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MARCH

Fri 4	7.30pm	Itteringham Annual Quiz Night	Village Hall
Sat 5	all day	Plumstead Clean for the Queen	Throughout the village
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
Thur 17	3.30pm	Corpusty Families Together	Village Hall
Fri 18	7.00pm	Wickmere Quiz & Chips	Village Hall
Sat 19	1.30pm	Baconsthorpe Easter Fayre	Village Hall
Mon 21	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Fri 25	6.00pm	Baconsthorpe Pop-Up Pub	Village Hall
Sun 27	11.00am	Itteringham Easter Egg Hunt	St Mary's Churchyard
Mon 28	10.30am	Hempstead Easter Egg Hunt	All Saints Church

APRIL

Thur 7	10.30am	Matlaske St Peter's PCC AGM	Barningham Hall
Fri 8	7.30pm	Edgfield Vestry Meeting & APCM	Village Hall
Tues 12	7.30pm	Plumstead The Norfolk Cranes Story	Plumstead Church
Wed 13	7.00pm	Corpusty St Andrew's Church AGM	St Andrew's Church
Sun 17	7.00pm	Hempstead Jazz Night	Village Hall
Thur 21	3.30pm	Corpusty Families Together	Village Hall
Fri 22	7.00pm	Edgfield Quiz Night	Village Hall
Fri 22	7.00pm	Wickmere Social Evening	Village Hall
Tues 26	10.00am	Baconsthorpe Plant Sale	The Old Rectory
Fri 29	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

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

Edgfield 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 17 March	Thur 14 April	Thur 12 May
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 3 March	Thur 31 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
Edgfield	3.15 NR24 2AX	The Street
	3.40 NR24 2AL	The Memorial
Wed 16 March	Wed 13 April	Wed 11 May
Wolterton	12.45 NR11 7LY	Wolterton Hall
Wickmere	1.15 NR11 7ND	Village Sign

Post Offices

Baconsthorpe Village Hall

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

Corpusty Stores

Monday-Saturday	9.00am – 12.00noon
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Itteringham Village Shop

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Sunday	9.00am – 12.00noon
All services including Euros	

Holt Library

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Mon Wed Sat 9.30am-1.00pm	
Fri 9.30am-6.00pm	

Reflection from the Rectory



Marion Harrison

The winter is drawing to a close, although cold spells can still bite hard. Spring is coming. The grass is growing and the bulbs of early daffs have already put out their leaves. Dainty snowdrops hang their heads in gardens and roadside banks, as weary from the cold and long dark nights, we all begin to venture outside a little more. This is the season of making plans in hope and expectation of sunny days, warm evenings and star filled nights.

In the Church we, too, are filled with hope and expectation. Hope in the Easter Story as every year we think of what Jesus did for us, paying the price for our wrong doing with

his life. And the expectation that comes from knowing that we are forgiven by his actions and can now live a life in freedom from our own fears.



But it isn't that Jesus just died for us. It's that he gave us a new way of living by the example of his own life and ministry. That example can be found in the stories of his life and in the parables he told to the people around him. That is one reason why the Bible is so important. It tells us the stories of people and events that changed lives then and on through the centuries and is still changing lives now and will continue to change lives long into the future.

Stories that important need to be told in new and exciting ways. And so, with that in mind, we have mixed the old and familiar with the new and exciting this coming Holy Week in the run up to Easter Sunday. All the details can be found in this copy of the newsletter and you and your family are invited to participate in all, any or even just one or two of the services taking place around the benefice to mark the last week in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary, brother, carpenter, teacher and God incarnate.

And so on behalf of the ministry team I wish you all a Happy Easter.

Church Services for March

Midweek Service Wednesdays 9.00am: Itteringham

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>	Barningham Winter
10.45	Family Service	Matlaske
11.00	Family Service	Wickmere

13th March - Lent 5 Isa 43:16-21 / Phil 3:4b-14 / John 12:1-8

9.00	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Itteringham
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Plumstead
10.30pm	Community Sunday	Little Barningham
10.45	Matins	Baconsthorpe
11.00	Morning Praise	Saxthorpe
11.00	Holy Communion <i>TL</i>	Edgefield

20th March- Palm Sunday Isa 50:4-9a / Phil 2:5-11 / Luke 22:14-23:56

9.00	Holy Communion <i>CW TL</i>	Hempstead
10.30	Palm Sunday Procession Reading of the Passion and Holy Communion	Wickmere

Holy Week Services

21 st 7.30pm	Reflection & Compline	Plumstead
22 nd 7.30pm	Reflection & Compline	Saxthorpe
23 rd 7.30pm	Reflection & Compline	Hempstead
24 th 7.00pm	Maunday Thursday	Little Barningham
25 th 2.00pm	Good Friday Service	Edgefield

27th March - Easter Sunday Acts 10:34-43 / 1Cor 15:19-26 / Luke 24:1-12

9.00	Family Holy Communion	Edgefield
10.45	Easter Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Plumstead
11.00	Family Service with Egg Hunt	Itteringham
11.00	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Saxthorpe

3rd April - Easter 2 Acts 5:27-32 / Re. 1:4-8 / John 20:19-31

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

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

Baconsthorpe

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Corinne Youngs
577263

200 Club

£25 Jake Benton-Warboys, £10 John Perry-Warnes, £5 William Peck, Alfie Blake

Village Hall News

Our quiz was a great success with £210 profit which will go towards updating our emergency lighting along with other improvements we have to make.

Please join us for our Easter Prize Bingo on Wednesday 9th March. Eyes down at 7.30pm with lots of good prizes to be won.

Our Easter Fayre is on Saturday 19th March at 1.30pm. Please note that we will be starting in the early afternoon hoping people will come along to enjoy various stalls including cakes and tombola. We also have some good books and Bric-a-Brac. Refreshments will be on sale.

Pat Nearney and Danny are coming to entertain us on Friday 8th April at 7.30 pm with a good mix of singing, jokes and a lot of Norfolk humour. Tickets are on sale now at £7 per person, which includes light refreshments. There will be a raffle. Book early to avoid disappointment by calling John on 711320 or Evelyn on 577315.

Please join us for our next committee meeting on Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm. All Welcome

Parish Council

Recycling bins: although the new bottle bank is green you can put all colours of glass in it. If any of the recycling bins are full please could you not leave bags of recycling on the ground as they will not be collected by the recycling contractors. Please can people refrain from leaving large items they no longer want at the recycling bins as there is no general waste collection. Please take these to the tip in Sheringham. The next Parish Council Meeting is on 21st March at 7.30pm.

Pop-Up Pub

Despite the wretched weather a good crowd turned out for the Pop-up Pub. Many enjoyed a curry supper and many just popped in for a drink. A new magnetic dart board has been provided for the younger members and this was played with all evening along with the usual games and of course 'real' darts. The March pop up bar will be on Friday 25th March.

Plant Sale & Swap & Coffee Morning

This annual event will take place on Tuesday 26th April at 10 -12.30 at the Old Rectory. As usual there will be a huge selection of plants to buy and the enthusiasts amongst you may bring your own home raised plants to swap with those for sale. Entrance £2.50 to include tea, coffee and homemade biscuits.

Poppy Collection

The British Legion has at last written to say the Poppy Day collection in Baconsthorpe raised £145.52. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to this great cause and to Tessa and Daphne who flogged round the village with the collecting boxes.

Barningham Winter

Thank you to all those kind people that came along to the Scrabble evening at Barningham Hall on Friday 12th February. We were all put at tables of four then after a game had to go to another table and get our brains into gear again to play against another group of people. At the end of all the games our scores were added up (to the rules of Scrabble of course) and by a MASSIVE amount Richard Baynes was the winner...well done to him. Over £580 was raised for the repairs that are going to have to take place to St.Mary's Church, so huge thanks to all those from all the different parishes who came along and supported this event and ENORMOUS thanks to the Courtauld family, who were kind enough to host the event in their lovely home.

Matlaske and Barningham Parish Council would like to remind everyone to use the bottle and paper bank which is situated on Matlaske aerodrome. Please, please DO NOT PUT CARDBOARD IN THE PAPER BANK as it makes the collection worthless.



Sara Buxton
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Edgefield

Sat 12 7.00pm **Irish Evening**- Village Hall

Church News

It seems such a short time since the New Year, and now Easter approaches! It is very early this year. Our service on Easter Sunday, 27th March, is at 9am, taken by Michael Banks. It is good to have him back with us again. I need the orders for EASTER LILIES, and am delighted to say that Gary has offered to fetch them for me, as he goes to Swardeston anyway. They are £2.22 each.

The new CHURCH FLOWER LIST is now done, but we have nobody for a fortnight in May. Surely there must be someone who likes arranging flowers? We only do one vase these days, so it is very easy.

The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) is on Friday 8th April at 7.35 pm at the Village Hall. This meeting is restricted to members of the church electoral roll. However, the Annual Vestry Meeting, at which churchwardens are chosen, is open to anyone whose name is on the civil local government electoral roll. This short meeting takes place immediately before the APCM, at 7.30 pm so do come and join us if you would like to.

We were sorry that the QUIZ had to be postponed. It will now take place on Friday 22nd April, in the Village Hall, at 7pm for 7.30pm. There will be food, but details and prices will be in the April magazine. Meanwhile you can always book your table (for four) with Janet, Richard or me.



Richard Peaver
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The VESTRY roof has been leaking, and you may shortly see activity there while it is put right. Any suggestions as to who would cut the grass in the church car park for us? Ian Ross has done a marvellous job for years, but it is too much for him now. Did you go to see the snowdrops in the old churchyard? They were wonderful.

It has been a sad time with the loss of John Lester (Norman and Violet's son) and also John Mason, both after long illnesses. Our sympathy goes out to Sky and to Bebe and her family.

Angela Turner

Hempstead

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Wed 16 7.30pm **Film Club** - Village Hall
Mon 28 10.30am **Easter Egg Hunt** - All Saints Church

200 Club

£25 D Nuttley £10 H Williams £5 D Spalton, C Sewell, J Morter

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Mack who are grandparents to Baby Rocco.

Jazz Night, Hempstead Village Hall: Sunday 7th April at 7pm. Cyan Traces Quintet, "a thoroughly entertaining and perfectly crafted evening of jazz" - North Norfolk News. Tickets £10 from Ian Summers, 710702. Profits to East Anglian Air Ambulance. Interval refreshments included. We are expecting a sell-out, so please book your tickets before mid-March when the event will be advertised more broadly.

Easter Monday the church will be open for tea, coffee and cake from 10 - 1pm. Everyone welcome from all parishes. Book stall. In aid of All Saints church, Hempstead.

Easter Monday Easter Egg Hunt at 10.30am at the church, and also craft activities - all Hempstead children invited to join the fun. No charge.

The village hall committee reminds everyone that the hall can now offer all the residents of local parishes a refurbished kitchen facility. So if it's a special occasion or an important function, remember the village hall is for hire by the hour throughout the year. For more information please call 710702.

Hempstead church are collecting the treasure chest vouchers from the EDP so please if you have any we would appreciate them, the collection chest is in the church porch and with the vouchers we hope to connect the church to mains water, thank you.

Poppy Appeal: £71.48 was collected in November. Thank you to all who contributed from Diana Spalton.

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Itteringham

Fri 4 7.30pm **Annual Quiz Night** - Village Hall
Sun 27 11.00am **Easter Egg Hunt** - St Mary's Churchyard



Eric Goodman
587278

Father Paul Thomas was visiting the house to give communion. She had been a little agitated until his words seemed to calm her. After she had taken a sip of the wine she lay back in her bed and closed her eyes for the last time...and she was gone.

Julia Pamela Malim (11th December 1955 to 19th

January 2016) had been a professional chef, a book illustrator, lately a traveller and she always was a calming influence in the village shop in which she worked until recently. The service at Erpingham drew around one hundred to what was an occasion of beauty and gratitude for what had been a good life. The choir, of which Julia's sister Delia is a member, sang their part with a moving sincerity.



It is the writers' experience that a good cup of coffee can be an elusive brew. The Village Shop is one of those rare venues that cater for the discerning addict and you will be skilfully served by Elliot (Widge) Savage and now also by the already familiar Eric and Jean who have been regular customers for a year or four but have now vaulted the counter and are beaming across the divide as sometime managers. You will be welcome. Try an Americano or Espresso and taste the depth.

About three years ago the writer complained of tripping over too many old fogies in this village. Well. Since then, and clearly as a result of this correspondent's entreaties, children have sprung up in many parts of Itteringham and the latest is Sebastian Skinner (Friday 12th February) born to Matt and Helen and very cleverly a little brother for Amelie. A good life to you, Sebastian!

7.30pm on Friday 4th March. Don't miss this years' quiz. Call the Covell hotline on 587659 to book your table. Bring family or friends.

Deerstalkers and spyglasses required once more for this year's egg hunt in St Mary's Churchyard on Easter Sunday, 27th March after the morning service. There will be lots of eggs for lots of small people and they must all be found.

In 2013, following a planning application, Norfolk County Council Highways Division identified a hazard to users of the access to the Village Hall from The Street and as a result of a complaint regarding the failure to address this danger, the Church Commissioners have been required to cut back or remove their hedge enclosing the Rectory. The removal of danger is welcome, as is also the possibility that a view of the church from The Street will be revealed as an important aesthetic.

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Little Barningham

Sun 13 10.30am **Community Sunday - Village Hall**



AT LAST. We have waited 700 years for one and now we have one. Perhaps 700 years is an exaggeration, but certainly several years and now we are a proud possessor of a LOO at our church, housed in a hut at the east end of the building. Tap water in the church and now a loo, what progress! All we need now is a larger congregation to enjoy the facilities.

We are a friendly lot and all are made very welcome when new people come to join us.

Good news about Harold Hooker who is now back home after many weeks in hospital. He is progressing well and we look forward to him joining us once more at our monthly Community Sunday get-together. Harry Fennell is now in care near his daughter in Yorkshire. We wish him well.

Lent will soon be over but it is not too late to do something positive - perhaps invite someone for a coffee, take someone on a trip out. There have

been several sunny days with hopefully more to come, when a car ride round our lovely countryside would be a real pleasure. Reading St Paul's letters to the early churches, they were having similar problems to those of the present day.

If you have news of any special family events such as birthdays or anniversaries please let me know and we can all share in your happiness.



Derek Wintle
570097



Matlaske

Sun 6 10.45am **Mothering Sunday Family Service - St Peter's Church**

100 Club

£25 Kelly Baynes £10 Jeff Lander £5 Neal Wylde

Please remember to put your waste paper and bottles in the bins on the airfield.

Matlaske Parish Council held an Extraordinary Meeting on Thursday 11th February at 7.30pm to discuss an application to produce a bid for funding to enable the Parish Council to work towards compliance with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. The Parish Council decided to apply for funding.

We wish Mary Hook a speedy recovery from a fall. She is in the N & N.



Florence Hunt
577363

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Plumstead

Sat 5 All day **Clean for the Queen** - Throughout the village

It's the middle of February as I write, and this morning was the first time that the roads have been dodgy to drive on first thing. Hopefully this is the beginning of a short winter spell to get us back on track! Many of the daffs are out and one wonders how nature will adjust to this change in weather pattern. Apparently a few swallows were sighted in December last year having never left the UK for warmer climes. Do let me know of any nature/gardening anomalies that can be shared.



Mary Lintott
577718

The Norfolk Cranes Story

Tuesday April 12th at 7.30pm, Plumstead Church - tickets on the door £7

Chris Durdin, a well-known Norfolk ornithologist and son of John Durdin, is giving an illustrated talk about the return of the cranes to Norfolk. He was on Countryfile recently, so if you missed it here's another chance to catch up with this fascinating story. This is a fund- raiser for the Church building so please come and support it. There will be refreshments in the interval.

Clean for the Queen

Don't forget that the Parish Council need your help with tidying up the village for the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign on Saturday 5th March. Contact Alastair Brown on 577447 for details.



Plumstead had a visitation last Sunday - not of the religious kind but a sleek Zenos sports car visiting one of our older residents! A stately drive followed, and speed was kept to a minimum! So for those car enthusiasts who missed it - I am sure it will be back in the village at some point. It is Norfolk grown and out of the Lotus stable!

There has been some talk of Old Father Valentine in the news just recently - a tradition I knew nothing about. However in the forties and fifties Plumstead's children knew all about him. Love was not the theme but fun and friendship. With no TV, computers or mobiles, the children had to create their own entertainment. Hence on February 14th, the girls and boys of the village would wrap up presents – generally sweets in newspaper. Off they would go to family and friends, knock on the door leaving the gift on the step. Quickly hiding, they then pulled a strategically placed piece of string to move the gift as the door opened. Shrieks of laughter ensued. Life was straightforward in those days!

Finally, we have a new arrival in the village - welcome to Skipper, a Springer Spaniel pup belonging to our esteemed Editor. At 18 weeks he has not only already melted many a heart but become a hero in the household by finding a mislaid pair of glasses. Where were they? On the lawn of all places. He duly retrieved them and dropped them at his master's feet. I imagine many of us long for such a champion!



Saxthorpe with Corpusty

Thur 17 3.30pm **Families Together - The Last Supper** - Village Hall
Please also see Regular Events page 5

A party took place in St Michael's Church, Plumstead, at the beginning of January for Rev Michael Banks to mark his return to helping to serve in the Benefice.

We wish Brenda and Paul Tipple many happy years of living in Aylsham.

Having experienced, for the most part, a mild, if very wet winter, one wonders if spring flowers will be available to make Mothering Sunday posies on March 6th. Perhaps, with violets in December, roses still in flower in January, snowdrops, pussy willow catkins and daffodils out in January, the posies will be composed of different flowers this year. Whichever flowers are



Judith Banks
587319



used, this is an important day in the middle of Lent to celebrate the special contribution of mothers. We all have or have had mothers, so it is a time to celebrate for all. In olden days young girls who were in service at 'The Big House', would be allowed home on Mothering Sunday and they would take with them a simnel cake they had made, with its marzipan layer in the middle, and the eleven marzipan balls on top. These represent Jesus' disciples, excluding Judas Iscariot. Once, in a parish when this explanation was given, one young member of the congregation thought this very unfair and said he was thinking about setting up a 'Judas Iscariot Fan Club'.

Now that spring is on its way and British

Summer Time begins on Easter Day, it could be a time to take up the challenge by bike or car of the Ten Parish Benefice Churches' Trail. In each church there is a free, beautifully compiled booklet with things to look for in each church. There will not be a service in St Andrew's Church every Sunday, so if you would like a lift to another church for a service, please contact Heather Monks on 587118.

Members of the Bonfire Committee have made a splendid job of clearing the debris from 2015 bonfire from the village green.

LinC (Ladies in the Community) have new officers for 2016, Liz Potter and Pam Crossland to share co-ordinator / programme planning, and Sue Worsell to be treasurer. Thanks to Liz Potter, Joyce Pemberton and Helen Bannister outgoing officers.

Suffolk Field Hedge Renovation Project – Village Hall – HELP!



The hedge which borders the field and the public footpath is in desperate need of renovation. Ivy is killing the small trees, making them top heavy, lopsided, and potentially dangerous. Also, many of these small trees have multiple stems/runners which provide water traps which have led to rotted trunks - once again endangering users of the path as well as potentially causing damage to nearby fences, sheds, and bungalows. In addition, in many places, the area is strewn with rusted multiple stranded cable which is often embedded in the trunks of the trees and what little remains of the hedge and rotted fence posts.

We have therefore started a programme of clearing all the rubbish, rampant brambles and weeds, rotted growth, posts, and cable, followed by reducing the height of trunks that should be capable of fresh growth (which will also

complement and support the new plants), and removing the ivy and runners from trees which appear to be capable of healthy growth.

Once this is completed we will prepare the ground for planting a mixed species, Woodland Trust, staggered, double row hedge with clearly indicated gaps to allow passage to and from the field - a task which will be undertaken by a professional team. The hedge plants and the planting team will be paid for by the Village Hall and, so far, the majority of the volunteers have been supplied by the Village Hall Committee.

Our aim is to prevent the destruction of the hedge and small trees on this boundary, and to preserve its use by insects, bats, birds, and other wildlife, in addition to dogs and humans thus developing a healthy, natural border to the field, which will attract wildlife and provide a pleasant pathway for its users for many years to come.

Clearly the hedge will not appear overnight and will take many years to mature. We are making an important start here and now, but we need more help since although we're making some progress, it's a big job and the planting deadline is fast approaching - any help at all for whatever time you can spare would be wonderful - we meet every Saturday morning at 10 am on the field.

Looking forward to seeing you there and many thanks for your help,

David Potter
Saxthorpe & Corpusty Village Hall Committee

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Fri 18 7.00pm Quiz & Chips - Village Hall

I have to start with apologies for those whose birthdays I missed in last month's issue: Belated birthday wishes to Richard and Anne who shared a birthday on Jan 18th, and our own Charlie who was 16 on 29th! Will do better next year.

On behalf of the PCC, Paddy has asked me to pass on the following message: "Many thanks from the PCC. You responded munificently to our request to fill the boxes with your small change, and some put in very 'BIG' change along with coppers etc... The resulting total is a huge help towards the cost of maintaining our beautiful church. Thank you very much."



Helen Goulty
570043

Welcome to Penny and Chris Lawrence who have recently moved into Park Farm Barns. We hope they are settled soon, and enjoy living in such a beautiful part of the country.

George has asked me to say a BIG thank you to Gill and Dom for their donation of seeds. These will be put to good use - and some could possibly be on sale at the annual Seed Swap/Plant Sale. Keep an eye out for further details on date.

Still watching for the long awaited Memorial bench, hopefully this will be in place soon.

Well done to Philly for organising a holiday club on Monday 15th February. It was great to see the hall being used by the youth of the village, with many youngsters enjoying bikes, scooters and lots of fresh air. It would be great to see it used like this more regularly from tinies to teens.

March birthdays are: Jane Amis who will celebrate a BIG one! She is very nimble on her feet, must be all that leaping up the verges I guess, eh Jane? Many happy returns.

There will be a Benefice Palm Sunday service at 10.30am - All welcome.

The Village Hall AGM was held on 17th Feb. The committee agreed to re-instate regular Friday night social evenings starting on Friday 22nd April. Watch out for posters.

Quiz & Chips will be on Fri 18th March - 7pm start. £6 per head, please bring your own drinks. Please contact Barbara on 577705 to book food.

Barbara raised the continuing problem of dog fouling surrounding the Village Hall. She has made a poster to deter offenders. By law if your animal fouls, then you clear it up. Bag it and Bin it at home.

Wordsearch solution from page 26

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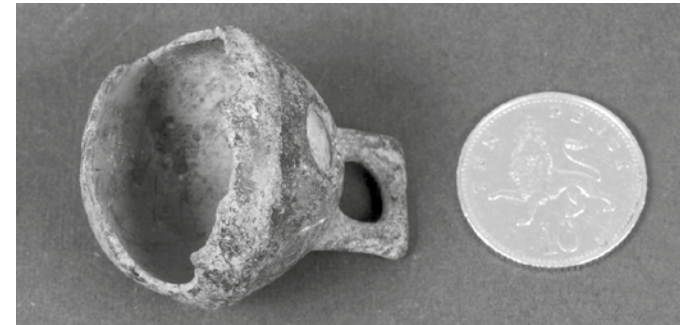
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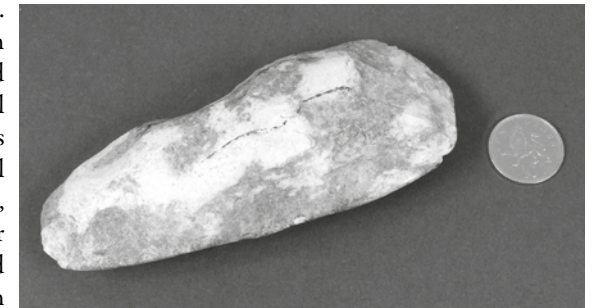
Crotal bell circa 1740-1765 (Greek 'crotalon' – a castanet or rattle)



I found this in a field in Hempstead. It is a small bell used on horse drawn vehicles to warn of their approach. They were often made of bronze with a slot cut down the side.

Neolithic Adze

I also found this in a Hempstead field. Recorded by the team at Norwich Castle, described as a part-polished adze made from chert which is not local to this area. The cutting edge appears to have been re-sharpened. The tool used for smoothing and carving wood, and the cutting edge is perpendicular to the handle. The Neolithic era started around 10,200 BC and ended between 4,500-2,000 BC.



Sharon Hannah



Button of the Northumberland Fusiliers found in his garden in Plumstead by Richard King. Does anybody know of an earlier householder who might have served in that regiment?

The regimental motto is 'Quo fata vocant', which means '(We shall go) wherever the fates call'.

What's in a Name?



Have you ever wondered how your village got its name?

Baconsthorpe

Bacon's outlying farm/settlement
Bacon was the name of a Norman land-owner

Barningham Winter

Homestead/village of Beorn's people
It was held by the Wynter family from 1375

Corpusty

Ravens' path (Raven might have been a person's name)

Edgefield

Park + open land

Hempstead

Hemp place (where hemp was grown)

Itteringham

Perhaps village of Ytri's people or village of the Ytteringas
(ie those dwelling outside)

Little Barningham

See Barningham Winter

Matlaske

Speech or assembly or council + ash-tree
Perhaps the meeting place for the hundred

Plumstead

Plum-tree place

Saxthorpe

Saxi's outlying settlement

Wickmere

Farm + pool

Wolterton

Possibly, Wulfthryth's farm/settlement
(feminine personal name)

Newsletters Past: March 1887

Baconsthorpe.—THE LENT SERVICES.—In addition to what has been already announced, the Litany will be said every Wednesday morning at 12 30. The Rector has been fortunate enough to obtain the help of the preachers whose names are printed below, and he hopes that they will not come to preach to a half-empty church. With a little effort and arrangement, most of our people could attend, and we hope that the effort will be made.

March 3rd—Rev. W. Knapton, Rector of Wiverton.
„ 10th—Rev. W. H. Marcon, Rector of Edgefield.
„ 17th—Rev. C. L. Rudd, Rector of Hempstead.
„ 24th—Rev. W. W. Mills, Rector of Aylmerton.
„ 31st—Rev. A. C. Davies, Rector of Aldborough.

These services will commence at 7 30. There will be service every evening in Holy Week, particulars of which will be announced in next month's magazine.

THE LOADSTONE CLUB.—The Annual Ploughing Match in connexion with this club took place on Shrove Tuesday, in a field kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. R. King. Twenty-four competitors entered for the nine capital prizes which were offered. Some of the ploughing was very fair, but the rest (including the Rector's furrow) was decidedly erratic. At five o'clock a move was made for the club-room, where Mrs. Webb had provided a most excellent tea, to which about thirty members sat down and did ample justice. By 7 30 the tables had been cleared away, and the room arranged for a concert, when the following programme was given :—

PART I. Piano Duet—Waltz—Mrs. H. Upcher and Mr. E. F. Upcher
Song, with violin obligato—"True till death"—Rev. A. H. Upcher
Quartet—"Robin Adair"

Violin Solo—"Liebeslied"—Mrs. H. Upcher
Reading—"Mynheer Von Wodenblock"—Rev. A. H. Upcher
Song—"Dem Golden Slippers"—Miss Hartcup
Comic Song—"Mercenary Jane"—Mr. Gaze

PART II. Piano Solo—"Mikado"—Mr. E. F. Upcher
Song—"Never mind the rest"—Rev. A. D. Spurgin
Song, with violin obligato—"Best of all"—Miss Hartcup
Dialogue—"Miss Diggle's Lodgings"—Miss Neale, Miss A. Webb, Mr. John Neale, Mr. W. King, Mr. R. Davy, and Mr. Gaze.

All Miss Hartcup's songs were very good, but the ones in which she accompanied herself on the guitar were especially well received. Mr. Gaze caused much amusement by his rendering of "Mercenary Jane." The dialogue, too, was very well done, and those who took part in it are to be much commended. In the interval between the two parts of the concert, the prizes were given away to those who had been successful in the ploughing match, by Mrs. H. Upcher.

- 1 Pair of blankets—George Frostick
- 2 Counterpane—George Hazlewood
- 3 Pair of sheets—Benjamin Skillings
- 4 Eight yards of shirting—George Annison
- 5 Steel spade and fork—David Hazlewood
- 6 Guernsey—John Dew
- 7 Shovel—E. Ramm
- 8 Pair of stockings—J. Cooper
- 9 Half-pound of tea—James Neale

The room was crowded and the atmosphere was stifling, but, nevertheless, a most enjoyable evening was spent. Our sincere thanks are due to all kind helpers.

Spring Flower Wordsearch

See how many flowers you can find in the grid.

Words can go forwards, backwards, up, down, across or diagonally.

CROCUS DAFFODIL LILAC MAGNOLIA

PANSY SNOWDROP TULIP

See page 21 for solution

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Help Your Child Stay Safe Online

The internet and phones, tablets and games consoles can be great fun for keeping in touch with mates and useful for studying but they can also leave you open to bullying, abuse and exploitation. Use the steps below to keep yourself and your friends safe.

1. Trust yourself to know when something is wrong. If someone makes you feel unsafe, pressured or frightened, follow your instincts and seek help.
2. Don't trust people you don't know, even if they seem friendly – and make sure you know who you are talking to online.
3. Never give away personal details about yourself or others, including photos and videos, or agree to meet someone who you have only talked to online. It's easy for people to create a false identity.
4. If someone asks you to do something that doesn't feel safe, think about the consequences. Even if it seems fun, it could be more dangerous than you realise.
5. Talk to your parents. They'll probably understand more about the issues that affect you than you think and can give you advice about relationships and staying safe.

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Baconsthorpe Castle by Jann Visconti

Meet the Neighbours - Gary Sillis



When Gary Sillis was 11 and wanted to grow plants as a hobby, his mother and father, Gloria and Michael (who now live in Little Barningham), bought him a small greenhouse. They were the sort of parents who encourage their children's ambitions. Their faith was justified. Now, at 40, Gary is a heartwarming success story - heartwarming because he has expanded step by step without resorting to borrowing from banks - and runs the ever expanding Edgefield Nurseries.

Gary was born in Edgefield in 1975 and went to primary school in Corpusty, then Reepham High School, the same schools attended by his son Harvey, 14, and daughter Billie, 13. His wife Jo helps with day to day office work and accounts.

When he left school at 16, Gary put up a plywood sign at the bottom of the lane to Shrubs Farm and started his own small business selling plants and flowers. When, four years later, the field where Edgefield Nurseries now stands was up for sale he bought it from his savings. Year by year since then the business has grown.

Gloria once worked in a small shed. She now bestrides a handsome brick showroom. The big glasshouse covers a third of an acre. There are two polytunnels. A new car parking area is now being built. There are 80 egg-laying chickens and 150 sheep which are sold on as eggs, chicken and lamb. He delivers flowers (which come from Holland), shrubs, trees and vegetables to florists and greengrocers across Norfolk and as far south as London. Norfolk second-homers prefer to buy bespoke from Edgefield rather than B&Q or expensive Home Counties garden centres.

His bestsellers are fuchsias, geraniums and potatoes in the summer, and pansies and wallflowers in the autumn. In December there is a flourishing trade in Christmas trees and holly wreaths. Given that Gary works a 12-hour day seven days a week there isn't much time for recreation, but he enjoys horse racing and can often be seen at Fakenham races.

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