

Church & Village News

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July 2018



Raising the Roof Auction

St Mary's Church, Baconsthorpe on Friday 6th July at 7pm

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What's On

JULY

Wed 4	10.00am	Matlaske Coffee Morning	Blacksmith's Cottage
Fri 6	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Raising the Roof Auction	St Mary's Church
Sun 8	12.00noon	Plumstead Open Gardens & Summer Fair	Plumstead
Thur 12	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Sat 28	2.30pm	Matlaske Fête	In the village

AUGUST

Sat 5	2.00pm	Hempstead Fête	Village Green
Sat 17	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Jumble Sale	Village Hall

Clash Diary

Sept 1	Plumstead Keith Skipper Evening	Oct 5	Matlaske Quiz
Sept 1-2	Hempstead Arts Weekend	Oct 11	Induction of Benefice Priest
Sept 3	Plumstead Parish Council	Oct 13-14	Edgefield Craft Exhibition
Sept 17	Baconsthorpe Parish Council	Nov 5	Baconsthorpe Parish Council
Sept 21	Baconsthorpe Chandler Green	Dec 2	Matlaske Christmas Party
Sept 23	Baconsthorpe Michael Farewell	Dec 3	Plumstead Parish Council
Sept 30	Edgefield Harvest Festival	Dec 15	Baconsthorpe Xmas Singalong
		Dec 16	Baconsthorpe Xmas Party

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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 Non-members £10 a session Professional artist in attendance every 3rd week 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
Tuesday	10.00am
Third Wednesday	7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting
Charcoal Drawing £4 - Mike Thody 711282
Film Club

Mobile Library Van

5 Jul / 2 Aug / 30 Aug / 27 Sept

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

19 Jul / 16 Aug / 13 Sept

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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Letter from Father Michael
Interim Priest in Charge
Tel 577865

Keeping Going

My Dear Friends

First of all, I would like to thank the Wardens, Treasurers and all who do so much to make things happen. We do well to remember that all these good souls are volunteers - and more is expected of them year by year! Do support them.

I don't have many opportunities to listen to other people's sermons very often - but a few weeks ago I heard a really challenging message from a Priest friend of mine who was preaching at the Anglican National Pilgrimage at Walsingham. Father Rowlands reminded us of our individual need, and indeed the church's need, to respond to the call to holiness if we are to share the Good News of the Gospel authentically. I'm sure he was saying that if we spend more time on our knees at worship and less time at meetings we might be on a better footing.

Faithfulness to the life of the church in worship and to wider parish life are all important if parishes are to remain vibrant and viable in the current life of the Church of England. If prayer is offered regularly, day by day, and if people in our multi-parish Benefice are prepared to worship in each other's churches, we shall all receive extra strength.

That numbers are falling nationally, congregations get older and struggle to draw in younger people and financial burdens weigh heavily, and that there do not appear to be vocations to the Priesthood to offset the retirement of the clergy in the next few years, can all sound rather gloomy. But it needn't be! What we can, and must do is to remain prayerful and hopeful. May we be strong enough to play our part in keeping the faith in that part of the kingdom we have been asked to love: that we can be good and faithful servants of the Church, the community and each other - and that through us, God's will shall be done.

God bless you all

Father Michael



The Benefice of Matlaske

Church Services for July

1st

Trinity 5

9.30

Eucharist *CW*

Plumstead

11.00

Eucharist *CW TL*

Edgefield

8th

Trinity 6

9.30

Eucharist *BCP*

Barningham Winter

11.00

Matins *BCP*

Hempstead

15th

Trinity 7

9.30

Eucharist *BCP*

Matlaske

11.00

Matins *BCP*

Baconsthorpe

22nd

Trinity 8

9.30

Eucharist *CW*

Saxthorpe

6.00

Choral Evensong

Edgefield

29th

Trinity 9

9.30

Eucharist *CW TL*

Edgefield

11.00

Morning Prayer *CW*

Plumstead

5th August

Trinity 10

9.30

Eucharist *BCP*

Baconsthorpe

11.00

Matins *BCP*

Matlaske

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

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Rosemary would like to thank all who kindly donated to East Anglian Air Ambulance in memory of John. The magnificent sum of £725 was raised and duly sent on.



Corinne Youngs
577263

Pop-up Pub

This will take place on Friday 27th June and there will be a barbeque.

Church News

After more years than we can remember Rita Gallon has kept the church clean for us, constantly battling with the bats and doing a sterling job. Now Rita has decided it is time to retire and we would like to thank her so much for all her hard work. "Situation Vacant" – We are looking for someone to clean the church for an hour twice a month – this is a paid job. Please apply to Church Warden Tessa McCosh on 577 611

Raising the Roof Auction - Friday 6th July 7pm

Only days to go now, so please support this event which is essential to keeping our church open. Lots can be viewed on-line and bids left for the silent auction: www.raisingtheroof.auction Friday 6th July at 7pm - £5 a ticket to cover entry, drinks and canapés. Silent auction lots will be available for viewing in the church from 11am -7pm on Thursday 5th and from 11am-5pm on Friday 6th. If you would like to make a donation on-line please visit the Just Giving page kindly set-up by Carlos Sanchez-Garcia: www.justgiving.com/baconsthorpechurch

Village Hall News

The longest day has been and gone. The summer fête has been and gone ... and another year for the Village Hall Committee, all but gone. On that note, this year's AGM will be held on Thursday 12th July at 7pm. If anyone out there would be interested in becoming a Trustee and/or standing for election in the role of Chair, Secretary or Treasurer, the Annual General Meeting provides that opportunity. Please contact Susan Belbin on 577474 or Kevin Delany 07801 916769 or kevin-delany@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to be considered for any of these roles ... go on - you know you want to!

We are planning a Jumble Sale on Friday 17th August. Donations may be left at the Village Hall after 3rd August during Post Office opening times (Tuesdays 1-4pm and Fridays 10am-1pm) and would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Please note there will be Bingo in October - date TBA, a Quiz night in November - date TBA. Not forgetting Chandler Green on Friday 21st September at 7.30pm.

Pauline Fuller has asked for the following to be included in the newsletter: "I just want to say thanks to Andy. You are a good friend filling in for me again. I will try not to have any more break-ages, or fly across the skies any time soon! Thanks – Pauline"



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Barningham Winter

A busy time for St Mary's Church, Barningham Winter. It has hosted a number of events the past few weeks celebrating its association with two historic Norfolk families – the Pastons and the Reptons. This week Class 3 from Aldborough Primary School visited Barningham Hall and St Mary's to learn a little more about one branch of the Paston family for their Paston history project. They were very enthusiastic and knowledgeable about this incredible Norfolk dynasty that held so much power in the fifteenth, sixteenth and early seventeenth century. The thing they most liked though were the dogs who accompanied them on their walk to the church! Earlier in the month the church became a lecture theatre for Professor Tom Williamson, head of Landscape History at UEA. He brought the work of Humphry Repton and son John Adey in Norfolk to life and led a group of hardy Repton enthusiasts through the park despite the biting wind and rain.

Please don't forget the Matlaske and Barningham Fete on Saturday, 28th July! Help, attendance and donations would be lovely. It is always a lovely lively event.

Congratulations to Ruth (née Buxton) and Gavin Swinbourne of the Old Post Office, Little Barningham on the arrival of Edward Laurie. A darling new little grandson for Roger and Sara Buxton of Wells Farm.



Sara Buxton
577207

Edgefield

Church News

We have three services in July! We have a Choral Evensong on 22nd July at 6 pm, with the choir, a service our present Rector is very keen on, so let's hope for a good turn out! The churchyard work is on 6th July, from 5 pm, so do please come and help with strimmers, rakes, secateurs (for ivy removal) etc. You will be VERY welcome. We are hoping to get the clock sorted out, now Colin Walton, who electrified it for us, is well again. He hopes to come shortly. I found small pieces of mortar and wood on the altar steps recently and was horrified to see a small hole in the high ceiling above. Our architect has been to look at it (through binoculars), and we await her report... The wood looks rotten around that hole. This is not good news, especially as scaffolding will doubtless be essential. A query for all those who might very kindly open their gardens for us next year. Would the weekend of 15th/17th, 22nd/23rd or 29th/30th be best for your gardens? This late season has produced superb roses mid-month. Your views would be helpful.

The 2017 Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride Photo Competition has been collated and judged by representatives of the sponsors, Brown & Co, and the winners and runners-up in each of the 3 competition categories identified. The best photo of an architectural feature or item found in or around a church was won by Charles Inglis, the Bike Ride Coordinator. His photograph was taken at the church of St Peter & St Paul, Edgefield.



Richard Peaver
587486

Angela Turner

Hempstead

200 Club

£50 R Hall, £25 J Loach, £10 J Neville, £5 J Matthews, D Spalton, R Carver



Sharon Hannah
711769

Coffee & Gossip

Friday 6th July, 10.30am till noon in the Village Hall. All welcome for good coffee and excellent cakes. Please note that next month, August, is our annual outing to Ash Tree Farm in Baconsthorpe.

Hempstead Fête, Sunday 5th August

It's not long now before we are in the run up to the fête, and we need lots of help to maintain our admirable reputation as a really good, traditional village fête. There are jobs of all sizes, to suit everyone who will come and help, either on a stall, or making cakes for the cake stall and the teas (we need lots!), plants and produce, to be delivered on the day. As always **beforehand** we need donations of tombola prizes (both for adults and children), books and good quality bric-a-brac. There will be children's stalls again in the churchyard, and we need good quality children's toys and books. The village hall will be open each morning from **Tuesday 31st July to Friday 3rd August inclusive**, for dropping off tombola prizes, books, bric-a-brac and children's toys. On **Friday 3rd August** (time to be arranged) we will be putting up tents on the field and will need lots of volunteers of all ages to do this. If you can help at all with any of this, Yvette Gibson (712460), Liz Buxton (714082) or Su Summers (710702) would be delighted to hear from you. Many thanks.

Welcoming Church Awards 2018

We are delighted that All Saints has been Highly Commended in the Rural Churches category of the Welcoming Church Awards 2018. We had 'mystery visitors' and received very positive feedback at the presentation of Awards at the Cathedral on June 16th. Ann and Su would like to thank all those who help to make our church so welcoming: those who clean, arrange flowers and keep the churchyard mown and tidy. This award is for all of you.

Children's activity afternoon and picnic at All Saints Church

All children and young people are invited to come and decorate the church with flowers, at 3pm on Thursday 2nd August, ready for the fête, followed by a picnic in the churchyard. Flowers will be provided, but if you have garden flowers that could be used also, and some greenery, please do bring them. This is a free event, and we'd like to have as much help as possible from the young of all ages. Please let Su (710702) or Ann (713656) know that you are coming so we can provide enough food!

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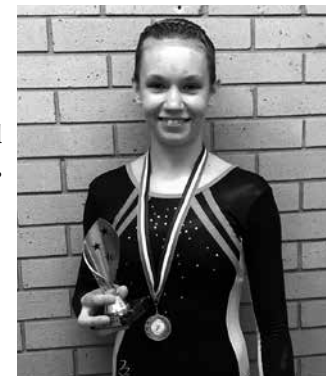


Happy Birthday

To Iris Hicks who will be celebrating her 90 years young in July.

Congratulations

To Tilly Owen, who competed on 30th May at Eastern Regional Gymnastics Final held at Pipers Vale Gymnastics Club, Ipswich, and won Gold for Grade 2 aged 14+ years.



Matlaske

100 Club

£25 Donny March £10 Karen Neill £5 Barry Summers

Matlaske BBQ

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the BBQ has had to be cancelled.

Coffee Morning

Don't forget Wednesday 4th July at the rear of Blacksmiths Cottage; 10am - 12 noon. Please come along for coffee/tea and homemade cake/scone and have a natter with others. There will also be homemade cakes for sale and a raffle.

Matlaske Fête Saturday 28th July 2.30-5.00pm

This year's fête will be an intoxicating mix of the old favourites and new attractions. Something for all the family with NO ENTRANCE FEE and value for money games.

We are very excited to welcome the HOLT RIDGE MORRIS team for the first time and the return of our immensely popular and talented local folk band THREESCORE

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Get your names ready because the popular NAME THE SHEEP game is back, together with teas, home-made cakes, children's games and our Raffle, Granny's Attic, Book Stall, Wine and Water game and much, much more.

Please do have a look at our new Facebook Page MATLASKE ANNUAL SUMMER FETE, like and follow us and you will be kept up to date with photos and news.

We look forward to seeing you there and all are welcome.

Welcome

To Sally who has moved into Surrey Cottage with her dog Archie, and to Mark and Carina who have moved into 3 Old School. We hope they will all be very happy here.



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Plumstead

Summer has arrived and the garden is full of fledglings finding their way in the big outside world. One clutch of swallows has flown the nest in our Barn but there are more to come. The gardens are flourishing though as I speak after a Spring with a great deal of rain the soil is incredibly dry.



Mary Lintott
577718

Sunday July 8th Plumstead Open Gardens & Summer Fair

By the time you receive this there will be nearly upon us. Please would those who are cooking for the refreshments and cake stall bring their cakes to either Eleanor (Oak Tree Cottage) or Carolyn (Acorn Cottage) from 3rd July onwards. Other items such as garden produce, jams, bric-a-brac, books, plants, tombola prizes can be delivered (or collected) at any time - please ring Eleanor 577786 for collection.

Away from the practical "stuff" there are nine gardens for you to see. They are an enticing mix ranging from delightful village affairs to larger creations. Gardens are endlessly fascinating because they are all unique wherever you go. We have worked hard to catch your eye. However, this year we are ambitiously offering rather more.

By Plumstead Green there will be a Summer Fair. Traditional stalls with the old chestnuts of scrumptious cakes and home cooking with produce of the plant variety. Paul and Lisa will be tempting you with their exceptional award-winning Pies, Puds & Tarts. There will be lots of other delicious food ranging from a BBQ buzzing with burgers and hot dogs to indulgent cakes and tea. There is a licensed bar to slake the thirst. There are games stalls for young and old to test their dexterity and bric-a-brac for those who cannot resist a bargain. There will be books at prices that even Amazon cannot match. There is face painting to bring more colour to the day. All this is by our lovely Village Pond and Wildlife Meadow where we have worked hard to encourage wild flowers to flourish, a common sight only a few years ago. Inside the Church there is an Art Exhibition by local artists. Do view their talented work. There will be refreshments at Eileen's home at Church View, Church Street. Do not forget to buy a Raffle Ticket and give yourself a chance to win one of the four great prizes.

Church News

The final work on the church has been completed. Thanks to Eleanor and John who have overseen the work with determination and patience. There are some final bits of accounting to resolve and then the project will be completed. A heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed with fundraising, donations and general support of the Church.

Keith Skipper Evening

Don't forget to put in your diary **Saturday 1st September 7.30 pm Baconsthorpe Village Hall**. This is a fund raiser for both the Benefice and the Church. Look out for the posters for information.

Congratulations

There has been a spate of grandchildren appearing to a certain section of the population of Plumstead! Congratulations to Michael and Catherine McMahon whose family produced two in the space of three days, both first time parents: to Pippy and Mike a little girl, Madeleine; to Toby and Cassandra a little girl, Violet. Congratulations also to Peter and Pauline Lawton whose son Chris and wife Fran had another son (name to be picked from the shortlist) a brother for Scout.

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Saxthorpe with Corpusty

Wedding News

On June 9th Lesley and Niven Last celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Madeleine, to Pete Jones. This is the third generation of Lasts to be married in St Andrews and they enjoyed a reception in the Corpusty Mill gardens followed by the wedding breakfast at the family's new home at Millers Barn. We wish Madeleine and Pete all the best for their future together. If anyone knows Madeleine and is interested she has put a small collection of photos in a public album on her Facebook page.

Sophia Hodgson
587510

Brownies Newsletter

1st Corpusty and Saxthorpe Brownies have enjoyed a busy few months with a variety of activities and plenty of fun. We always include things the girls have said they would like to do and one suggestion they came up with was for a Brownie Fair to raise money for the Cat Protection League. The girls worked hard making things to sell, baking cakes and designing stalls. On Tuesday 1st May, at Corpusty Village Hall, astonishingly, in less than 45 minutes, the marvellous net sum of £93.00 was raised - so thank you again to everyone involved, not least the girls, for such a wonderful effort. The girls were also able to complete their World Issues Badge on 15th May when, with the kind permission of the Corpusty Village Hall Management Committee, they helped to plant a Mountain Ash near the play area on the site. If you have a daughter aged between 7 and 10 years who would like to join the Brownie movement, you can register her interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk or contact Alison Mawson 587236.

Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood planning (NP) gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. NP provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area. Corpusty and Saxthorpe were designated a NP Area in 2013.

After five years' work and detailed collaboration with North Norfolk District Council (NNDC), the NP and addenda will go out for final formal consultation for the six-week period 5pm on Monday 25 June and 5pm Monday 6 August. NNDC will announce the consultation in the local press and other media. Copies of the final version of the plan will be available to read in St Andrew's Church, the Old Workshop Gallery and also Holt and Aylsham public libraries. The full report will be available on the Corpusty and Saxthorpe website. After this consultation, the draft plan will be subject to a process of inspection and then - finally - will go before voters in the two villages in the form of a referendum. If passed at referendum Corpusty and Saxthorpe will become a Neighbourhood Planning Area. Much credit is due to Imogen Waterson, Tony Barnett and Andrew Brown for their hard work in taking the NP to this stage.

Community Housing Fund

At the last Parish Council meeting a presentation was made about the possibility of making a bid to this Fund for the purposes of an exceptional housing scheme, to provide low cost housing. A summary is available from the minutes to the Annual Parish Meeting on 15 May (available on the PC website) under the heading: "Graham Connelly – North Norfolk District Council". If you would like to support making a bid for a Community Housing project, please contact Kirsty Cotgrove: c.sparishclerk@gmail.com.



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The Village Gardener

To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow



What a beautiful month July can be! I might be crossing my fingers as I type this – as ever with the English quirky climate you can't quite take it for granted...

First stop this month is the kitchen garden. As with June, watering and weeding are key! A handy tip if you are like us growing courgettes this year: slice the base off a plastic water bottle remove the lid and pop into the soil next to your courgette plant (then fill regularly) this insures a good soaking reaches the roots of the courgette and less water is lost due to evaporation – a handy tip if you're on a water meter. Try and get into the habit of successional planting with your lettuces

and green herbs. A few seeds planted every week will keep a nice steady supply, whereas big rows of lettuces will just lead to huge gluts followed by nothing when they have all gone woody and have ended up on your compost heap. Don't forget to net your raspberries or any soft fruits before they ripen. I misjudged our gooseberries last year and one day they were there, then the next the birds had literally stripped the bushes of every last fruit. You have been warned!

If we do manage to have any periods of really dry weather in July, don't be tempted to over mow your lawn. No point in stressing both you and your lawn out.

Try and keep on top of dead-heading your roses... it's not an unpleasant task and if you bear in mind that by removing the old roses you are not only making the bush look perkier but you are also ensuring the plant's energy is going back into the plant to produce more flowers.

Time for this month's questions! Ken Just wants to know when the best time is to divide bearded irises... What impeccable timing, Ken, as the right time to divide them is now! This will ensure they have enough time to re-root well before the weather gets colder.

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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