

Church & Village News

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May 2017



St Andrew's Church, Saxthorpe

by Judith Banks

Barningham Park Lambs



Lambing started slowly on March 20th, but by the first weekend of April we were all working around the clock! The weather at this stage was particularly good for new born lambs. Lambs were being born every few minutes and the individual pens in the shed were soon full each day.

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What's On

MAY

Thur 4	7.00am	Local Elections	Please check venue with your Parish Council
Sat 6	10.00am	Corpusty LinC Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Sat 6-11	10.00am	Corpusty Open Studios	The Old Workshop Gallery
Wed 10	7.30pm	Matlaske Parish Council AGM	Matlaske Church
Thur 11	12.00noon	Baconsthorpe Soup & Cake	- date change because of election Village Hall
Fri 12	7.00pm	Matlaske Quiz Night	Barningham Hall Old Stables
Mon 15	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Parish Council AGM	Village Hall
Wed 17	2.00pm	Corpusty LinC visit Heydon Church & Tea Rooms	Village Hall
Wed 17	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Bingo	Village Hall
Thur 18	3.30pm	Corpusty Families Together - The Still Small Voice	Village Hall
Thur 18	7.00pm	Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel	Holt Youth Project
Sat 20	7.00pm	Hempstead May Feast	Village Hall
Sat 27-28	10.00am	Corpusty Woodwork Workshop	The Old Workshop Gallery

JUNE

Fri 2	10.00am	Corpusty Tea, Cake & Textiles	The Old Workshop Gallery
Sat 3-4	10.00am	Corpusty Woodwork Workshop	The Old Workshop Gallery
Fri 9	10.00am	Corpusty Tea, Cake & Textiles	The Old Workshop Gallery
Fri 12	7.00pm	Matlaske Quiz Night	Barningham Hall Old Stables
Thur 15	3.30pm	Corpusty Families Together - The Lost Son	Village Hall
Sat 17	12.30pm	Plumstead Pond Pie Party	Village Green
Sun 18	12.00noon	Hempstead NVET Charity Lunch	Village Hall
Sat 24-25	All Day	Edgefield Open Gardens	Throughout the Village
Sat 24	12.00noon	Baconsthorpe Fête	Village Hall

Clash Diary

July 1	Aldborough Fête - Erpingham
5	Matlaske Coffee Morning
13	Corpusty Families Together
17	Plumstead PC Meeting
19	Corpusty LinC Summer Buffet
24	Corpusty Children's Holiday Club
29	Matlaske Village Fête
29	Edgefest 2 - 6pm
Aug 6	Hempstead Fête
Sept 2-3	Hempstead Arts
8	Plumstead Quiz & Supper
15-17	North Barningham Concert
18	Plumstead PC Meeting
Oct 6	Matlaske Quiz
25	Baconsthorpe Quiz
Dec 3	Matlaske Christmas Party
4	Plumstead PC Meeting

If you are arranging an event please e-mail Corinne Youngs: corinne@avyoungs.com to check that there is not already an event being held on the same day. This will help prevent any clashes.

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
First Thursday - see What's On	12noon	Soup & Cake
Last Friday	6.00pm - 11.00pm	Pop-Up Pub

CORPUSTY

Second and fourth Monday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Bure Valley Quilters & Stitchers
Tuesdays during term time	5.45pm - 7.15pm	Brownies
Second Tuesday	10.00am - 12noon	Norfolk Knitters £7 - 4 weeks or £2-1 week Rita Taylor 587507 K2togp1@btinternet.com
First and third Thursday	10.00am - 12noon	Art Group Non-members £10 a session Professional artist in attendance every 3rd week
Friday during term time	9.30am - 11.30am	Toddler Group

EDGEFIELD

Third Monday	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
First Tuesday	2.00pm	Tuesday Club
Second Wednesday	2.00pm	Ladies Club
Last Thursday	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Jeff Witts 587661

HEMPSTEAD

Tuesday	10.00am	Charcoal Drawing £4 - Mike Thody 711282
Third Wednesday (not Dec)	7.30pm	Film Club

Mobile Library Van

11 May / 8 June / 6 July / 3 August

Matlaske	12.30	NR11 7AQ	Old Post Office
Plumstead	1.15	NR11 7LG	Walnut Farm
Baconsthorpe	2.45	NR25 6LJ	Council Bungalows
	4.10	NR25 6LG	Old Post Office
Hempstead	3.20	NR25 6LE	Hare & Hounds
	3.40	NR25 6TL	Telephone kiosk

25 May / 22 June / 20 July / 17 August

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

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The Easter Passion

I have just walked in the woods along the railway line in Holt where I am living temporarily and discovering new pathways. There are yellow carpets of the lesser celandine (a small star shaped yellow flower for those not familiar with the name), interspersed with an occasional bluebell. It is the beginning of Holy Week as I write, and by the time this reaches the *Church & Village News*, the bluebells will be both prolific and enchanting. The Easter Passion and its sorrow and hopeful salvation will be a powerful memory which we will return to throughout the year, as we grow in theological and spiritual understanding. Easter will come again just like the bluebells and I for one will never tire of their beauty or the meaning of the Easter Passion.

One of the few benefits of not living in our stunning Seven Churches (or is it now called the Matlaske Benefice?) has been the opportunity to worship in different surrounding churches. Yesterday for instance, was an ecumenical procession of the palms with Anglicans, Methodists and Roman Catholics in Blakeney on a very hot and appropriately sunny Biblical day. The service in the parish church included a white pony or colt clip-clopping around the church with a young and accomplished rider bringing to life the Palm Sunday Gospel reading. Last night too, there was a contemplative prayer service of silence, candle lit and a calm and quiet beginning to a busy week of Easter liturgy and their complexities. I am hopeful that when our new priest arrives, there will be opportunities for us all to explore and experience different styles of worship without losing those styles which we hold so dear and sustain us.

Some readers may be aware, that I have been in training as a lay minister these last two years and hope to be licensed in the Cathedral this autumn. I look forward to our new incumbent being prayerfully selected and the opportunity to come together to explore and deepen our love and understanding of The Father, under her or his guidance.

Finally, this May we move through Easter time towards Ascension Day on the 25th, when Jesus ascended into heaven, 40 earthly days after the Resurrection. As you wander amongst the bluebells and the sweet smelling purple and white lilac of our woods, hedgerows and gardens, I leave you with this New Testament extract to ponder:

For God, who said "Let light shine out of darkness" made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

Judy Rosser (Lay Minister in Training)

The Matlaske Benefice it is! The vacancy is being advertised in June for a Priest in Charge, Rector Designate, for the Matlaske Benefice, and once appointed, the new incumbent will live at Matlaske Rectory. Once the legalities for forming the new Matlaske Benefice of our seven churches are complete, the successful candidate will be known as the Rector.

The Churchwardens

Church Services for May

7th Easter 4

9.15	Family Service	Edgefield
9.15	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Plumstead
11.00	Matins	Baconsthorpe

14th Easter 5

9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Barningham Winter
11.00	Matins	Hempstead
11.00	Morning Praise	Saxthorpe

21st Easter 6

9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Baconsthorpe
11.00	Holy Communion <i>TL</i>	Edgefield
11.00	Morning Prayer	Plumstead

28th Easter 7

9.15	Holy Communion <i>CW TL</i>	Hempstead
11.00	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Saxthorpe

4th Pentecost

9.15	Family Service	Edgefield
11.00	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Matlaske

CW = Common Worship *BCP* = Book of Common Prayer *TL* = Traditional Language

Holy Communion at Saxthorpe

9.00am Wednesday 3rd May & Wednesday 17th May

Ascension Day at Matlaske 7.00pm Thursday 25th May

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Lay Minister Gill Peat 734226
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Baconsthorpe

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200 Club

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Happy Birthday to Daphne Allard who celebrated her 90th birthday in March. Daphne still runs the village hall 200 club and is a prime helper at most village hall events and runs the tombola at the fête every year.

This year's Poppy Day collection amounted to £207 – well done Tessa, who annually flogs around the village, for raising such an amazing sum.

The next Pop-Up-Pub will be on Friday 26th May, when Mac's Plaice Fish & Chip Van will be providing supper.

Odilia Stasi



It is with sadness we learn of the recent death in Italy of Odilia Stasi. Nick Stasi was a prisoner of war here and grew to love the village so much he eventually settled in Baconsthorpe and in time brought his 18-year-old bride Odilia to live here. They had three children, Peter, Bruno and Catherine. Many will remember Odilia and Nick, in the early 60s they bought The Stores (at a time when Baconsthorpe boasted 3 shops!). The building had previously been badly damaged by fire, so they set about restoring the building and re-opened this very successful business. Later on, they also purchased the adjacent Reading Room, turning it into a Fish & Chip Shop with an upstairs flat. Folk would come from far and wide to sample their delicious fare. In 1984 Nick's health began to fail so the Fish & Chip Shop closed and was converted into housing. The grocery shop was briefly rented out, but eventually this too closed. In December 1988, while on holiday at their home in Italy, Nick sadly passed away. Odilia remained in Baconsthorpe for many years, keeping herself busy as a foster carer and welcoming many overseas students to her home. Catherine married an Italian and settled in Italy, so when Odilia's health deteriorated she remained in Italy being cared for by Catherine and her family. Her funeral mass was held at St Joseph's Church in Sheringham on 10th April. Our condolences go to Peter, Bruno and Catherine.

Parish Council

Monday 15th May 2017 - Baconsthorpe Village Hall

7.00pm - Annual Parish Meeting / 7.30pm - Annual General Meeting
Please come and ask the Parish Council any questions you might have.

Agendas for both of these meetings will be on the notice board by the post box and on the website <http://baconsthorpeparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk> one week before the meetings.



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Village Hall News

What a truly entertaining evening we had with the very talented Bethan Marshall. Most enjoyable. As ever it would have been nice to see a few more faces ... perhaps next time. Very special thanks go to Yvonne Delany for all her hard work.

Please note, the lovely Evelyn is back in charge of bookings for the hall, please telephone 577315.

The village hall is now collecting for a forthcoming Jumble Sale - date TBA - and would be grateful for any unwanted bric-a-brac/clothing, anything interesting, enabling us to raise funds for the hall. Do please contact anyone of us on the Committee for further details. Thank you.

Don't forget - **Eyes Down** on Wednesday 17th May for **Bingo!** To book in advance, please contact Evelyn on 577315.

Due to the hall being used as a polling station on the first Thursday in May, this month's Soup & Cake lunch will be held on Thursday 11th May from 12noon to 2pm - £3 a head. Susan Belbin

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Barningham Winter

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First and foremost, the PCC would like to issue a correction to last month's edition of the Newsletter: The National Churches Trust and not The Churches Conservation Trust, as stated in the April Issue of this Newsletter, together with the Norfolk Churches Trust, have generously contributed to the current repairs to our church thereby enabling us to obtain a large grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Please accept our apologies for this error.

The Rev Andrew Bryant, Canon for Mission and Pastoral Care at Norwich Cathedral has requested that we draw to your attention that the Parish of Barningham Winter will be remembered in prayer at Evensong in the Cathedral on 17 May 2017. The Cathedral clergy are always glad when people from the parish come to worship at the Cathedral on the day when their parish is being remembered. For further information please visit www.cathedral.org.uk

In spite of fencing, builders' huts, scaffolding and a general appearance of being nothing more than a worksite, a large number of people turned out for the Easter Sunday Service. The church looked spotless (the builders even hoovered the carpet for us!) and the choir and organist excelled themselves. Altogether, it was a happy occasion. Many thanks to Father Howard, who took the service, and to all the people who decorated the church so beautifully with spring flowers.



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Edgefield

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Church News

Easter and the school holidays have come and gone, and now we hope for a good summer and a successful Open Gardens, 24th and 25th June 2 – 6pm. Do get your family and friends to put the dates in their diaries so they come to support us. A reminder that we would love lots of books and plants to sell! Posters will be available nearer the time. Could you put one up for us in some village or workplace? The beech hedge between the church and car park has been cleared of large, rogue elders and brambles. Richard Cletheroe has cut the hedge and the base of the lime trees back well, and it all looks so tidy. New beech have been planted in the gaps in the hedge, and we hope will thrive, deer permitting.

It is interesting meeting new clergy and old friends who kindly take our services, and we are very grateful to them.

Angela Turner

Village Hall News

The village hall continues to improve its facilities. We now have a fully integrated sound and visual system, which includes an automatic 10ft cinema screen, surround sound system and new PA speakers. This will allow us to hold film nights and visiting speakers will have the ability to use laptops and other media systems through this facility. Our next event is *Edgefest 2* which takes place on Saturday 29th July, starting at 6pm. Music will be provided by Briston band Honky Tonk Rock, hot and cold food will be provided and there will be a licensed bar. Tickets at £10 will be available at the beginning of June. Contact any committee member.

Jim Frost

Hempstead

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200 Club

£25 C Sewell, £10 J Loach, £5 A Matthews, K Hurrell, S Power

The Annual Charity Lunch in aid of Norfolk Venda Educational Trust is on June 18th 12noon in Hempstead Village Hall. There will be a special service in the Church beforehand which representatives from the charity will attend, including, we hope, one from South Africa. We will be updated on their work in the last year both in the church and at the lunch. Whether you come to the service or not, all are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal for a donation to the charity. For catering purposes, please give Su a ring if you are coming (710702) and also let her know of any special dietary requirements. We hope to see you there!

The toad migration is over, and the patrol would like to thank the motorists who drove with such care whilst the toads were moving. Once again we had a brilliant team of volunteers who did sterling work moving 2380 toads off the road. There were evenings when they moved throughout the night, so the actually total of toads visiting the pond is probably a lot higher. A good job well done.



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Coffee, Cake & Easter Egg Hunt

The sun shone and All Saints Church welcomed a good number of children for the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter activities on Easter Monday. What a happy time they had out in the sunshine in the churchyard looking for eggs. One young man found a **real** egg, identified as pheasant's egg. Meanwhile in the church good coffee and delicious cake fuelled a multitude of interesting conversations between our adult visitors. It was good to welcome friends from other villages, and walkers finding our village for the first time. We raised £150 which will go towards more children's activities over the next year.

The churchwardens would like to thank Marianne and family for organising the children's activities, and all those who donated cakes. Here's to next year...

Su Summers

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Quiz Night

Everyone is welcome to our quiz night on May 12th at 7pm in The Old Stables, Barningham Hall. £5 entry fee which includes jacket potato supper, drinks available. If anyone is able to donate a raffle prize it would be greatly appreciated. Please let Cherry (577827) or Marion (577521) know beforehand.



Marion Shepherd
577521

Plumstead

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It hardly seems four weeks ago that I sat down to write April's piece, but since then our little area of North Norfolk has blossomed into a beautiful spring - the days are lengthening, and the hedgerows are full of new growth. We even had an unseasonable heatwave, which, I suspect, many of us wanted to continue but the gardens would have struggled for much longer! I heard the cuckoo over a week ago and saw my first swallow last week and I recently disturbed a small group of fledged blackbirds enjoying their newfound freedom from the nest. Joyous signs of an emergence from the grey of the winter months.

Dr Tony Leech returned to talk to a small but enthusiastic group of us and gave us an insight, this time, into how plants and animals got their names. It was fascinating to explore how the flora and fauna of Britain had numerous colloquial names which led to confusion until Linnaeus and other



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scientists decided that enough was enough and it was necessary to have a standardised system to ensure everyone knew what they were referring to. It is known as Binomial Nomenclature! So, without being too technical, Latin words were used as most gardeners will know. So the Black Rat became *Rattus Rattus* - very original! Not to be confused with Ratty from *Wind in the Willows* which is actually a water vole! After his talk, many of us stayed to enjoy a glass of wine and a chat. It was a lovely social evening and £140 was raised for Church Funds.

The PCC and particularly Eleanor, our Church Warden, would like to thank the many people in the village who have helped to look after the church over the past year. The churchyard is beautifully maintained by a group of volunteers, who mow and strim over the busy grass growing season. General repairs have been attended to and there is even a mole catcher in our midst. There is a group of willing helpers who ensure there are flowers in the church for services and special occasions, help with the cleaning and generally ensure that the inside of the building looks cared for. Fundraising events are supported by help with planning, advertising, and producing beautiful eye catching posters and fliers. Others provide food and drink when catering is needed. Without the help of these people, our small congregation would have a struggle to keep the church and churchyard in good



order and to raise sufficient funds for the running expenses, the Parish Share and the necessary repairs. They offer them their heartfelt thanks.

Finally, to the people of the village who gave so generously at the Gift Day last year.

The church repairs should commence at some point during the summer, and there will be regular updates as to what is occurring, so if you take a walk past the church you can see where your money is being spent!

On behalf of the Parish Council, Alastair would like to thank another group of Volunteers who have helped with the maintenance of the village pond area - it is now set up for the start of the summer. However, that is just the beginning and there will be more work required, particularly before the village event in June. Dates and times will be circulated shortly for future working parties. Please contact Alastair on 577433 if you are interested.

Plumstead Pond Pie Party - Saturday 17th June 12.30pm Plumstead Green

This has morphed from a BBQ into the Plumstead Pond Pie Party. It is open to all from surrounding villages too - a summer social with a large hint of fund raising to assist the future maintenance of the pond area. So please put the date in your diary. We shall be putting up posters and sending out fliers with information in the next few weeks. However, in the meantime if you would like any further information ring Steve and Carolyn Price on 577236.

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Saxthorpe with Corpusty

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It is with sincere condolences to the families, that we report the deaths of two Corpusty residents in the last few weeks. The funeral of Colin Davis, of Mountains Road, attended by about 35 mourners, was on 6th April. His widow, Barbara, gave a moving eulogy and a close friend, Judy Rosser, read a poem. The funeral of Doris May Taggart, of Heydon Road, took place on 7th April. The service was at the graveside, and about 35 mourners attended.



Judith Banks
587319

Village Hall News

There are two vacant allotments on the Village Hall site, available for rent of £15 per annum each. If you are interested in renting a plot, please ring Trish Porthouse on 587667.

We would like to welcome Judy Rosser to Heydon Road, Corpusty and Rachel Dines to Great Yard, Saxthorpe. We hope they enjoy living in this beautiful part of North Norfolk.



March 25th was a beautiful day - perfect for the Village Hall Spring Fayre, as everyone who came to see the hall agreed. We had lots of different stalls and refreshments - something for everyone. We had a great response to our suggestions survey, and many people were fascinated by the history of the Station. The new curtains in the dining area were well received, and the improvements we are making to the field, hedge, path, playing area and Station grounds were much appreciated. On that

subject, will whoever is dumping garden waste on village hall property please stop doing so - thank you. The photograph shows some young helpers serving delicious refreshments. Please support the Coffee Morning organised by LinC on 6th May in and for the Corpusty Village Hall.

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Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP)

The next SNAP Priority Setting meeting for Holt and surrounding villages will be held at 7pm on Thursday 18th May at the Holt Youth Project, Old Station Way, Holt. The meeting is open to the public to raise any issues or concerns you may have about where you live. The panel will then discuss and decide on the priorities for all parties to act upon for the next three months.

The adopted priorities will be published on the Norfolk Constabulary website, via Police Connect and social media. (The priorities agreed at the February meeting were wildlife and rural crime, and anti-social behaviour and safety concerns by youths using bicycles and micro-scooters.)



Message from your Engagement Officer

North Norfolk Police are currently recruiting Volunteer Police Cadets. Cadets will meet at North Walsham Police Station on a Thursday evening (term time) between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. Cadets are recruited between the ages of 13 to 16 years but can remain until their 18th birthday. The scheme welcomes young people of all abilities (special requirements will be accommodated wherever possible).

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T. C. B.

Our own county of Norfolk can boast a prolific vocabulary provincialisms; types, for the most part, as philologists tell us, not of bad but merely of antiquated English... Some examples:

donkey leg – a long suet pudding

crackley or skruzzle – pork crackling

stannicle – stickleback

billy whit – barn owl

pishmire – ant

hodmandod – snail

dickey – donkey

hoppentoad – toad

dudder – to shake or tremble

roaches or cooshies – sweets

Has anyone alive today heard any of these expressions used?

Mike Strong's Recipe of the Month

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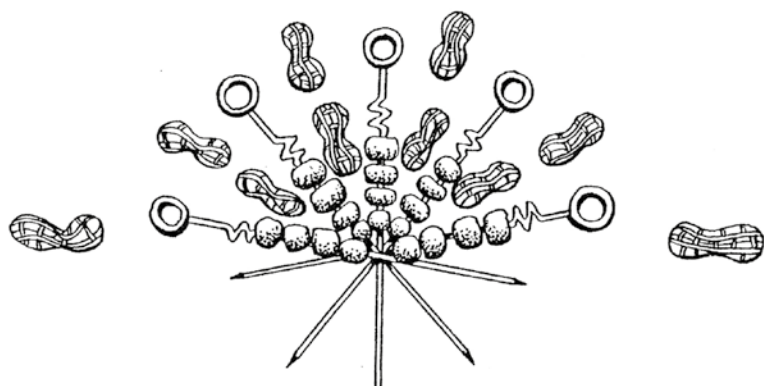
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- 1 clove crushed garlic
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Coffee & Gossip - Hempstead Village Hall



Coffee & Gossip occurs once a month in Hempstead Village Hall except for every August when it has a holiday at Ash Tree Farm, Baconsthorpe.

In 2011 Ian and Su Summers were in Salthouse and saw Coffee & Gossip advertised at their village hall and decided that it

might be just the thing to raise money for the Benefice Newsletter (then the Benefice was five parishes – Baconsthorpe, Barningham, Hempstead, Matlaske and Plumstead) that was desperately in need of funds at the time. Now any profit is split between Hempstead church and the village hall as the funding model for the present newsletter has changed.

The idea was for people to come together once a month to chat and exchange ideas over a good cup of coffee and a piece of cake. They decided that they would try it for three months and see how it went. The first event was in December 2011 and fifty people from across the parishes attended and in 2017 people are still attending from many local villages.

Coffee & Gossip not only allows for people to get together and have a chat and a catch up but it also facilitates meeting neighbours and making new friendships which is so important in our small villages where people can often feel isolated.

Wherever you live you are very welcome to come have a good cup of coffee in Hempstead village hall and to buy homemade preserves on generally, the first Friday of every month (check the Church & Village News just to be sure).

Don't be put off by the "Gossip" part, gossiping does not occur. It just rolls off the tongue better than "Chat" and having been called "Coffee & Gossip" for six years it would be silly to change it now.

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