish Council has purchased 2 banners advertising the wildflower meadow. They will be in place once the season begins. Thank you to Linda Fulford for the use of her photos.



Mary Lintott
577718

Saxthorpe with Corpusty

Neighbourhood Plan

The first successful Neighbourhood Plan in the North Norfolk District Council area received a resounding YES vote at the village referendum in Corpusty and Saxthorpe on March 7th. The question was: "Do you want NNDC to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Corpusty and Saxthorpe to help to decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area?". Turnout was very good at nearly 40%, of which 91% voted YES to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan written by members of the Parish Council. Votes of 224 were cast of which 203 were in favour and 21 against. This means that local people will have more say in housing developments in the village with an emphasis on affordable housing. The plan also protects 'Green Space' within the village, safeguards the views of the countryside and redefines the settlement boundary; to allow some infill housing within the development area, while protecting the surrounding countryside. The aim is to produce more housing for young families, to encourage local employment, protect the future of the school, the pub and local businesses. Three areas have been designated for new development.



Sophia Hodgson
587510

Sponsored Walk

Judith Banks and Angela Hunter wish to thank everyone who took part in the Spring March for Cancer Charities' sponsored walk in Blickling Estate in aid of Cancer Research UK. It was an emotional but memorable day, where the parkland looked spectacular in the sun, once the rain clouds had rolled away. They wish to thank the individual sponsors who contributed most generously to provide a total, to date, of £4,400.00. The wind was fierce but it didn't deter the walkers, runners and wheel-chair users. New friendships were made, old ones renewed and a real sense of love and camaraderie was apparent as all participants did something positive to try and eradicate this group of diseases, while remembering loved ones. Family member and friends came from far and wide. Thank you, thank you!

Speed Control in and Around our Villages

The Parish Council is concerned about the risks of speeding and has prepared a questionnaire to establish the views of villagers. This questionnaire will be distributed. Please complete the questionnaire as we are only likely to see speed control measures if villagers express their concern about speeding. Additional copies of the questionnaire will be available from the village shop.

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Recipe of the Month - Easter Torte



200g dark chocolate (min 70% cocoa)

100g unsalted butter

100g light soft brown sugar

2tsp vanilla extract

150g ground almonds

4 medium eggs separated

Cocoa powder and chocolate mini-eggs to decorate

Preheat oven to 160c-150c fan / gas 3

Lightly grease and base line a 20cm spring form cake tin

Break the chocolate into a bowl and melt over simmering water

Leave to cool slightly

In a large bowl beat together the butter, sugar and vanilla

Add the ground almonds and egg yolks and beat together

Add the melted chocolate and stir until mixed together

In another bowl, whisk the egg whites until stiff and gently fold into the chocolate mixture

Spoon into prepared tin and bake for approx 25mins until set - it will be slightly gooey

Leave to cool then remove from tin and decorate top with cocoa and mini-eggs

Marion Shepherd

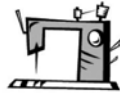
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April can be such a beautiful month – I write this with my fingers crossed! We have fresh leaves out on the trees (the best green of the whole year), an explosion of colour from spring bulbs and the promise of more to come.

Now for the hard work! Last year we had a bit of a disaster with our water tank/pond. During the very hot weather the water turned an ominous grey colour and with an awful sense of doom I realised that one of the spring tasks had been missed, cleaning out the dead leaves from the tank. So it has sat there looking unhappy for a few months, twinging my conscience every time I walk past it. So finally with various family members in tow we sorted it out. We had sadly lost most of the biggest goldfish (Aldbrough fair escapees) but one had survived with an extended family of seven small fish. The highlight was the discovery by my youngest of four happy large frogs. So not the total disaster I had been envisaging! So if you are fortunate enough to have a pond this is a really good if not chilly task to complete. Remove all the leaves and divide up your pond weed if the pond is looking congested. Any waterlilies you might have that are getting a bit big can be divided and re potted not forgetting to put a layer of gravel on the surface to contain the soil.

If you've been a bit concerned by the appearance of moss in your lawn then April is great for getting it set up for the summer ahead. I highly recommend lawn sand that has iron in that will help kill off moss. You can either need to purchase or borrow a spreader to apply it. Lawn sand only works if it's watered in so if the weather is dry you will need to water it for it to be effective. When the moss has gone black (died off) you will need to rake it off with a spring tine rake, not the easiest task but your lawn will look so much better in the long run. You can also set and grass seed if you have any bare patches.

This month's question is from Edith Henshaw who asks if it's too early to plant dahlias. Certainly not, Edith! But if you're worried by any late frosts you can always tuck them up in blanket of mulch.

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

Mick McCarter

Corpusty Church

The Next Transformation

The future of the church of St Peter, Corpusty, now looks more secure than for many years. The intention is that this prominent building should be used for a permanent exhibition of the art of letter cutting, combined with occasional services and other cultural activities.

At the beginning of the last century, the church was in regular use and good order. By the 1960s it was closed, vandalised, and its 16th century bell thrown from the tower and smashed. The church was declared redundant in 1975, and was then taken into the care of the Friends of Friendless Churches. The windows were covered with corrugated iron for protection and scrub engulfed the churchyard.

During the last ten years there has been a transformation. The tower was repaired, with funding provided by the Friends of Friendless Churches and a substantial contribution from the Norfolk Churches Trust. In March 2009 the lease was transferred to the Norfolk Churches Trust and a programme of repairs undertaken, including conservation of the stone tracery, putting clear glass in the windows, and installing effective rain water goods. Because the church is on The Buildings at Risk Register, it received a grant of £112,221 from English Heritage.

The churchyard has been cleared and is now cut regularly with help from local benefactors. In 2016 the nave and chancel roofs were repaired with a grant of £98,000 from the Government, from a fund specifically to assist redundant churches, with the balance of £30,000 provided by the Norfolk Churches Trust. Thanks to two volunteers who live in Corpusty and Saxthorpe, the church is now open regularly, and the key is also available from the village stores.

The present proposals are that an outstanding collection of contemporary inscriptions, mostly in stone, should be loaned by the Lettering Arts Trust, for display in the church and the churchyard (but not the adjoining Parish Council burial ground), to show just how beautiful hand-cut lettering can be. This will be a central element of an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, for a grant to repair the interior, stabilise the walls and reinstate the paved floor. The proposals are being developed by a working party set up by the Norfolk Churches Trust, with the Rector, David Longe, and three representatives of the parish closely involved. If you are interested in helping, please let David or me know.

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