

Church & Village News

Baconsthorpe • Barningham Winter • Edgefield • Hempstead • Itteringham • Little Barningham
Matlaske • Plumstead • Saxthorpe with Corpusty • Wickmere with Wolterton

February 2016



Dawn, Standing Water, Baconsthorpe

by Norman Allen

Nature Notes



Otters - March 2015



Grass Snakes - August 2015



Bees - July 2015



Hares - April 2015



Swallows - June 2015



Prunus Spinosa - October 2015

This page is a tribute to our talented natural history correspondent Sue Appleby, who is stepping down because of other commitments. Thank you, Sue, for your fascinating contributions over the years, which were always accompanied by such delightful drawings.

Editor

From the Editor

Many thanks to our Itteringham correspondent, Eric Goodman, for unearthing and sharing a number of ancient parish mags (see below and page 21). Thanks too to Sharon Hannah, our Hempstead correspondent, for sharing pictures of some of her fascinating local finds, one of which is pictured on page 23. Does anyone else have anything to share? If so please let me know!

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FEBRUARY

Fri 5	10.30am	Hempstead Coffee & Gossip	Village Hall
Tue 9	7.00pm	Edgefield Pancake Party	Village Hall
Wed 10	7.00pm	Hempstead Play Reading Group	Village Hall
Fri 12	7.00pm	Barningham Scrabble Evening	Barningham Hall
Fri 12	7.00pm	Edgefield Church Quiz Night	Village Hall
Fri 12	7.30pm	Baconsthorpe Quiz	Village Hall
Wed 17	2.00pm	Corpusty LinC AGM	Village Hall
Wed 17	7.30pm	Hempstead Film Club	Village Hall
Thur 25	7.00pm	Itteringham New Benefice Discussion Open Meeting	Village Hall
Fri 26	6.00pm	Baconsthorpe Pop-Up Pub	Village Hall

MARCH

Fri 4	7.30pm	Itteringham Quiz Night	Village Hall
Wed 9	7.30pm	Baconsthorpe Easter Prize Bingo	Village Hall
Thur 10	7.30pm	Baconsthorpe Village Hall Committee	Village Hall
Sat 12	7.00pm	Edgfield Irish Evening	Village Hall
Mon 14	7.00pm	Plumstead Parish Council Meeting	Carpenters Cottage
Tues 15	2.00pm	Barningham Parochial Church Council	North Barningham House
Wed 16	7.30pm	Hempstead Film Club	Village Hall
Fri 25	6.00pm	Baconsthorpe Pop-Up Pub	Village Hall

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10.00am	Diocesan Play Van - 07918 027092	Tuesdays during term time
7.30pm	Carpet Bowls - 711320	Tuesdays during term time

Corpusty Village Hall

2.00pm - 4.00pm	Bure Valley Quilters & Stitchers	Second and fourth Mondays
2.00pm - 4.00pm	Short Mat Bowls Trish Porthouse 587667	Tuesdays
10.00am - 12noon	Norfolk Knitters £7 for a 4 week term or £2 per week Rita Taylor 587507 K2togp1@btinternet.com	Second Tuesday
10.00am - 12noon	Art Group	Thursdays
9.30am - 11.30am	Toddler Group	Fridays during term time

Edgefield Village Hall

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

Hempstead Village Hall

10.00am	Charcoal Drawing £4 includes coffee, biscuits and paper Mike Thody 711282	Tuesdays
7.30pm	Film Club - Mike 711282 / Yvette 712460	Third Wednesday

Mobile Library Van

Thur 18 Feb	Thur 17 March	Thur 14 April
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

Thur 4 Feb	Thur 3 March	Thur 28 April
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

Wed 17 Feb	Wed 16 March	Wed 13 April
Wolterton	12.45 NR11 7LY	Wolterton Hall
Wickmere	1.15 NR11 7ND	Village Sign

Post Offices

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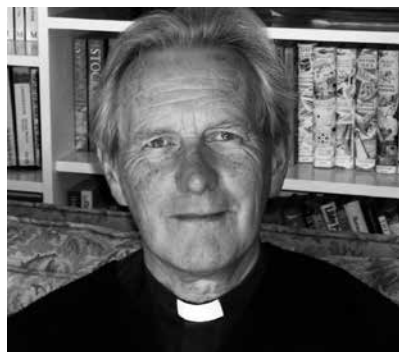
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Fri 9.30am-6.00pm	

Curate's Corner



On one side of the hill a modern international airport, on the other a settlement of huts and shacks providing basic shelter to the thousands drawn to their nation's capital in search of employment.

Eleanor and I visited 'eight mile settlement' as part of the pilgrimage to Papua New Guinea in August of last year. For a few hours we were made welcome at the church run school of Christ the King Orobanda. It was one of the lasting impression of our visit. 350 children cared for and educated by the combined efforts and commitment of a staff of largely unpaid teachers and helpers. In such

an impoverished environment the desire to learn and support the community's newest members spoke of its sense of priority.

We learnt of the need for two new classrooms, educational material, and money to pay teachers.

The Diocese of Norwich in response is this Lent launching an appeal to raise money in support of this task. Will you help? On Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) 9th February from 7-9pm in Edgefield Village hall this benefice is hosting a fund raising pancake party. Come and enjoy some time together, look at some of our photos of the school, and let's make a real contribution to assist this very worthy cause.

Those wishing to make a donation independent of this event can either follow the links on the Diocese of Norwich Lent appeal web site, or contact me for further information.

Brian Faulkner

Lent Course

A 5 week course on the Beatitudes and how they can influence our daily lives and the lives of those around us. Courses are held at Baconsthorpe Village Hall at 7.30pm on consecutive Wednesdays from 17 February to 16 March

The Benefice Choir sang Choral Evensong at St Andrew's Holt on January 10th. The service included an Introit and an Anthem. The choir was in good voice and made a noteworthy contribution to a delightful service. The benefice is indeed fortunate that John Richley, choirmaster at St. Andrew's finds time to train and conduct our local choir.

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Church Services for February

Midweek Service Wednesdays 9.00am: Little Barningham

7th February - Sunday before Lent

Exodus 34:29-end / 2 Cor 3:12-4:2 / Luke 9:28-36(37-43a)

9.00	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Little Barningham
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Hempstead
10.45	Matins	Plumstead
11.00	Family Service	Wickmere

10th February - Ash Wednesday

9.00		Little Barningham
7.00		Baconsthorpe

14th February - Lent 1

Deut 26:1-11 / Romans 10:8b-13 / Luke 4:1-13

9.00	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Itteringham
10.30	Community Sunday	Little Barningham
10.45	Matins	Matlaske
11.00	Morning Praise	Saxthorpe
11.00	Holy Communion <i>TL</i>	Edgefield

21st February - Lent 2

Gen 15:1-12,17-18 / Phil. 3:17-4:1 / Luke 13:3-end

8.00	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Wickmere
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Baconsthorpe
10.45	Matins	Hempstead
11.00	Morning Prayer	Little Barningham

28th February - Lent 3

Isa. 55:1-9 / 1 Cor 10:3-13 / Luke 13:1-9

9.00	Family Service	Edgefield
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Plumstead
10.45	Matins	Baconsthorpe
11.00	Morning Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Itteringham
11.00	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Saxthorpe

6th March - Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2:1-10 / 2 Cor 1:3-7 / Luke 2:33-35

9.00	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Little Barningham
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Hempstead
10.45	Family Service	Matlaske
11.00	Family Service	Wickmere

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

Baconsthorpe

Fri 12 7.00pm **Quiz** - Village Hall
Fri 26 6.00pm **Pop-Up Pub** - Village Hall

200 Club

£25 Ann Gibbs, £10 Isaac Warboys, £5 Sheridan Blake, Isabelle Warboys



Corinne Youngs
577263

Village Correspondent

Corinne Youngs is to take over from Rosemary Hardingham. However Rosemary is still happy to receive your news and pass it on if this is easier for you.

Village Hall News

Although there was a power cut, your Village Hall Committee carried on by torch light. We were pleased to welcome Karen Hall onto the committee and to have Emma Youngs and Simon Burton Pye attending the meeting. We would still welcome others to come and help us out.

On Friday 12th February at 7pm we will be holding a Quiz. Entry is £6 to include a jacket potato supper with various fillings, tea/coffee and a roll. There will be a raffle. Bring your own tippie.

Another date for your diary is our ever popular Easter Prize Bingo on Wednesday 9th March starting at 7.30p.m. We are having new doors made for the front of the hall, new flooring in the kitchen and need to upgrade the emergency lighting, so we have a lot of expense coming up and need your support at our fund raising events. Our next meeting is on Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm – all welcome.

John Cooper

Welcome

To Maxine and triplets Rocco, Marco and Greta who have moved into Stonefield Road. We wish them every happiness in their new home.

Village Christmas Tea

Over 60 people attended the Christmas tea held in the village hall and it was lovely to see so many friends and neighbours. Thank you to everyone who baked (Yvonne, Joy, Emma, Karen) and helped provide a delicious spread. Thank you to Daphne and Evelyn who yet again spent the morning in the kitchen making sandwiches. The Pop-Up Pub took place at the same time and added to the festive celebrations.

Pop-Up Pub

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Pop-Up Pub over the last four months. As it has been so well supported we have decided to continue into 2016 on the last Friday of the month. The money raised from these events is being used to buy equipment to improve the bar and then donations will be made to the Parish Council, the Village Hall and St Mary's Church. The bar has a selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks including draft IPA and Aspell's Cider. The next Pop-Up Pub is on Friday 26th Feb from 6pm. Supper will be fish and chips from Mac's Plaice of Baconsthorpe, frying from 6.30pm.

Emma Youngs

Barningham Winter

Fri 12 7.00pm **Scrabble Evening** - Barningham Hall



Sara Buxton
577207

Dust off the Christmas and New Year fog and come to a Scrabble Evening at Barningham Hall on Friday, 12th February at 7pm in aid of church funds. The cost will be £10 per person which will include wine and nibbles. There will also be a raffle. Please contact Mrs Amelia Courtauld on 577250 if you are able to come along (or email on amelia@barninghamestate.co.uk). It will be fun and it will be great to see you there.

The next meeting of Barningham Parochial church council which will include the AGM will be held at North Barningham House, on Tuesday 15th March at 2pm. All are welcome.

Thank you to all those involved in making our carol service which was held on the 20th December such a success. The little church had been beautifully decorated and 75 plus people enjoyed the service which was followed by delicious mulled wine at Barningham Hall. Huge thanks to the Courtauld family for being such wonderful hosts.

Congratulations to Ruth (nee Buxton) and Gavin Swinborne of the Old Post Office, Little Barningham on the safe arrival of John Joseph on the 6th January weighing 7lb 2oz.

Edgefield

Tue 9 7.00pm **Pancake Party**- Village Hall
Fri 12 7.00pm **Church Quiz Night** - Village Hall



Richard Peaver
587486

Church News

It was lovely to see so many people at our Carol Service, and we all admired John McCluskey's excellent crib, his generous gift to the church. He has lowered the stand that he also made for us, so Marion will now be able to reach more easily into the back of it! Thank you to all helped over Christmas, especially Emma, who coped so well in my absence.

The popular Quiz will be at the Village Hall on Friday 12th February at 7pm for 7.30 start. Tables of four, tickets @ £7.50 are available from Janet 587365, Richard 576486 and Angela 587292. Do please book early, and we look forward to seeing you there. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

With such an early Easter, I would be grateful for early orders for lilies. This year I will again drive to Swardeston to buy them from the firm who grow such wonderful arums, but would prefer this to be the last time, and wonder what everyone feels about that? They will cost £2.22 each.

Sadly, we have found that the vestry roof needs replacing. The felt has numerous cracks developing, and it leaked during very heavy rain recently. Temporary cover is keeping the vestry dry at present, and we await quotes for the necessary work.

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On Tuesday 9th February at 7.00pm in Edgefield Village Hall a Pancake Party will be held as a fund-raising event for Christ The King School, Orobanda, Papua New Guinea (the Diocese of Norwich Lent appeal). This will be a fun way to raise money for a very good cause. Contact Brian and Eleanor Faulkner for more information 577868.

Angela Turner

Village Hall News

Happy New Year to everyone from the Edgefield Village Hall Committee! Our next event is our ever-popular Irish Night, which this year is at 7.00 pm on Saturday 12th March. With a supper, licensed bar and dancing to Compass Moon, it's a bargain at £10 per head, so book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be obtained by ringing Jim Frost on 587110 or Dawn Hulbert on 587379.

Jim Frost

Hempstead

Fri 5 10.30am **Coffee & Gossip** - Village Hall
Wed 10 7.00pm **Play Reading Group** - Village Hall
Wed 17 7.30pm **Film Club** - Village Hall

200 Club

£25 C Matthews £10 R Carver £5 K Hurrell, G Harris, Y Gibson



Sharon Hannah

711769



Thank you to all who contributed to the Hempstead Christmas Follies party. It was a real treat, the supper was superb and the entertainment was fantastic! Such talent all in one evening was quite something: the harp playing was especially mesmerising. The ukulele was much enjoyed and the village hall atmosphere was full of fun and laughter, which was enjoyed by all residents of all ages.

The crib service was well attended and it was a happy occasion that allowed children to participate enormously. There were many readings by the children, who were well supported by the congregation, and it felt very special to be there. The collection raised £110 for the East Anglian Children's Hospice. Thank you to Nick Shaw, who stepped in last minute to play the organ. It was very much appreciated!

Hempstead village hall now proudly boasts a new kitchen. Thank you to Tim Scarff for organising the installation that will benefit us all.

Well done to Freya and Kelci Taylor who now swim with the Swans in Norwich – a fantastic achievement for ones so young.

There will be jazz in the village hall with Cyan Traces on Sunday 17th April. More information coming soon, in the meantime please save the date.

Toad Watch

Please see page 20

Itteringham

Thur 25 7.00pm **New Benefice Discussion** - Open Meeting - Village Hall

The crib service on 22nd December was a howling success. No. That's unfair. Wrong adjective. It was a boisterous and bubbling affair. Sixteen well behaved children. Eighteen mostly well behaved adults, and Marion Harrison our masterful priest-in-control. Good to hear the trusses trembling to the squeaks and squeals of so many small ones. It was a happy occasion with the emphasis on enjoyment.

Bruddy Barker, our archeologue extraordinaire has a new lady in his life. She has been an enigma for centuries but with some diligent research and applied logic a foray into the southern part of Ethiopia may at last, at least, reveal the truth of the legend. H Rider Haggard wrote of Solomon's mines, and he was a Norfolk boy too, not King Solomon I don't mean, as is Mr Barker. Bring back the booty, Bruddy Barker. We shall be glued to our parish mags for months ahead. Was Sheba the wife/lover of Solomon, or is it myth? This article ends with a few well chosen musical chords.

The tickets are only £7.50. The chilli-con-whatsit and potatoes (or the vegetarian alternative) will once more be of gourmet quality. The fine wine and beers, supplied by yourselves, will be satisfyingly chosen and there will be no limit on consumption, so long as you are not driving afterwards, so "stiffen the sinews, summon up the grog and ring the bells for the close of winter." Your company is requested at 7.30 pm on Friday 4th March at Itteringham Village Hall, and the quiz will begin not too much later. Call Ray Covell or Sandra Walker to book tables (by 29th February please). Donation of prizes (to Ray and Betty) will attract hugs and kisses...and gratitude. Welcome to our new residents who we hope to meet soon and more love to Julia from all.



Eric Goodman
587278

Little Barningham

Sun 14 10.30am **Community Sunday** - Village Hall

IT'S OVER – well, until next year – but lots of happy memories linger on. The happy fellowship at the carol services, the parties, the lovely food, slightly tighter waist bands, but hopefully slacking off now.

The table top sale that took place at the end of November was very successful, raising £260 for church funds, £85 for the village hall, and £35 from the sale of items unsuitable to be sent to Syria, the money being donated to purchase toiletries etc.



Derek Wintle
570097

Christmas Luncheon



one, MANY THANKS. With the money raised from the profit, raffle and donations we were able to send £259 to Crisis at Christmas. Thanks go to Barbara, Eleanor, Pam and Margaret for

What a lovely time for 35 of us. Several people said that the food was better than hotels they had been to! So to all who helped make the occasion such a special

arranging the decorations in the church. Pam somehow even managed a whole flock of sheep around the font.

Another happy event was the safe arrival of Jonjo a son to Gavin and Ruth weight 7lb 2 oz. Will there be a third happy event around Christmas next year – Alexander in 2014, Jonjo in 2016... 2017?

We were well 'lit up' for Christmas with the honours going to the property next to the village hall for a spectacular lights display raising a smile every time you passed by.

My last article ended with looking forward to the snowdrops. They have already arrived, and even daffodils. What a lovely surprise!

Harold Hooker continues to make progress. Harry Fennell is at present living with family in Penrith, and Violet Abbs is now in care.

The coming together to enlarge the benefice may make travel arrangements difficult for some. If anyone is finding it awkward getting to church each Sunday is there a possibility for us to organise transport? If you have any ideas give me a call on 570097.

Toad Watch
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Matlaske

Many thanks to Marion and Cherry, who organised the Matlaske Christmas party. It was a great success. Jim read out a letter re Donny's award. See you all again in December 2016!

Thank you to Pauline and everyone who decorated St Peter's for the Midnight mass service. Donations from the collection were sent to Water Aid and BEFA .

At the Parish Council meeting in November it was decided to apply for an increase in the Precept as the Parish Council had decided to install Speed Awareness signs. Grants of up to £1500 are available, but £1500 would be outstanding, so ideas for fund raising would be needed.

Trixie Gough of The Lodge, Matlaske passed away at her home on the 28th December. She had been cared for by Brian and all her family. A huge thank-you to all those people who gave their support in the last few months, and who came to bid her a final farewell. Our sincerest condolences to all of Trixie's family.



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Plumstead

It hardly seems possible that it is two months since I last sat down to write. The days are lengthening, and finally the winter is on a more even keel, with temperatures where they should be - though what happens to my spring-flowering cherry, which has already been in bloom remains to be seen. Does anyone else have any gardening anomalies?



Mary Lintott
577718



Christmas seems in the distant past now, but the Mulled Wine & Mince Pie Evening held in the church just beforehand was a great success. Thirty-five turned out to sample the delights of delicious mulled wine and home made mince pies. A few rosy faces returned home afterwards! The church was a delight to behold: many thanks to all those who helped, it looked a picture. Conversations abounded and it was good to catch up with friends before our individual celebrations began.

On Sunday January 3rd after Morning Prayer, a gathering of people from across the benefice took place in the church to celebrate the beginning of the New Year. The occasion also provided the opportunity to present Rev Michael Banks and Judith with a retirement gift. However, we all welcome him back to active ministry after his six-month break.

Parish Council

Parish Councillors expressed concerns regarding the speed of vehicles travelling through Plumstead village. With the support of the police we are planning to set up a Speed Watch Scheme within the village. We need six volunteers. If anyone is interested in becoming part of this team, or requires further information, please contact Mrs Price (Clerk) at Acorn Cottage, Cherry Tree Road. Full training and equipment will be provided.

The Parish Council are organising a tidy-up of the village in support of the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign which aims to clear up Britain in time for Her Majesty's 90th birthday. If you can spare an hour on Saturday 5th March to help with the clear up, please contact Alastair on 577447 for details.

Queens' Birthday BBQ June 11th

Please put this date in your diary - we shall be sending out a flyer in due course giving you all the details of the plans.

Anyone who is interested in making bunting for the village: we are meeting at Doreen's house at 39, The Green on Monday 22nd February at 11am. Coffee and biscuits provided. Please bring any cotton material that you have to spare. If you are interested in helping please ring Mary Lintott 577718.

John and Mary Lintott have become grandparents again! Alfie was born at 2.05 am on New Year's Day to Melanie and Patrick.

Dave Chilvers has been poorly in recent weeks - we all wish him well.

Apologies. It was Steve Small that gave me the fascinating info re the Red Deer.

We say goodbye to Jo and Becky from Tudor Cottage who have moved to Beeston near Dereham.

Saxthorpe with Corpusty

Tues 9 10.00am **North Norfolk Knitters** - Village Hall
Wed 17 2.00pm **LinC AGM** - Village Hall

No Families Together because of half term.

Sincere condolences are sent to John Perry-Warnes and his family on the death of his wife, Marion. A very sensitive funeral service was conducted by Rev Canon Howard Stoker SSC at St Andrew the Apostle Church, Holt on 14th January.

Writing this on a very rainy day in early January, the Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's Church seems a distant memory. Thanks again to all who had the imagination, skill, patience and vision to decorate the 18 trees so spectacularly. The final total raised for the upkeep of St Andrew's Church was a fantastic £626.10. The event was broadcast on Treasure Quest, BBC Radio Norfolk, accompanied by the bells of St Andrew's thanks to Charles Tyndall and his band of bell-ringers. The Candle Light Service held at St Andrew's on Christmas Eve was a wonderful time of preparation and celebration for the real meaning of Christmas. There were about 240 in all who enjoyed the mystery of the darkness before the first candle was lit and then passed onto everyone. Thanks to Rev Brian Faulkner who officiated, and also to Joyce Pemberton and her stewards. They organised the careful choreography of everyone bringing their candle to the nativity scene in total safety. It would seem that this service has a great deal of meaning for many people and helps to mark the actual beginning of Christmas. A very generous collection of £365.12 was taken. Thank you.

Nepal Update - Ann & Peter Eglington



We thought you would like to know about life in Nepal and how your money helped. I am sure it has made a great difference to those 40 families who have been able to repair their houses. The £356 from the LinC craft fair in November 2015 has been sent to a friend's account and will be passed on soon – this means every penny gets to those in need. Thanks again.

Imogen Waterson - Parish Council Chair

I have been in correspondence with Marty Jacobs and Alex Clark.Rudd of the bonfire committee about the mess on the village green resulting from the November bonfire celebrations. Alex assures me that the bonfire committee will do the clear up and restore the footpath as soon as the weather is dry enough to put machinery on the green. They are as frustrated as many villagers that it has not been possible to do this before now.



Judith Banks
587319

Wickmere with Wolterton

After a short break, it's back to the grindstone! There are belated birthdays to catch up on. December - Mark Sayers and Tracy Riches. January - Jenny and Philida. February birthdays: Tim, Tony Hurn, Tom, Chelsie, George and Redmond and honorary village member Helen McKenzie.

Many thanks to those brave supporters who popped into Georges' Xmas Fayre despite the bitter weather.

The Service of Light on 6th December was lovely. Many thanks to Richard for playing the organ, and our awesome young musicians Ellie, Emma, Victoria, Billy and Charlie for their wonderful playing. A special mention for Billy who stepped in to be our Drummer Boy. With Marion's narration and guidance it was another atmospheric service. Many thanks to Philida and Tony for the lovely mulled wine and nibbles that followed.

Congratulations to Karen on becoming a grandma again. Little Elsie Rose arrived early but safely - congrats to Adam and Catherine.

Well done to those hardy souls who turned out on a VERY windy Saturday evening for the Christmas tree switch on. The countdown was led by Lesley. Many said the new lights were a great improvement. Refreshments followed at the Village Hall. Thanks to Richard and Mark for putting up the new lights.

Well done to Matt Shaw on passing his motorbike test. Well done to George for passing his driving test. Now time to save for insurance then a car!

There was another successful Double Dragon held - although I do believe those on clean up duty the following morning were wishing it wasn't quite SO bright & sunny...

There was great excitement during the stormy night on 14th Jan. Flashing lights were seen up at the Village Hall, and rumours were rife that fisticuffs had broken out at the Parish Council Meeting! But it turned out to be a downed power cable...

A decision has not been made to fill the post on the Parish Council yet.

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See page 23 for solution

Toad Watch

From the toadwatch.org web site:

Frogs, Toads and Newts are all threatened by loss of habitat and by diseases introduced from abroad. Toads are more particular than frogs about where they breed and spend the winter further away from their breeding sites.

Many toads are killed when they cross roads to get back to their breeding pond in spring. The toads move after dusk when it is damp and warmer than 5c. Toadwatch volunteers help the toads to cross the roads safely - without this help many toad populations would become extinct. The Costessey Patrol have made two videos about their work. Please see the website.

The annual migration usually starts in late February but is very dependent on weather conditions and can be as late as April. See the map on the website of the crossings that we patrol and contacts if you would like to help. The patrols are also listed on the site's Patrols page. Dates for 2016 patrol meetings are now being added to the calendar.



Hempstead

The migration starts at the end of February or early March and lasts around four weeks. We would be grateful if there were a few more people willing to help at Rookery pit (near Bertie's barn) moving the toads off the road and to the pond. Volunteers mostly work in pairs, and do as much or as little as they are able. Even one shift of one hour and a half each week is helpful, though if you can manage more it would be fantastic. Please contact Su 710702 / su@linaria.co.uk for details. Thank you.

Su Summers

Little Barningham

If you would like to give our local breeding toad population a helping hand across the lane to their pond at Green Farm on a few evenings in early spring, please contact Eleanor at Beck Cottage, Little Barningham 577720 or email eleanorburton@totalise.co.uk for details. Last year our small village patrol gave 1,159 toads the chance to breed with only 64 toads lost. You can find information of all Norfolk Toad Patrols at <http://www.toadwatch.org>.

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Editor's Notice.

Quotas for August must be posted to Rev. George M. Johnson, Thurgarton, Norwich, not later than Monday, July 22nd.

Thurgarton—Our District Horticultural Show will be held in Barningham Park on Thursday, August 1st. Anyone requiring a Schedule of Prizes, etc., may obtain the same on application at the Rectory.

Miss Spurgeon desires to return her thanks to the parishioners for their presentation of a clock to her.

Baptism.

June 5—Nora, daughter of Herbert Harry and Mary Underwood.

Marriage.

May 25—James Hunn, widower, to Charlotte Lambert, widow.

Aldborough—Hymns to be sung in Church.

July 7th,—M.	1	512.	E. 527	210	27.
" 14th,—M.	3	224.	E. 540	201	23.
" 21st,—M.	7	197.	E. 215	208	28.
" 28th,—M.	6	193.	E. 630	221	477.

Mrs. F. Barclay of Cromer again kindly invited the Girls' Friendly Society to hold the Annual Festival at "The Warren." On May 30th, the Aldborough Branch met Associates and Members from Metton, Roughton, Suffield and other parishes, at Cromer, and spent an enjoyable afternoon. The Rev. J. F. Sheldon gave an earnest and helpful address during the Service in the Church of which he is Rector. An excellent Tea was provided for the girls by Mrs. Barclay in the Lecture Hall. The Conveyance used by our party was a brake procured for the occasion from Mr. George Wilkin by Messrs. Bone and Co.

Return Matches are arranged by the Aldborough District Cricket Club, to be played on Aldborough Green, against North Walsham on July 20th, and Antingham on August 10th, at 2.30 p.m.

Barningham Parva—An invitation has been received to join in raising a "National Memorial" in perpetuation of the name and fame of our dear and much lamented Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria.

Truly we know that after generations shall arise and call her blessed, but it surely behoves and becomes us, who have received the immediate benefits of her wise and beneficent sway, to shew our gratitude in the best way we are able, and in the way most in accordance with what we suppose would be our loved Queen's desires.

As to what her own wishes would have been likely to be, there is happily very little doubt, inasmuch as a no less sum than £70,000 of the amount raised by the offerings of the women of the kingdom in the year 1887 was at once appropriated by her Majesty towards the establishment of a "Queen Victoria Nurses' Institution," which has been productive of unknown and untold benefit in the alleviation of suffering.

To that fund this parish then contributed, and the Rector thinks he is not mistaken in supposing that parishioners will not wish to withhold their offerings now.

Very large sums are being raised, which it is proposed shall be applied to enlarging the usefulness of the "Queen Victoria Nursing Institute" as established in the year 1887 from the proceeds of the offering then made, so that its benefits may be extended to every place wherein the application of those benefits may be needed, and desired.

Donations therefore will be asked, in Barningham Parva, from house to house for this National Memorial Fund, which is under the sanction and approval of His Majesty the King, in respect of whom we are assured, in words printed at the head of the subscription list which has been forwarded, "that the pence of the poor will be received, and it is believed as highly prized by His Most Gracious Majesty as the larger donations of his more wealthy subjects." It is sought to increase the number of trained nurses from 900, at present enrolled and at work, to 4,000. May the increase be fully achieved.

Burials.

June 10—James Edward Sutton, aged 10 years.
" 12—Ernest Stephen Harmer, aged 15 years.



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History Watch

I am currently studying for a history degree and find anything to do with the past fascinating. I am often out and about, field walking or metal detecting, and have found many interesting artefacts including flint tools, Roman coins, and this: a commemorative medallion struck to celebrate the victory of Admiral Vernon in Portobello (in modern day Panama) in the War of the Austrian Succession. Vernon had boasted to parliament that he could take Portobello with just six ships, and on November 22nd 1739 he succeeded. I came across the medallion in a field in Hempstead and recorded the find at Norwich Castle Museum. The team there described its condition as "excellent".

Sharon Hannah



The British glory revived
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Newsletter Finances

The newsletter in its present form including news from ten villages is now a year old. 1180 Copies of the newsletter are printed 11 months a year, and the total printing costs were £5,055. Due to the wonderful efforts of our advertising manager, income from the adverts was £4,570. All the churches made a contribution and this came to £527.60. Some parish councils made contributions which came to £395. So we have covered our costs and the newsletter will continue to be delivered free to every house in our group of ten.

Corinne Youngs, Treasurer

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Continuing the format used in previous years, here is a summary of the rainfall in Hempstead (rounded to the nearest millimetre).

David Durst

	2013	2014	2015	2005-2015 10 year average
January	66	95	47	47
February	41	70	58	42
March	67	26	26	33
April	12	22	16	25
May	67	101	20	57
June	26	42	35	51
July	16	5	134	69
August	49	105	69	39
September	44	14	46	57
October	97	82	56	60
November	67	89	88	49
December	44	57	54	57
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Meet the Neighbours - Donny March

On the 70th anniversary of D-Day, the French government announced that all surviving Normandy veterans would be awarded the Legion d'Honneur, France's highest military honour, and on 23rd January 2016, 90-year-old Donny March received his.



Donny was born in 1925 in Matlaske, where his family ran the village blacksmiths and undertakers. After attending the village school and working in the family business, he joined the Royal Observer Corps, where he was trained to identify allied and enemy aircraft. Based in Plumstead, he worked four-hour shifts, plotting, identifying and reporting the appearance of aircraft to 6th Group ROC Headquarters in Norwich.

In April 1944 he volunteered to put this experience to use on a secret mission at sea, and found himself playing a part in Operation Overlord, the invasion and liberation of occupied Europe. After two weeks of intense training and a medical, he was signed off as a petty officer in the Royal Navy, paired with another Seaborne volunteer, and sent to join the American ship SS Jim Bridger. It was the first time he had ever been on a ship or at sea.

Donny and his partner were tasked with identifying aircraft and reporting to the captain by radio. "We each had a platform erected on the port and starboard of the ship containing a cannon with all the ammunition at our disposal," Donny recalls. "The Americans fired at anything so they relied on us to identify what was German and what was allied aircraft."

As hundreds of other vessels began to converge, and the skies filled with planes, the crew of the Jim Bridger realised they were part of an immense operation. The ship anchored a mile and a half off Omaha Beach, where it was under constant attack while it discharged its troops and equipment. Donny remembers a scene of carnage, with enemy aircraft everywhere, and the sea full of ships that had been hit, and casualties, all around, floating in the sea.

After D-Day, Donny joined the army and served in the Royal Norfolk Regiment and the 2nd Battalion Suffolk Regiment. In 1947 he left the army and became an apprentice wheelwright and carpenter. One of only six Seaborne known to be still with us today, he was presented with the Legion d'Honneur by the Honorary French Consul M Lafontaine at a ceremony in Spalding.

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