

Church & Village News

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Matlaske • Plumstead • Saxthorpe with Corpusty • Wickmere with Wolterton

December 2016 & January 2017



Hempstead Road, Plumstead

by Michael McMahon

Nature Watch - Fungi



Mycena inclinata, Clustered Bonnet
image courtesy of Wikipedia

Our wonderful talk on Fungi in Plumstead Church in September was successfully followed by our first fungus foray, ably led by expert Dr Tony Leech. In a two-hour stroll around the village, fourteen of us found 48 different fungi: the sharp eyes of the two youngsters who joined the walk picked out many specimens that most of us would hardly have noticed! There were blushers, clustered bonnets, waxcaps, brittlestems, coneheads and many more besides.

Tony's enthusiasm and knowledge inspired us all. He was particularly delighted with thirteen different fungi found on the village green as these were evidence of a long undisturbed piece of ground – an increasingly rare survivor of Norfolk's ancient grassland.

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What's On

DECEMBER

Sat 3	2.00pm	Plumstead Christmas Tree Workshop	Church
Sat 3	6.30am	Edgefield Christmas Event	Village Hall
Mon 5	6.00pm	Plumstead Wildflower Meadow Meeting	Church
Thur 8	9.00am	Saxthorpe Christmas Tree Dressing	Church
Fri 9	6.30pm	Wickmere Christmas Tree Lights Switch On	Village Hall
Fri 9	10.00am	Saxthorpe Christmas Tree Festival - runs until Sun 11 th	Church
Sat 10	5.30pm	Itteringham Family Film Screening	Village Hall
Sat 10	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Singalong-A-Christmas	Village Hall
Sat 10	7.00pm	Hempstead Christmas Party	Village Hall
Sun 11	11.00am	Saxthorpe Toys & Tins Service	Church
Sun 11	4.00pm	Edgefield Carol Service	Church
Mon 12	6.00pm	Plumstead Parish Council Meeting	Church
Wed 14	6.00pm	Corpusty School Nativity Play	Church
Thur 15	3.30pm	Corpusty Families Together	Village Hall
Fri 16	6.00pm	Plumstead PEG Mulled Wine & Mince Pies	Church
Sun 18	11.00am	Plumstead POSSADA Carol Service	Church
Sun 18	2.30pm	Baconsthorpe Christmas Party with Magical Edd	Village Hall
Sun 18	6.00pm	Little Barningham Carol Service	Church
Sun 18	7.00pm	Matlaske Christmas Sing-a-Long	Church
Sat 24	5.00pm	Corpusty Candlelight Carols	Church

JANUARY

Sun 1	11.00am	Baconsthorpe Circular Village Walk	Meet at the Village Hall
Mon 9	7.30pm	Baconsthorpe Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wed 18	2.00pm	Corpusty LinC Quiz & Games	Village Hall
Thur 19	3.30pm	Corpusty Families Together	Village Hall
Thur 19	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Village Hall Meeting	Village Hall

FEBRUARY

Sat 11	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Dinner with a Twist	Village Hall
Wed 15	2.00pm	Corpusty LinC	Village Hall
Thur 23	3.30pm	Corpusty Families Together	Village Hall



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Last Friday	6.00pm - 11.00pm	Pop-Up Pub

Corpusty Village Hall

Second and fourth Monday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Bure Valley Quilters & Stitchers
Second Tuesday	10.00am - 12noon	Norfolk Knitters £7 - 4 weeks or £2-1 week Rita Taylor 587507 K2togp1@btinternet.com
Every 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 Village Hall

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

Hempstead Village Hall

Tuesday	10.00am
Third Wednesday (not Dec)	7.30pm
First Friday	10.30am

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday Club

Ladies Club

Coffee Morning - Jeff Witts 587661

Charcoal Drawing £4 includes coffee,
biscuits and paper Mike Thody 711282

Film Club

Coffee & Gossip

Mobile Library Van

22 Dec / 19 Jan / 16 Feb / 16 Mar / 12 Apr

Itteringham	11.00	NR11 7AP	The Common
	11.15	NR11 7AY	The Rectory
Lt Barningham	12.05	NR11 7AG	The Street
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

8 Dec / 5 Jan / 2 Feb / 2 Mar / 30 Mar / 27 Apr

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

21 Dec / 18 Jan / 15 Feb / 15 Mar / 12 Apr

Wolterton	12.45	NR11 7LY	Wolterton Hall
Wickmere	1.15	NR11 7ND	Village Sign

Post Offices

Baconsthorpe Village Hall

Tuesdays	1.00pm – 4.00pm
Fridays	10.00am – 1.00pm
All services	

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587202

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Itteringham Village Shop

587325

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Reflection from the Rectory



"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be to me
according to your word." Luke 1:28

Christmas time and here we are once again buying presents,
thinking about what food we will eat and have we enough
wine/beer/spirits in for the many guests we have invited in
to make merry with and celebrate the season.

For some of us the deeper meaning of Christmas will be
uppermost in our minds, trying to make sense of a broken
world as we think of those in New Zealand that are still struggling to come to terms with the
disaster that has befallen them.

And many among us will be thinking of the birth of a child and an extra-ordinary girl named
Mary. A young girl utterly responsive to the touch of God upon her; sometimes puzzled yet utterly
trusting; utterly sensitive to God's commands; utterly obedient to the mysterious yet loving will
of God.

The love Mary felt for God was all embracing and flowed from her faith, Judaism, and the promise
God gave to his chosen people. That he would send to them a Messiah.

That love overflowed to envelop the young Jesus, her son and Joseph the man willing to marry
her and help raise the child. That love is in all of us and able to do so much and overcome such
hardships of life. It enables us to see joy in a child's smile, love in the eyes of the elderly couple living
down the road and heroism in the actions of those who serve in our armed forces, our emergency
services and work in our hospitals and doctors' surgeries. To all working this Christmas, at home
or abroad, we send you our thanks and wish you glad tidings.

To everyone living in the ten parishes that make up our Benefice, the ministry team wish you a joy
filled Christmas and a happy new year.

Rev Marion Harrison

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Church Services for December

Midweek Service Wednesdays 9.00am Matlaske

4th Advent 2 Isaiah 1:1-10 / Psalm 72:1-7 / Romans 15:4-13 / Matthew 3:1-12

9.15	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Little Barningham
9.15	Holy Communion <i>CW TL</i>	Hempstead
11.00	Christingle	Barningham Winter
5.00	Advent Light	Wickmere

11th Advent 3 Isaiah 35:1-10 / Magnificat / James 5:7-10 / Matthew 11:2-11

9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Itteringham
9.15	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Plumstead
11.00	Matins	Baconsthorpe
11.00	Toys & Tins	Saxthorpe
4.00	Carol Service	Edgefield

18th Advent 4 Isaiah 7:10-16 / Psalm 80:1-8 / Romans 1:1-7 / Matthew 1:18-end

8.00	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Wickmere
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Matlaske
11.00	Carol Service	Plumstead
11.00	Carol Service	Itteringham
6.00	Carol Service	Little Barningham

24th Christmas Eve Isaiah 9:2-7 / Psalm 96 / Titus 2:11-14 / Luke 2:1-14

4.00	Crib Service	Matlaske
5.00	Candlelight Carols	Saxthorpe
10.00	Night Mass	Edgefield
11.30	Mid-night Mass	Baconsthorpe

25th Christmas Day Isaiah 52:7-10 / Hebrews 1:1-4 / John 1:1-14

11.00	Holy Communion <i>CW TL</i>	Hempstead
11.00	Family Service	Wickmere

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

Sunday 11th 12.30pm - Community Sunday Christmas Lunch
Little Barningham Village Hall

Church Services for January

1st Naming of Jesus

10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Saxthorpe
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8th Baptism of Christ

11.00	Benefice Farewell Service	Edgefield
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The Rev Marion Harrison's last service as our Priest-in-Charge will be held on January 8th 2017 in Edgefield Church at 11.00am. This will be a special occasion when we can be together to say our farewells. It will also celebrate Epiphany and be a CW Communion service in Traditional Language.

Lunch will follow, to which all are warmly invited.

15th Epiphany 2

9.15	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Itteringham
9.15	Holy Communion	Baconsthorpe
11.00	Morning Prayer	Plumstead
11.00	Morning Praise	Saxthorpe
11.00	Holy Communion <i>CW TL</i>	Edgefield

22nd Epiphany 3

8.00	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Wickmere
9.15	Holy Communion	Matlaske
11.00	Morning Prayer	Little Barningham

29th Epiphany 4

9.15	Family Service	Edgefield
9.15	Holy Communion <i>CW TL</i>	Hempstead
11.00	Matins	Barningham Winter
11.00	Morning Praise <i>BCP</i>	Itteringham
11.00	Holy Communion	Saxthorpe

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Sunday 18th 12.30pm - Community Sunday
Little Barningham Village Hall

Baconsthorpe

Sat 10 7.00pm **Singalong-A-Christmas** - Village Hall
 Sun 18 2.30pm **Village Christmas Party** - Village Hall
 Fri 30 6.00pm **Pop-Up-Pub** - Village Hall
 Please see What's On on page 4 for January's events

200 Club

£25 Mrs D Rowe, £10 Isobell Worboys, £5 Rosemary Combe, Annie Brown

Parish Council

The next meeting will be on Monday 9th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Pop-up Pub - Friday 30th 6pm-11pm

There will be free finger food as we will all have eaten far too much over Christmas. On Friday 27th January 2017 stew and dumplings will be on the menu.

Village Hall News

Singalong-A-Christmas - Saturday 10th 7pm-9pm

Join the Rev Marion Harrison and guests for an evening of your favourite Christmas Carols and seasonal songs. Refreshments will be provided including mince pies and mulled wine. For further information please contact Daphne Allard 577 345.

Clear the Cobwebs

New Year's Day Circular Walk

Join us at 11am for a mid-morning walk to welcome in the New Year and clear away the cobwebs. This will be a very informal event, with alternative routes suggested to cater for all abilities, both human and canine. The walk will start at the Village Hall, where there is plenty of parking, and meet back there around noon for light refreshments. Everyone welcome!

Line Dancing

We are sorry to report that the weekly Line Dancing event is officially no more. The Village Hall would like to thank all concerned for their loyalty and commitment to the Hall over the years. We wish you all the very best.

Date for Your Diary - Dinner with a Twist

On Saturday 11th February 2017, the menfolk of Baconsthorpe will be giving the ladies of the village a rare treat in the Village Hall. The men will prepare and lay on a three course dinner (with vegetarian option) and they will even wash up afterwards! Both singles and couples will be most welcome, and this will be a ticket only event. Please make a note in your diary, and await further details. Any men who are particularly worried about the seriousness of this threat to their masculinity should ring Ben Dowman on 715608 for a confidential discussion!

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Barningham Winter

Our thoughts are very much with Marion, who will be leaving us in January. We all wish her well and thank her for all her hard work here. May she be blessed with warm, dry weather for her move.

John Joseph (Jonjo) Swinbourne was christened by Rev Michael Cartwright in St Mary's on 30th October with the church full of family and friends. Faye Swinbourne, Edward Botwright and Joseph Buxton were godparents. Jonjo just smiled throughout the service. Thank you to all who made this such a happy occasion.

A warm welcome to Katherine and Ben O'Sullivan and family, who have moved into The Old Rectory, North Barningham.

The safe in St Peter's was recently broken into and badly damaged. The police tell us that crime is on the increase in rural churches, so keep your eyes open, everyone!

I wish everyone a very peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.



Sara Buxton
577207

Edgefield

Sun 11 4.00pm **Carol Service** - Church

Church News

Before she leaves us in January, Marion will be taking several more services for us. These include our Carol Service at 4.00pm on Sunday 11th December with mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. We then look forward to our Communion Service at 10.00pm on Christmas Eve. Marion's final service for the whole Benefice will be here with us on Sunday 8th January, a Group Service at 11.00am. After that, we shall have a farewell lunch where we can say our goodbyes before she leaves for Wiltshire.

It was good to have Alan Wolf with us for our Remembrance Day service at the Village Hall.

We had a great working party in the churchyard and car park recently, coping with strimming, bramble and ivy removal, and tidying up Anne Walker's Millennium yew. Roger Cletheroe has cut the car park grass again, and John Kinsley has made an excellent new cover for the outside tap. Many, many thanks to all of you.

We aim to have the popular Church Quiz again on Friday 10th March, and our Gardens Open on 24th and 25th June. Would anyone else like to open theirs? We have one new and exciting entry, with very interesting exotic trees and shrubs, and another designed by a garden designer!

Earlier this year Richard Cletheroe sadly passed away. He was one of the few who was born and lived in Edgefield all his life and saw many changes in the village and his farming life. He will be deeply missed by those who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family at this difficult time.

The PCC would like to express their immense thanks to Norman Lawrence for reproducing Edgefield's church key. It is an outstanding piece of engineering and precision. We appreciate all the hours and experience it took; thank you again, Norman.

A very happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

Angela Turner

Edgefield Cottage Trust (Charity No 243061)

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Hempstead

Sat 10 7.00pm **Christmas Party** - Village Hall

200 Club

£25 C Matthews, £10 T Geens, £5 C Rammell, I Tyabji, J Morter

We send our good wishes to Rev Marion as she leaves us to work in the Salisbury Diocese. Thank you Marion for your work with us in Hempstead which we have really appreciated.

Hempstead Film Club

No showing in December but will return on Wed 18th January 7.30pm. For more information please contact Yvette Gibson 712460.

Parish Council

The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th January 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Christmas Party - Saturday 10th December

This year will be starting with a delicious homemade soup accompanied by bread and cheese and then pudding, all homemade. It would be helpful if wishing to attend to notify Diane Collier (713004) in advance, especially if with a large group. Also anyone who can help out with catering is asked to contact Diane too. The traditional raffle will be held- please bring a prize wrapped up ready to surprise winners! See you there!

Congratulations to Ian and Su Summers on the birth of their new granddaughter, Evelyn Lyra. Congratulations also to Stacey Sadler previously from Chapel Lane who has also a little bundle of joy, a boy called Charlie.



Sharon Hannah
711769

Itteringham

Sat 10 5.30pm **Family Film Screening** - Village Hall

The duties of parish priest are often under-estimated and over-expected. When Marion Harrison arrived here she presided over seven parishes and this number was swelled to ten more recently. A familiar story nationwide which is set to continue, and it seems fair to say that our lady has coped extremely well under very demanding conditions. Applause and gratitude are appropriate and the good wishes of Itteringham go with you. You have filled your Church on many occasions and most of the villages' growing children will remember you with affection. Perhaps you may feel that you can, at some time, return for a 'visitor service' at St Marys' because hopefully part of you will remain over time.

Your village pub - or more correctly, since the makeover of recent years, your meeting house of gastronomes from far and wide - will again be catering for your every seasonal celebratory need (almost). The door will be open to all others, apart from gastronomes that is, and that word has absolutely nothing to do with those little grotesque figures sometimes seen standing by pools in gardens often with rather over-emphasised bellies. For opening hours it is as well to contact The Walpole on 01263 587258 and any Christmas period bookings would be well made very soon. Christmas week at the Walpole has always been a very affable time and this year will be no different.



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A Festive Extravaganza

A Dickensian vein will flicker through the village on Saturday 10th December courtesy of Itteringham Community Association in the showing of a great family film at your Village Hall to which you are personally invited. The term 'family film' can be a bit of a killer but this is such a traditional number that it should appeal to all. There is to be festive music, food, mulled wine, licensed bar and the £10 tickets for majors and £3 for minors includes a glass of wine and mince pie for the first and non-alcoholic for the young ones also with mince pie. There is a limit of 90 seats available so booking through the Village Shop is strongly recommended (telephone 01263 587325). Doors open at 5.30 – a chance to meet your neighbours at the climax of our year. All are welcome – from wherever elsewhere – be quick! (The title is not to be pre-announced but the clues are above.)

HAVE A VERY HAPPY TIME

Little Barningham

Sun 11 12.30pm **Community Sunday Christmas Lunch** - Village Hall
Sun 18 6.00pm **Carol Service** - Church

They have been at it again - that is, Michael Daniels assisted by Ray Covell, and of course Barry Dennis - helping to keep the church grounds looking so good. We are very fortunate in having such devoted people, many thanks to the three "Groundateers"!

Our Village Remembrance Sunday Service was very solemn and moving. Our thanks go to the members of the British Legion who joined with us and also took part, especially the trumpeter, and to David Martin and Brian Faulkner for leading the service for the thirty-three people who attended.

As usual Pam Daniels did a great job in selling poppies which raised £227.45 for Legion funds. Great work Pam, it could not have been easy after your operation.

Many tables have already been booked for the anticipated wonderful Christmas Luncheon, so if you have not already done so, do so as places are limited Ellie 577640 or Sue 570091

Are you already being bothered by the work we give ourselves leading to the Christmas period? Remember the Wise Men looking forward to the real wonder of the revelation they were going to see. While you are thinking of all the things you have to do, think of Jesus and all the things brought about by his birth and life and how this has changed our lives. As you reach for a jar of mincemeat or a box of chocolates say thank you to Jesus.

All change again so soon after the other all changes as Marion leaves us. Little Barningham, Itteringham and Wickmere will be joining the Aylsham Team Ministry under Andrew Bean. New



Derek Wintle
570097



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people to get to know as we worship together in other churches. This time many more of us be prepared to travel to other churches when there is not a service in our own village.

January will soon be here let us look forward to whatever it brings in the knowledge that God loves us and is always with us.

On a personal level I became a great-grandfather to twins in early November: Evelyn June and Isaac Eric. All are doing well.

Dog Fouling

Sadly this is an ongoing problem and became even more apparent when we held our Remembrance Day Service around the war memorial in the Church Grounds. If you wish to exercise your dog in the church environs please pick up after your dog and dispose the offending in an appropriate place.

A Happy Christmas to all!

Matlaske

Sun 18 7.00pm **Christmas Sing-a-Long** - St Peter's Church

100 Club

£25 Vera Norman, £10 Marion Shepherd, £5 James Cox

100 Club Renewal

Next year's 100 Club starts in February. Please let Marion or Cherry have your renewal amount of £10 per number in early January. Anyone wanting to join or have another number then please contact Marion on 577521. Many thanks.



Marion Shepherd
577521

Sing-A-Long

Don't forget on the 18th December at 7pm there will be a Christmas sing-a-long in Matlaske Church. This is not a Church service but a chance to get together in the festive season. Everyone is welcome.

Paper & Bottle Banks

Now the festive season is upon us, no doubt some will be having an extra tippie or two! Please please put your empties in the bottle bank and not in your green bin. Matlaske Parish Council gets badly needed money when emptied, which will go towards your village. Don't forget we also get paid for the paper in the paper bank too.

Matlaske Newsletter Contributors

If anyone has any news or announcements that can be put in the next Newsletter then please let me know. Any contributions will be gratefully received.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a great New Year.

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Plumstead

Sat 3	2.00pm	Christmas Tree Workshop - St Peter's Church
Mon 5	6.00pm	Wildflower Meadow Meeting - St Peter's Church
Fri 16	6.00pm	PEG Mince Pie & Mulled Wine - St Peter's Church
Sun 18	11.00am	POSSADA Carol Service - St Peter's Church



Mary Lintott
577718

Christmas is around the corner and we village correspondents are given a month off. So please remember that there will be no separate January edition. There are changes ahead too, and due to the re-organisation of the parishes within the Benefice in the New Year we shall become 7 instead of 10.

Fungus Foray October 26th

This fascinating event is described in this month's Nature Watch on page 2. £70 was raised towards church roof repair funds.

Christmas Tree Workshop - Saturday 3rd - 2pm in the Church

A chance to complete our decorations for the Saxthorpe Christmas Tree Festival.
Help always welcome!

Wildflower Meadow Meeting - Monday 5th - 6pm in the Church

Many of you responded to the questionnaires sent out by the Parish Council regarding ideas for the Wildflower Meadow. They were all considered and now it is time to make decisions about how the Meadow is to be managed for the future. Please do attend the meeting - it is important that as many of us as possible have their say.

PEG Mince Pie & Mulled Wine - Friday 16th - 6pm in the Church

PEG's annual festive celebration for the village. You are invited to join us for some pre-Christmas "cheer", good conversation, lovely food, and the odd glass or two. A wonderful combination. This year we shall hold a raffle in aid of the Church Roof Repair Fund, so please make sure you have a little cash on you - you have a chance of winning Julie Brown's beautiful hamper that she assembles for us.

POSSADA - Carol Service Sunday 18th - 11am in the Church

The Nativity figures will set off on their journey around Plumstead on December 5th and arrive at Plumstead Church for the Carol Service December 18th 11am (the Benefice Choir will be singing). From there they will travel around Matlaske and reach their destination at the crib service at 4pm Matlaske Church.

Grandchildren seem to be coming thick and fast to the more senior members of our village! Peter and Pauline Lawton's newest granddaughter, Maia, was born on October 22nd, weighing a very respectable 3.68Kg. Pippa, who was brought up in the village married Jerre van Kuijk in our Church on 4 October 2014.

We wish Dave Chilvers well after his recent heart operation. He tells me he is doing "good".

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year to all in the Village!

Saxthorpe with Corpusty

Thur 8	9.00am	Dressing Christmas Trees - St Andrew's Church
Fri 9-Sun 11	10-4pm	Christmas Tree Festival - St Andrew's Church
Sun 11	11.00am	Toys & Tins Service - St Andrew's Church
Mon 12	9.00am	Taking down trees - St Andrew's Church
Wed 14	6.00pm	Corpusty School Nativity Play - St Andrew's Church
Thur 15	3.30pm	Families Together - Village Hall
Sat 24	5.00pm	Candlelight Carols - St Andrew's Church

Please see What's On on page 4 for January's events



Judith Banks
587319



A lovely memory of Pam Crossland, whose cremation took place on 8th November, at St Faith's. Pam is seen here with LinC friends Liz Potter and Carol Humphreys, whilst enjoying the beautiful Hindringham Hall Gardens in July 2016.

Many congratulations to Naomi Farrow of Saxthorpe, whose tireless work with mums suffering Post Natal Depression (PND) has earned her recognition by Anglian Home

Improvements. Naomi has been crowned a Community Champion. MP Norman Lamb praised Naomi for her openness in speaking about her own struggle with PND when he came to the Station Cafe, Corpusty, in the summer. Naomi ran the community cafe with her friend, Andrea Bell, whose charity for Attention Deficit Disorders was similarly acclaimed by Mr Lamb.

Mrs Wendy Burrows and daughter, Heather, lively members of LinC, have had to leave Wendy's home in Briston Road, Saxthorpe, as the care facilities needed for Heather were not available this far out of Norwich. We wish Wendy and Heather well in their new home, they go with our fondest regards.

Many congratulations to Anita Morton of Little London, on winning the Cheese Scone section of the Wroxham Barns Annual Scone Competition. Anita's baking goes far beyond scones, as those of you who remember her at the Heydon Tea Room will testify.

Despite the continual rain, Corpusty Fireworks were as stunning as ever, thank you to all involved.

In Saxthorpe, St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival preparations are well under way. If you would like to enjoy hot seasonal refreshments and the opportunity to buy a gift, as well as seeing the creativity of some villagers, from ours and other parishes, come along on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th December between 10am and 4pm. Also on Sunday 11th December 12noon until 4pm, preceded by the annual Toys & Tins Service at 11am. Please bring gifts (labelled girl or boy and approximate age) for needy children for the Salvation Army to distribute at Christmas. Your generosity will be hugely appreciated.

Please note Families Together in February is not the third Thursday, as that is Half Term, but it will be on 23rd.

Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year!

Corpusty & Saxthorpe Village Hall News

Our improvement programme continues both inside and outside. The hedge has established itself well although we will be replacing a few duds in the spring. We continue to weed and maintain the path/hedge/field edges and over the next few months, we will be clearing the scrub from the station platform.

We are making good progress in planning renovation of the station. We have contacted several local experts and are gathering information/artefacts, so we would love to hear from any of you who have memories/photos/information concerning any aspect of the glorious past of the station, to add to our collection.

Improvement of the lighting inside, and eventually outside the hall, is imminent, and we continue to work on the internal décor as well as making good the exterior.

One last thought - dog-owners - PLEASE consider other users (including small children) of the playing field/path, and make sure you 'pick up the poos'!

If you would like to help in any way at all (even an hour makes a difference) we would be delighted to see you - please email me at david@dpal.co.uk or call/text me on 07900 695645.

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Sun 4 5.00pm **Service of Light** - Church
 Fri 9 6.30pm **Christmas Tree Lights Switch on** - Village Hall



Helen Goulty
570043

The pumpkin carving competition was very well attended. Thank you, Phillida, for being a judge. Well done to Ellie for her first place: Witch Sitting by Cauldron. Orla came second with her Owl, and Brandon third for his Skull. A good time was had by all and £74 was made from the BBQ.

Following Marion's move to pastures new, a proposal has been put forward that Itteringham, Little Barningham and Wickmere will join Aylsham & District Benefice under the care of Rev Canon Andrew Beane, and the remaining seven churches will form a new Benefice with a full-time priest living in Matlaske. Interesting times ahead.

Good news on the villages' application to claim the track leading to Wickmere House as a footpath. Following the enquiry, the Planning Inspectorate proposes to confirm the original order from a Restricted Byway to a Footpath. This is, of course, subject to objection, which will be notified. Following confirmation, the route will then appear on pathway maps.

For more information about Wickmere Parish Council, they have a new e-mail address: wickmere.pc@gmail.com.

Belated birthday wishes to Robert Riches who was 17 on 20th Nov. January birthdays: Jenny on 14th, Phillida, Richard and Anne all celebrate on 18th, and Charlie will be 17 on 29th. Many congratulations to Louise and Ted who got engaged in November.

Come and enjoy our Service of Light on Dec 4th at 5pm. This will be Marion's last service in Wickmere, and one that has become a highlight of the Advent season. Nibbles and mulled wine will be on offer after the service.

Friday 9th Dec - 6.30pm the Christmas Tree lights will be switched on, then up to Village Hall for mince pies and mulled wine.

Christmas Tree Festival - 9-11th Dec - Saxthorpe. Come along and see some beautiful trees decorated by villages in the benefice. Wickmere's contribution was decorated by the village children. Thanks to them and to Lesley for her colouring and sticking genius. Once the festival is over, the decorations will be returned to the owners, so they can enjoy them on their own trees.

Sadly, we have to say Goodbye to Marion. She came into our benefice as a breath of fresh air. I'm hoping she won't mind being referred to as our own 'Vicar of Dibley'.

Thank you Marion for your wonderful services, your strong belief, caring nature and positive view on life. You will be sadly missed. We wish you all the very best of luck with your new venture - always remember there is a small village in Norfolk that holds you very dear.

As this is the last magazine before Christmas and New Year (we correspondents are allowed time off for good behaviour!) we would like to wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas and happy 2017.

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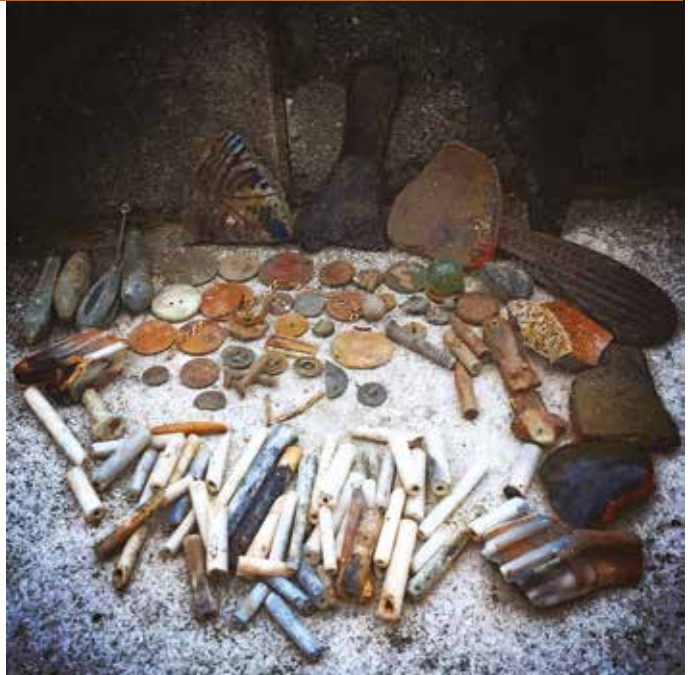
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History Watch

Last month I was fortunate enough to take a trip to London with some friends, and have been mudlarking on the Thames with Steve Brooker, who is a member of the Mudlarks, a society of amateur archaeologists who are licensed by the port of London Authority to search the banks of the Thames for artefacts. Steve Brooker and Johnny Vaughan present *Mud Men* on the History channel, which first aired in 2011. We started around the Isle of Dogs and ended up at the foreshore at Greenwich. Among the artefacts found that day were many clay pipes, lots of Tudor tiles and pottery, and even part of a leather Tudor shoe sole that had been preserved in the silt !



Sharon Hannah

Sharon went mudlarking for fun, but the original mudlarks did it to scratch a living. A 13-year-old boy's description of his mudlarking appears in *London Labour & London Poor*, published in 1861:

"When the bargemen heave coals to be carried from their barge to the shore, pieces drop into the water among the mud, which we afterwards pick up. Sometimes we get as many coals about one barge as sell for 6d. On other occasions we work for days, and only get perhaps as much as sells for 6d. We generally have a bag or a basket to put the articles we gather into. I have sometimes got so much at one time, that it filled my basket twice – before the tide went back. I sell the coals to the poor people in the neighbourhood. I generally manage to get as many a day as sell for 8d.

We often find among the mud, in the bed of the river, pieces of iron; such as rivets out of ships, and what is termed washers and other articles cast away or dropped in the iron-yards in building ships and barges. We get these in the neighbourhood of Limehouse, where they build boats and vessels. I generally get some pieces of iron every day, which sells at $\frac{1}{4}$ a pound and often make 1d or 2d a day, sometimes 3d, at other times only a farthing. Pieces of rope are occasionally dropped or thrown overboard from the ships or barges and are found embedded in the mud. Rope is sold to the marine store dealers at $\frac{1}{2}$ d a pound. We also get pieces of canvas, which sells at $\frac{1}{2}$ d a pound. I have on some occasions got as much as three pounds. We also pick up pieces of fat along the river-side. Sometimes we get four or five pounds and sell it at $\frac{3}{4}$ d a pound at the marine stores; these are thrown overboard by the cooks in the ships, and after floating on the river are driven on shore."