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July 2016



Strawberry Moon over Baconsthorpe

by Norman Allen

Nature Watch - Nightjar



For most of May, my wife and I were on holiday on the Greek island of Lesbos. We both love the island, and have been going there nearly every year since 1999. It's both a beautiful and relaxing island, and the bird watching is great too, especially at migration time.

A few days after returning home I had a new bird to add to my garden list. It was a red kite, a bird I have been expecting to see flying over our bungalow, having seen quite a few in Norfolk recently. I watched it for several minutes as it circled overhead in the bright morning sunshine, twisting its forked tail in order to change direction.

That evening, I and a friend went along to Kelling Heath in order to look for nightjars. It was a warm, balmy night, just the sort of weather for watching these strange crepuscular birds as they fly round their territory searching for moths, which is their main diet. As we stood waiting, a roe deer suddenly appeared from behind a clump of gorse bushes only a hundred yards away. It must have seen us standing there, but it appeared to show no fear, allowing me time to take several pictures before it eventually trotted away.

Soon afterwards we heard a nightjar begin its strange churring song from somewhere behind us. A few seconds later another bird answered it, this time only a few yards in front of us. The sun was only just setting, so the light was still good. Surely it was too early for them to begin flying around? We were in luck, for just a few minutes later we stood watching as two males flew low over the heath, their white wing flashes clearly visible in the good light. Walking back to the car, we counted 5, possibly 6, churring males. It looks to be a good year for this annual summer visitor. I certainly hope so. To round off the evening, a Tawny Owl swooped over the car as we drove. Thankfully, it didn't become another road casualty.

David Braithwaite

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What's On

JULY

| | | | |
|---------|---------|--|--------------------------|
| Fri 1 | 7.00pm | Little Barningham Pub Night | Village Hall |
| Sat 2 | 7.30pm | Edgefield Edgefest | Village Hall |
| Sat 2 | 7.30pm | Itteringham Dad's Army | Village Hall |
| Mon 4 | 7.30pm | Hempstead Parish Council Meeting | Village Hall |
| Wed 6 | 10.00am | Matlaske Coffee Morning | Blacksmith's Cottage |
| Thur 7 | 7.30pm | Baconsthorpe Village Hall AGM | Village Hall |
| Fri 8 | 10.00am | Hempstead Coffee & Gossip | Village Hall |
| Sat 9 | 2.30pm | Itteringham Tea on the Lawn | Glebe House |
| Mon 11 | 6.00pm | Plumstead Parish Council Meeting | Field View |
| Thur 14 | 7.00pm | Wickmere Parish Council Meeting | Village Hall |
| Sat 16 | 2.00pm | Plumstead Gift Day | Plumstead Church |
| Sat 16 | 2.00pm | Little Barningham Strawberry Tea | Church Farmhouse |
| Wed 20 | 10.00am | Corpust LinC visit to Hindrigham Hall | Village Hall |
| Sun 24 | 3.00pm | Edgefield Pets' Service & Tea | Edgefield Church |
| Fri 29 | 6.00pm | Baconsthorpe Pop-up-Pub | Village Hall |
| Sat 30 | 2.30pm | Matlaske Village Fête | Barningham Hall Entrance |

AUGUST

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| Sun 7 | 2.00pm | Hempstead Summer Fête | Village Hall |
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir

The Benefice has been provisionally named as the 'Upper Bure Group' for its formal setting up purposes – but it can change this name at any time if it so wishes.

This provisional naming seems something of a geographical absurdity, since half the Benefice is nowhere near the Bure. Half of Edgefield and all of Hempstead and Baconsthorpe are on the Glaven, which starts its life at Baconsthorpe Castle and flows through Hempstead Mill. To name the Benefice permanently as the 'Upper Bure Group' would be as misleading as naming it the 'Upper Glaven Group'.

In reality the upper Bure begins at Melton Constable and ends when it becomes navigable at Coltishall, flowing through no fewer than fourteen parishes, of which only two are in our benefice. An outsider seeking the geographical

location of an 'Upper Bure Group' would be totally confused.

Instead we have the chance of calling ourselves by an identifiable geographical place name in the 'Barningham Group'. To do so would help unite the two former Benefices, since there is a Barningham parish in each of them, and – of course – there are three 'Barningham' churches in the new Benefice.

What do others think? Should we not have the chance of voting on the permanent name of our Benefice?

Yours faithfully

Robin Carver, Hempstead

PS The description of the 'Barningham Group' obviously appeals to outsiders. In a recent edition of the Holt Chronicle its editor wrote an interesting article on Edgefield's parish church which she referred to as a member of the 'Barningham Group'.

Regular Events

Baconsthorpe Village Hall

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

Corpusty Village Hall

| | | |
|------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 2.00pm - 4.00pm | Bure Valley Quilters & Stitchers | Second and fourth Mondays |
| 10.00am - 12noon | Norfolk Knitters £7 for a 4 week term or £2 per week | Second Tuesday |
| | Rita Taylor 587507 K2togp1@btinternet.com | |
| 10.00am - 12noon | Art Group Non-members £10 a session | Every Thursday |
| | Professional artist in attendance every 3rd Thursday | |
| 9.30am - 11.30am | Toddler Group | Fridays during term time |

Edgefield Village Hall

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|---------|---|------------------|
| 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

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| 10.00am | Charcoal Drawing £4 includes coffee, biscuits and paper | Tuesdays |
| | Mike Thody 711282 | |

Mobile Library Van

7 July / 4 Aug / 1 Sep / 29 Sep / 27 Oct

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|---------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| 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 |

21 July / 18 Aug / 15 Sep / 13 Oct / 10 Nov

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|-----------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| 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 |

6 July / 3 Aug / 31 Aug / 28 Sep / 26 Oct

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

Post Offices

Baconsthorpe Village Hall

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| Tuesdays | 12.30pm – 4.00pm |
| Fridays | 9.30am – 12.30pm |
| All services | |

Corpusty Stores

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| | 587202 |
| Monday-Saturday | 9.00am – 12.00noon |
| All services including Euros | |

Itteringham Village Shop

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| | 587325 |
| Monday-Saturday | 9.00am – 5.00pm |
| Sunday | 9.00am – 12.00noon |
| All services including Euros | |

Holt Library

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|--------------------------------|--------|
| | 712202 |
| 9 Church Street, Holt NR25 6BB | |
| Mon Wed Sat 9.30am-1.00pm | |
| Fri 9.30am-6.00pm | |

Reflection from the Rectory



I am often asked by people how can I believe in God, especially in the light of our modern understanding of society, science and the state of the world we live in. This is a truly hard question to answer. There is no hard proof of the existence of God. And I for one don't think there should be. Belief in God is an act of faith. It is something we come to through our seeking, through our reading of scripture, and through our own personal experience. So many people have

never read the Bible or any of the great theologians who have wrestled with such questions down through the ages. Not exactly bed-time reading I know, but well worth the effort if only to widen the debate. But if the Bible and theology is too much to begin with, here is something I found a few years ago from Indian Legends.

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youths' Rite of Passage?

His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone.

Once he survives the night, he is a MAN. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each boy must come into manhood on his own. The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man! Finally, after a horrific night, the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him. Moral of the story: Just because you can't see God, doesn't mean He is not there. "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

Rev Marion Harrison

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Church Services for July

Midweek Service Wednesdays 9.00am Itteringham

3rd Trinity 6 Isaiah 66:10-14 / Galatians 6:7-16 / Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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| 9.00 | Holy Communion <i>CW</i> | Little Barningham |
| 9.15 | Holy Communion <i>BCP</i> | Barningham Winter |
| 10.45 | Morning Prayer | Plumstead |
| 11.00 | Family Service | Wickmere |

10th Trinity 7 Deut 30:9-14 / Colossians 1:1-14 / Luke 10:25-37

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| 9.00 | Holy Communion <i>BCP</i> | Itteringham |
| 9.15 | Holy Communion <i>BCP</i> | Matlaske |
| 11.00 | Morning Praise | Saxthorpe |
| 11.00 | Holy Communion <i>TL</i> | Edgefield |

17th Trinity 8 Genesis 18:1-10a / Colossians 1:15-28 / Luke 10:38-end

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|-------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 8.00 | Holy Communion <i>BCP</i> | Wickmere |
| 9.15 | Holy Communion <i>CW</i> | Plumstead |
| 10.45 | Matins | Barningham Winter |
| 11.00 | Morning Prayer | Little Barningham |

24th Trinity 9 Genesis 18:20-32 / Colossians 12:6-15(16-19) / Luke 11:1-13

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| 9.15 | Holy Communion <i>CW</i> | Baconsthorpe |
| 10.45 | Matins | Hempstead |
| 11.00 | Morning Praise <i>BCP</i> | Itteringham |
| 11.00 | Holy Communion <i>CW</i> | Saxthorpe |
| 3.00 | Pet Service | Edgefield |

31st Trinity 10 Colossians 3:1-11 / Luke 12:13-21

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| 10.30 | Benefice Service Holy Communion | Hempstead |
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CW = Common Worship *BCP* = Book of Common Prayer *TL* = Traditional Language

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reconstruction of the roof - your capsule being brought
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Heritage Lottery Partnership Funding

Baconsthorpe

Thur 7 7.30pm **Village Hall Committee AGM**
Fri 29 6.00pm **Pop-up-Pub**

200 Club

£25 Peter Cope, £10 Nancy Glazebrook, £5 Corinne Youngs, Kay Laws



Corinne Youngs
577263

Village Hall News

We have had some positive response for a new committee for your Village Hall. It will be decided at the AGM on Thursday 7 July at 7.30pm. There is still time for others to come forward to serve on the committee or to help and support the new committee. Some of the old committee will be staying on giving the necessary advice, help and support to the new members. Although the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be standing down they will be on-hand to help and advise the new committee if required. John Cooper, Pat Youngs and Pam Empson would like to thank everyone who has supported them throughout the years working for your village hall.

Welcome

To Matthew and Jenny Billman and their children Kye, Kylie and Barry who have moved into Stonefield Road and to Lily and Michael Law and their children who have moved into Chapel Yard.

Barningham Winter

Huge thanks go to Cherry and Marion who organised a wonderful tea party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on Sunday 4 June. Lots of local residents enjoyed tea, sandwiches and cake at Barningham Hall all with a glass of bubbly to toast the Queen. Thank you to Thomas and Amelia Courtauld for all their help in making it a perfect afternoon.



Sara Buxton
577207

The second stage of the HLF forms have been completed and sent in for funding to help repair St Mary's, Barningham Winter. We have received grants from both the Norfolk Churches Trust and the National Churches Trust. Thank you to Chuffy de Bunsen, Amelia Courtauld and John Perks for all the time and effort they have put in to complete the forms.

If you haven't already, don't forget to put the scrabble date in your diary which is going to be held on Friday 9 September at Barningham Hall, and also the Christmas wreath making which will be on Thursday 1 December. Mrs Tessa Papworth will be our instructor. Do come along to both these events if you can. If you want more details please contact Mrs Amelia Courtauld at amelia@barninghamestate.co.uk or me at s.m.buxton@hotmail.co.uk.

Mrs Sue Seaman was welcomed at the last PCC meeting. Sue has kindly agreed to take over as treasurer when John Perks stands down later in the year.

The next meeting of the PCC will take place on Wednesday 12 October.



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Edgefield

Sat 2 6.00pm **Edgefest** - Village Hall
Sun24 3.00pm **Pets Service & Tea** - Edgefield Church



Richard Peaver
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Churchyard Annual Clear-Up

It is our annual clearing-up around all the graves in the churchyard on Tuesday 5 July, starting from 5pm. Do please come and help us, bringing rakes, Bos sheets, strimmers, etc. Everyone very welcome!

Pets Service

This is on Sunday 24 July at 3pm. It would be fun to see lots of pets (including Marion's snake, suitably under control!) and we can have a tea party after the short service, taken by Carol Pennington. If it is fine, we will probably be on the grass by the car park, so there is lots of room. Do bring chairs or rugs to sit on. Any more offers of cakes??

Angela Turner

Hempstead

Mon 4 7.30pm **Parish Council Meeting** - Village Hall
Fri 8 10.00am **Coffee & Gossip** - Village Hall



Sharon Hannah
711769

200 Club

£25 K Wood £10 J Tomlinson £5 M Harrison, J Smith, R Matthews, P Tomlinson

Does anybody have a piece of carpet or rug measuring approximately 2.32m x 1.62m that is needed for our hospitality / children's area inside the church? Please contact Su, 710702 or Ann, 713656.

Thank you to all who attended the Venda charity lunch on Sunday 19 June, and to all that helped out with the day. I will update you in the next issue as to how much money was raised.

The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations



A fantastic morning of superb cake and coffee, thank you all who gave to the event had such a happy atmosphere and was enjoyed by all generations from the village. It was lovely to see everyone together, with the children enjoying face painting and art and crafts. A special thank you to Rose Carver and her most regal cake which looked amazing and tasted even better!

Hempstead Summer Fête - 7th August

If you can donate a prize for the tombola or cake baking, or plants, bric-a-brac or can offer general help on the day, please get in touch! Liz Buxton 714082, Tony Collier 713004, Tim Scarff 711657 or Peter Quin 71283. There will also be a children's tombola in the church so if you have any children's books or toys you would like rid of please contact me, Sharon Hannah 711769. Thank you.

Itteringham

Sat 2 7.30pm **Dad's Arm** - Village Hall
 Sat 9 2.30pm **Tea on the Lawn** - Glebe House

Not a curse of the ancient Queen, Sheba that is, but simply a gut bug (or belly bugger as some call it) common to Africa. Ethiopia in this case. It insinuated into Bruddy Barker's interior and loss of body mass resulted. The thief is now cast out and so our Holmesian archaeologist engaged, with many others, on a British Museum initiative to locate the remains of the 'magnificent monarch' is now, we hope, recovering his loss. Full report next issue.

Rachel's Brownies will once more bear brownies (and scones and cream and home made jam) to all of you who will again revive that wonderful English tradition of 'tea on the lawn' (2.30pm to 5.00pm) at Glebe House. Your host, Sandra Walker, looks forward to you and your bonnets and boaters, blazers and frocks or whatever is your comfort, to her very personal annual event. You are very personally invited for Saturday July 9.

Your village hall, as integral to this place as your community shop, the Walpole Arms, your church and vicar and.....yourselves, is seeking, firstly enthusiasm of which there seems to be a new wave and then fresh bodies for our (small) committee charged with the smoothe operation of the venture. Not a great deal involved but your interest would be of great value. Contact Ray Covell on 01263 587490 and whilst on the subject some feel that the venue could be improved, updated. We know you will have constructive, exciting and even radical ideas on this. Sketch them out or write them down and drop them at the shop. Identity not necessary

Success! Welcome Penny Lawrence behind the Post Office counter on Monday and Thursday mornings. May your customers be delightful, your arithmetic Lovelacian and your promotions persuasive. We are enjoying you already.

Back at the stables (Wellington Barracks) after the parade, standing with (Captain) Jack Stamp and family, the guns beside us, he was asked if there was any particular history attached to the artillery pieces. "No" he said and then corrected himself..... "except that this is the one we used for Margaret Thatcher". A brief pause and your writer joined with, "Oh! I had thought she died natural causes". The Trooping of The Colour (dress rehearsal) was just as profound as the real thing a week later. Horse Guards was full. All 1600 lads and gals (and horses) were superb. The comment is all inclusive of the support; the Chelsea Boys, stewards, ground staff, police and security, grooms, footmen et al. There's no-one does it better and it does make many things clear about aspects of our established values. Jack Stamp, late of Moorgate, will leave the King's Troop next year.



Eric Goodman
587278



Sixty-five villagers attended the Queen's Birthday Supper at which medals were handed to the young. Four cheers to all of the helpers. The hog was succulent and generous.

Don't miss *Dad's Army* on Saturday 2 July, Village Hall 7.30pm. Doors open at 6pm. This is also the National Lottery 'Power to Change' celebration weekend (2 and 3 July). There will be a great choice of local produce available. Coffee at the shop Sunday morning would be a good idea!

Imogen and her medal



Little Barningham

Sat 16 2.00pm **Strawberry Tea** - Church Farmhouse



'Food, Glorious Food' – and over seventy villagers and visitors were happy to try it at the Gift Day and Queen's Birthday celebration. It was also a 'thank you, thank you' day to all who made the event so good, especially Eli Betts and Pam Daniels. Yet again another thank you to Mike and Pam Daniels and Margaret Betts for cleaning up the church after the decorators had finished the redecoration of the porch, chancel and vestry.



Derek Wintle
570097

Olivia Watson will be part of the *Beyond the Barricades* musical spectacular at Taverham Hall on July 30th, with some of the past principals of the musical *Les Miserables* taking part, so well done Olivia.

Work is being carried out at Dog Cottage, so presumably we will have a new occupant. I also understand someone will be moving in to Highfield, and that the late Jean Cooper's house has been sold. It is just over a year since Jean died, and her ashes have been interred in the churchyard.

Do NOT forget the Strawberry Tea event on Saturday 16 July at Church Farmhouse. Let us make it another memorable occasion. There will be lots of other goodies as well as strawberries and cream, plus stalls.



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Sun 30 2.30pm Village Fête - Baringham Hall Entrance

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£25 Vera Norman, £10 Guy Wickham-Brown, £5 Sebastian Kokelaar

Wedding



The roof repairs were all finished, the scaffolding removed and the interior of the church scrubbed clean and decorated with hearts, bows and flowers ready for a very special occasion - a Matlaske Wedding! On 18 June, Amy Gillard, daughter of Angela and the late Terry Gillard of Matlaske, and William Coleman celebrated their marriage, which was conducted by the Rev Marion Harrison. There was even a very vocal dog who took part in the service! Amy and Will's guests filled the church and the organist, Richard Peaver, contributed to a memorable and enjoyable service. Afterwards they had their reception at The Meadows, Deer's Glade, Hanworth. We wish Amy and Will many happy years together.

Marion Shepherd
577521



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The collection for Matlaske raised £113.98, the best collection yet. Thanks to everyone for their contribution and to Pete for going house to house.

Tea Party



The weather was kind to us so, we were able to stroll around the lovely gardens of Barningham Hall and play games in the Courtyard. Tables were laden with lovely food that was enjoyed by all, and we toasted the Queen with a glass of bubbly and sang the national anthem. Thank you to those who baked and helped. Big thanks to Thomas and Amelia for letting us use The Stables for this auspicious occasion. A raffle was held which raised £130 towards Matlaske's speed sign. Cherry and Marion would like to thank you all for coming and for the lovely letters and e-mails of thanks received.

Matlaske Fête

This annual event is getting closer, please come along for a fun packed afternoon for the whole family. Kick-off is 2.30pm at the entrance to Barningham Hall. There will be plenty to do and see, with old favourites and new events including a Morris dancing side, Peter Rushmere's Folk Band Threescore and the inaugural motor (and non-motor) competition The Matlaske Bottom Gear Challenge.

Any donations for the stalls would be greatly appreciated, for cakes contact Amelia on 577250, tombola contact Sara on 577207, books contact Cherry on 577827, raffle contact Marion on 577521 or anything else you are able to help with, including the putting up of stalls/tents beforehand, please contact Thomas on 577250. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Plumstead

Mon 11 6.00pm **Parish Council Meeting** - Field View

Sat 16 2.00pm **Parish Gift Day** - Plumstead Church



Plumstead Church was the venue for a traditional English village wedding on Saturday 4 June, when Ellie Stimpson and Peter Charville Mort walked down the aisle to make their vows to each other. The previous week had tested everyone's nerves - with endless grey skies, heavy rain, strong winds and temperatures best suited to March. The BBC weather site must have almost crashed given the number of hits that week but they promised sunshine and it would be 18

degrees. The day dawned, and there it was, a North Norfolk sea fret. Would it clear by the afternoon? At 2 pm the sun on cue pushed its way through the mist, and by the time the bride arrived at the church, it was a beautiful summer's day. The guests' singing almost raised the roof (was this something to do with the Welsh contingent I ask myself?) and the happiness in everyone's hearts was palpable. Ellie and Pete walked to the Reception at Church Farmhouse where a grand time was had by all. We wish them all the very best as they start their married life together.

Another of the highlights of the wedding was the fantastic flowers arranged by Mandy and her team from Holt Flower Club. The impact on the senses, both visually and the aroma, was sensational. Emma and the family kindly left them in the Church for us to enjoy. Our Church Warden Eleanor organised three coffee mornings where we could see the flowers, have a cuppa in the sunshine, and buy a cake or some plants. It was well attended, and the sum of £153 was raised towards the cost of church.



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As if a wedding in the village was not enough in one month, the following weekend heralded the national celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. The Parish Council and PEG organized a BBQ and Barn Dance. Since Plumstead lacks a village hall we were lucky enough to hold onto the marquee which the PC generously paid for. Thank you Emma and Alastair.

The charcoal burners got to work, and it was not long before the aroma of banger and burger enticed us into the Big Top. There was an astonishing array of superb salads. It was a vegetarian paradise joined by wine and generously donated ale. Scarcely had we laid our cutlery down when we were exhorted onto our feet for a relentless session of barn dancing. We were almost pleading for mercy, but he knew that if he let us sit down our limbs would never let us get up again. We were below average pupils but had the greatest of fun, and at 9.30 it drew to a close and we wearily trudged home after a "rare good do". There are so many thank-yous - too many to name. It was a wonderful community effort!



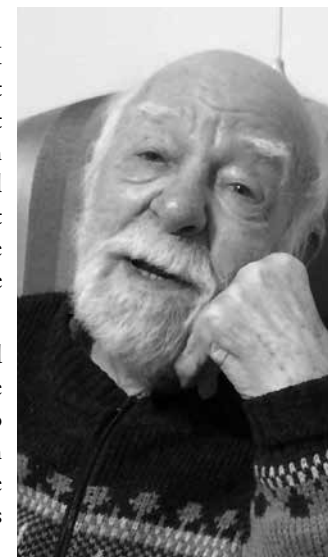
PEG is lucky enough to have a 'younger' member on its Committee. Jonathan's focus has been to enable the children (not forgetting their parents) in the village to meet and forge new friendships. To this end a farm visit was organised on the morning before the BBQ to Barningham Hall and Green Farm. Thomas Courtauld kindly collected Jimmy, Summer, Esther, Aida, Josephine and Delilah in a trailer with their parents. They bounced and rattled excitedly to the Hall and met the

cattle and sheep. Amelia very kindly supplied drinks and treats. We then headed over to Green Farm where Mary Keasley showed the children the livestock and poultry. It served as a welcome introduction for all and our thanks go to Thomas, Amelia and Mary for their time and generosity.

Parish Gift Day

This is on Saturday 16 July 2pm - 5pm in aid of church repairs. I think by now you will have received a leaflet about this important day. Whether you go to church, whether you are religious or not this building has stood in Plumstead for over 700 years. It is in need (like many of us!) of major repairs. Needless to say this will cost a considerable sum of money. Grants can be applied for but those organisations donating expect to see that the village are contributing too. Please come and ensure that the building will be in the village for generations to come.

We say goodbye to Bob Strutt, aka 'Father Christmas', who passed away on June 5th at the age of 81. He lived in Plumstead all his life apart from a 3 year stint in the RAF after the war. He returned to work on the Barningham Estate as a woodsman, general handyman and combine driver. He was fantastic with his hands and made the most amazing models out of wood. Our commiserations go to his sisters and Shirley, who was a long standing friend of Bob's.



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Wed 20 10.00am **LinC visit to Hindringham Hall Gardens - Village Hall**

Our villages were represented in The Queen's Patrons' Lunch Parade on Sunday, 12 June. David Collingsworth is a member of The Southern Highlanders Pipes & Drums Band, which led the whole parade. David's daughter, Gemma, is also a member of the band and was there as well. A great honour for them both to have been selected for such a prestigious occasion.



Judith Banks
587319

Many congratulations to Sarah Joll of Irmington Hall and Thierry del Croix who were married in St Andrew's Church, Saxthorpe, in May. Sarah looked stunning on her special day, and she and Thierry made a very handsome couple. The French relatives and friends came two hours beforehand to walk around the historic church, which was beautifully decorated. Long may Sarah and Thierry enjoy a very happy married life together.

Peter and Val of Corpusty Stores have just got married, too: many congratulations to you!!

Mrs Betty Raggett, a long time member of WI and then LinC, has moved from Norwich Road, Corpusty, to a care home in Kelling. We wish her well in her new surroundings.

News from Ann and Peter Eglington: "Thank you for supporting the village folk in Chandeshwori, Nepal. Last year we sent over a total of £7145.04, which came from the sale of Peter's vegetables, a Tea at Three event, a slide show and from other people's fund raising: a village fete, afternoon tea, and school sales. This money went to help the villagers after the earthquake, and to the village school. Support from the Nepalese government has been slow to get to the villagers and they are still waiting for government money to help them with the repairs. Luckily, they have had our money with which they have been able to build temporary



shelters of corrugated tin. They may well continue to live in these basic homes for a long time as they are earthquake proof. They are afraid to rebuild with mud and stones in case of further earthquakes. Besides, most villagers cannot afford to build concrete houses. The school was damaged but the children are learning in the classrooms which are sound and have some lessons in temporary classes in a cottage nearby. We continue to support them". The photo shows one of the rebuilt homes.



On Saturday 23 April, the bell ringers of St Andrew's Saxthorpe celebrated St George's Day with a ring of bells and a tower open morning. Many visitors came from the word 'go', with numerous trips up and down the tower to show off the bells. Refreshments were provided. The formal ringing consisted of thirty minutes of rounds and call changes and later there were some solo demonstrations for the visitors. The immediate outcome was two new and very keen ringers,

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who are making excellent progress and a number of other possible future ringers. Thank you to everyone who came to have a look.

LinC members wish to thank Brian and Heather Monks for hosting another successful buffet supper in their beautiful garden.

Suffolk Field Renovation Project



The hedge continues to grow well and the field/surrounds are looking more 'cared for'. Recently we've cleared a lot of undergrowth from the field edges and the station platform, upgraded the play area - fitted new swing seats for the toddlers, renovated the zip-wire, 're-engineered' the 'willow cave' and fixed the entrance gate so that it latches shut with ease, making it safer for the little ones. If you have any ideas concerning improvements you would like to see and/or would like to help in any way at all with our work (even an hour makes a difference), please email me at dpal@easynet.co.uk or call/text me on 07900 695 645.

David Potter

Wickmere with Wolterton

Thur 14 7.00pm **Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall**

Well, what a cold and miserable Whitsun week that was! Sadly it was more like October than June. Still, on the positive side, things can only get better, can't they? The fields are filling up a pace now. The barley is growing and needs some lovely warm sun to help it colour and ripen. Thankfully the flowers have faded from the rape seed, which means we can all breathe a lot easier now. Our garden has been filled with the first fledglings of blackbirds, starlings, sparrows and tiny bluetits. A real privilege to watch.

Laney asked me to include the following in the last issue, but as there was such a lot in last month's, it was agreed to save it for this time: the Parish Council is talking to Wi-Spire about the availability of higher speed broadband for the village. All houses that have a clear line of sight to Erpingham Church can currently obtain a reliable and fast broadband speed of up to 10Mbps, but we are also looking at how other village properties could similarly receive an improved service. Please contact Wi-Spire online or on 01603 904040 for further information.

Our village walkers will be aware of the Parish Council's application to change the driveway between the Church and Wickmere House to an official walking route, linking existing footpaths in the area. A Public Inquiry will be held by the Planning Inspectorate at 10am on Tuesday 27 September at the Village Hall, and all are welcome to attend. If anyone would like to make a representation at this hearing, please contact Laney Burton at: theforge3@gmail.com or on 768936.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on July 14, all are welcome to attend.



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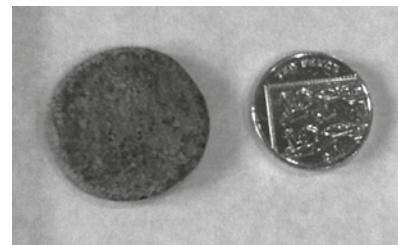
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The Village Picnic to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday on June 12 was a great success. Well done to George! Thanks for your brilliant idea and organising a lovely event. I know you were a little unsure whether anyone would turn out... Thankfully, despite the inclement weather forecast, a lovely afternoon was had by all. Thanks also to Richard for manning the BBQ so well. It was great to see everyone relaxing and enjoying the afternoon. George has asked to say a BIG thank you to everyone who turned out.

School will be out soon. Many of us will be happy at no more 'headless chickens' in the mornings. Hopefully a long, warm summer will be ahead. With this in mind, please be vigilant when driving, as children will be playing, cycling on the road, hopefully making the most of the free time, fresh air and lighter evenings. I know there will be some who will sigh and tut. But please remember that there are **many** stories of those 'mature' Wickmere residents, who in their youth, got into trouble and up to mischief as well. It's all part of growing up.

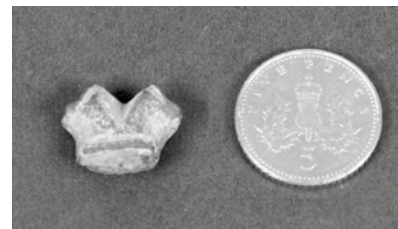
July Birthdays: Many happy returns to - Jenny Amis, 22 on 13th, Vic Shaw on 16th, Orla Shaw, 14 on 19th and Cameron Bray, 17 on 22nd.

History Watch



Sestertius

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Mike Strong is currently in New Zealand

SUMMER EVENING SALAD WITH FRESH HERB BREAD

1 whole lettuce or combined salad leaves
8 oz Italian plum tomatoes or local English beefeater
½ cucumber (cubed)
1 green pepper
1 onion (red is nice) - sliced
2 oz black olives
2 hard boiled eggs (sliced)
1 tablespoon capsicums (optional)
4 oz Greek feta cheese - or your favourite - cubed
1 tablespoon fresh basil - chopped
1 tablespoon fresh oregano - chopped
½ tablespoon chopped fresh chives

Dressing

3 tablespoons walnut oil (or olive)
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
Fresh ground black pepper, pinch of salt

1 fresh baguette or whole French stick
2 or 4 oz butter - depending on bread used
½ lemon juice
3 tablespoons or more of fresh garden herbs
sheet of tin foil

Method

Combine all the salad ingredients in a large bowl.
Mix the dressing ingredients and dress the salad

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Meet the Neighbours - Rev Michael Banks



Congregations recognise Michael Banks as a kindly man of God with a sense of humour and a human touch, who will deliver a thoughtful sermon and offer some hope that the Church of England still has a future. That is why he is both admired and loved across our part of north Norfolk, where he has been priest-in-charge of the Barningham Benefice (Plumstead, Matlaske, Baconsthorpe, Barningham Winter and Hempstead) and since 2005 a visiting minister across the ten churches of this benefice, as well as chaplain of Beeston Hall School. In a typical month now that he is 'retired', he will conduct and preach at up to five services. For the past 12 years Michael and Judith have also had an annual one-month working holiday in Montserrat, Antigua, Dominica and Barbuda in the north east Caribbean where he holds services twice a week.

Michael, who lives in Saxthorpe, had a full career even before he was ordained in 1986. He was a teacher at Haywards Heath Grammar School (where he met his wife Judith, Corpusty correspondent of this magazine), then assistant registrar at Sussex University, and subsequently Town Clerk and Chief Executive of Stevenage New Town.

But he had experienced a sense of calling when he was confirmed in 1961, and at the age of 44 in 1984, he decided to become a priest. Judith returned to teaching so that he could afford to go to Westcott House Theological College. He was ordained in 1986, and served in three parishes in the St Albans Diocese, and was a prison chaplain at Blundeston, and Industrial Chaplain in Portsmouth, all of which he found particularly satisfying.

He moved to the Barningham Benefice in 2002. He acknowledges that congregations are declining, but detects no decrease of interest in spiritual matters and believes there are strong local attachments to churches even from people seldom seen in church.

Michael is one of the growing number of people who have survived cancer, in his case two cancers, both now in remission and both treated at Addenbrookes. He says that the highlight of his career was the privilege of conducting wedding services for his son and daughter and then being asked to baptise all four of his grandchildren.

His favourite hymns are *Angel Voices Ever Singing* and *Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer*. His hobbies are walking, gardening, reading and telling awful Grandpa jokes.

Brian MacArthur