

# Church & Village News

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October 2016



**Field Fire - Baconsthorpe**

by Emma Youngs

## Nature Watch - Dotterels



I'm writing these notes on my return from Sheringham golf course. The reason for my visit wasn't to play golf, but to see two dotterels that have been there for a couple of days. These handsome waders were stopping off to rest before continuing their journey south to their wintering grounds in North Africa. They breed in the arctic tundra regions of northern Europe and Siberia, with a few pairs also breeding in the Scottish Highlands around the Cairngorms. They are fond of areas with young cereal crops or short grass, which is why they found the golf course to their liking. In spring, one of their regular migration stop-offs are the fields around Choseley, which is just inland from Titchwell.

The female dotterel's plumage is more brightly coloured than the male's. This is because the male does the incubating and rearing of the young while the female goes in search of other males to mate with.

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## What's On

### OCTOBER

Sat 1	10.00am	<b>Corpusty Joseph Flack Retrospective</b>	Old Workshop Gallery
Sat 1	2.00pm	<b>Plumstead Village Pond Working Party</b>	Village Pond
Sun 2	11.00am	<b>Wickmere Harvest Festival</b>	Church
Mon 3	7.30pm	<b>Baconsthorpe Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting</b>	Village Hall
Wed 5	7.00pm	<b>Plumstead PCC Meeting</b>	Church Farmhouse
Fri 7	7.30pm	<b>Itteringham Harvest Festival Supper</b>	Village Hall
Wed 12	7.00pm	<b>Hempstead Play Reading</b>	Village Hall
Thur 13	7.00pm	<b>Baconsthorpe Village Hall Committee Meeting</b>	Village Hall
Fri 14	7.00pm	<b>Hempstead Quiz &amp; Meal</b>	Village Hall
Wed 19	2.00pm	<b>Corpusty LinC Clay Jewellery Workshop</b>	Village Hall
Fri 21	7.00pm	<b>Plumstead Autumn Supper &amp; Quiz</b>	Baconsthorpe Village Hall
Wed 26	2.00pm	<b>Plumstead Fungus Walk with Tony Leech</b>	St Michael's Church
Fri 28	6.00pm	<b>Wickmere Pumpkin Carving Competition</b>	Village Hall

### NOVEMBER

Mon 14	7.30pm	<b>Baconsthorpe Parish Council Meeting</b>	Village Hall
Mon 14	7.30pm	<b>Matlaske Parish Council Meeting</b>	St Peter's Church
Fri 25	7.00pm	<b>Wickmere Quiz Night</b>	Village Hall

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### Baconsthorpe Village Hall

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Tuesday during term time	10.00am - 12noon	<b>Diocesan Play Van</b> - 07918 027092
Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	<b>Carpet Bowls</b> - 711320
Last Friday	6.00pm - 11.00pm	<b>Pop-Up Pub</b>

### Corpusty Village Hall

Second and fourth Monday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	<b>Bure Valley Quilters &amp; Stitchers</b>
Second Tuesday	10.00am - 12noon	<b>Norfolk Knitters</b> £7 - 4 weeks or £2-1 week Rita Taylor 587507 K2togp1@btinternet.com
Every Thursday	10.00am - 12noon	<b>Art Group</b> Non-members £10 a session Professional artist in attendance every 3rd week
Friday during term time	9.30am - 11.30am	<b>Toddler Group</b>

### Edgefield Village Hall

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

### Hempstead Village Hall

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

### Mobile Library Van

#### 27 Oct / 24 Nov / 22 Dec

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

#### 13 Oct / 10 Nov / 8 Dec

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

#### 26 Oct / 23 Nov / 21 Dec

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

### Parish Council Meeting

### Tuesday Club

### Ladies Club

**Coffee Morning** - Jeff Witts 587661

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### Film Club

### Coffee & Gossip

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## Reflection from the Rectory



Isn't it interesting how our lives are full of cycles and seasons. There are of course the natural seasons that remind us of the turning of our planet and the relationship it has with our sun. Spring, summer, autumn and winter. The cycle of all life in our world: birth, growth, reproduction and inevitably death. The seasons of the school year and many, many others. The Church, too, has seasons and cycles. The two great cycles that make up the Church Year are the Temporal cycle which cover the festivals from Advent to Pentecost

(Whit Sunday) and the Sanctoral cycle that covers the celebration of the Saints' days, ordinary time and the pastoral celebrations such as Harvest and All Souls.

At the moment we are in ordinary time. But this isn't a dull time for the church. We are at the start of our celebration and thanksgiving for this year's harvest. A harvest not only for ourselves but also the abundance of wild food that nature produces for the wildlife all around us. It would be wrong of us to think that God only cares and provides solely for us. He doesn't. His care is over all his creation. This is something we all need to think about and maybe act upon.

Soon, we will be thinking of those who gave their lives in two world wars and what that achieved for us and our lives today. Towards the end of November our thoughts turn to those we have loved and lost as we hold our All Souls services around our benefice. And then we come to the season of Advent, and the cycle that celebrates the life and ministry of Jesus. A lot to do, and a lot to look forward to.

### Announcement

It is with mixed emotions that I am to announce that The Bishop of Ramsbury, The Right Reverend Edward Condry, has offered me the post of Priest-in-Charge in the Lavingtons, Cheverells and Easterton. With due thought and consideration not only of the parishes here but also of my family, I have accepted the post.

Rev Marion Harrison

### Church People

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	Heather Monks	587118
Wickmere	Tony Hurn	577309

## Church Services for October

Midweek Service Wednesdays 9.00am Little Barningham

**2<sup>nd</sup> Trinity 19** Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4 / PSALM 37:1-9 / 2 Timothy 1:1-14 / Luke 17:5-10

9.15	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Little Barningham
9.15	Holy Communion <i>CW TL</i>	Hempstead
11.00	Matins	Barningham Winter
11.00	Family Service	Wickmere

**9<sup>th</sup> Trinity 20** 2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c / PSALM 111 / 2 Timothy 2:8-15 / Luke 17:11-19

9.15	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Itteringham
11.00	A Wild Harvest	Hempstead
11.00	Holy Communion <i>CW TL</i>	Edgefield

**16<sup>th</sup> Trinity 21** Genesis 32:22-31 / PSALM 121 / 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 / Luke 18:1-8

8.00	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Wickmere
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Baconsthorpe
11.00	Morning Prayer	Plumstead
11.00	Morning Prayer	Little Barningham
3.00	Harvest Festival and Baptism	Itteringham

**23<sup>rd</sup> Bible Sunday** Isaiah 42:22-end / PSALM 119:129-136 / Romans 15:1-6 / Luke 4:16-24

9.15	Family Service	Edgefield
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Matlaske
11.00	Morning Prayer	Itteringham
11.00	Harvest Festival Holy Communion	Saxthorpe

**30<sup>th</sup> All Saints** Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 / PSALM 149 / Ephesians 1:11-end / Luke 6:20-31

10.30	All Benefice Service	Itteringham
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*CW* = Common Worship    *BCP* = Book of Common Prayer    *TL* = Traditional Language

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm - All Souls Service - Saxthorpe**

**9<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am - Little Barningham Community Sunday**

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## Baconsthorpe

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Thur 13 7.00pm **Village Hall Committee Meeting** - Village Hall

### 200 Club September

£25 M Rowel, £10 E Youngs, £5 J Cooper, Lizzie Jordan



Corinne Youngs  
577263

### Village Hall News

The recent Chandler Green night was a huge success with lots of laughter and great music. A big thank you to John and Mike and to the volunteers who made the evening possible. You know who you are! Here's to the next time!

### Wanted: Ideas & Volunteers

The Village Hall Committee is looking for volunteers and ideas to help with forthcoming events – Halloween, Guy Fawkes, Christmas and a variety of monthly attractions. Should you wish to participate, please contact Susan Belbin on 577474. We look forward to hearing from you.

### Allotments

There will be allotments, of various sizes, available in Baconsthorpe in the near future. You do not need to live in Baconsthorpe to have an allotment - they are available to anyone. If you are interested in having an allotment please e-mail [baconsthorpeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:baconsthorpeparishcouncil@gmail.com) for further information.

### Pop-up-Pub

This month's pop-up pub will be Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October when fish pie will be on the menu.

### Congratulations

Tracey, Adrian and family would like to say congratulations to Daniel Watts and Laura Amis who were married on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at Trunch Church. Although the rain poured down all day, it failed to spoil this wonderful occasion. Best wishes for the future go to Daniel and Laura from all their friends in Baconsthorpe.

Welcome to Kyra and Kieron and their little boy Kaiden, also Bella the dog, who have come to live in The Pyghtle.

Best wishes to Terry Blackall, we all wish him well following his recent slight stroke.

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The forecast for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September was dismal, and none of us anticipated any significant turn-out for the Annual Bike Ride, but we were pleasantly surprised by fourteen very wet people signing in at St Mary the Virgin, Barningham Winter, and seventeen at St Peter, North Barningham. A big thank you to all those stalwarts who have helped to support the Norfolk Churches Trust and all of our local churches this year. We must hope for better weather next time.



Sara Buxton  
577207

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September, a Communion Service was held in the redundant church of St Peter, North Barningham. It was a lovely, sunny morning and sixteen people came to join in a very traditional early morning service. Many thanks to the Rev Michael Cartwright who not only took the service but also provided a musical accompaniment to the hymns. It was good to see him back in action and in good form again. The church came alive to the sound of hymns.

A huge debt of gratitude is overdue to the Rev Brian Faulkner, who gallantly stepped out of retirement and into the breach to help us over the period of transition from being a close-knit Benefice of five small parishes, to becoming part of a large Benefice of ten, and also to the Rev Michael Banks, once our House for Duty priest and our close neighbour in the Matlaske Rectory, and then our more distant neighbor in Saxthorpe. Over the years he has been a continuing presence and support to many. We wish them both long and happy lives in retirement and hope that they may occasionally be willing to take a service for us.

## Edgefield

### Church News

Laura Kennedy-Smith and Ross Harrison were married in the church on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Laura used to live here, and worked with Gary at The Pigs when a teenager. She and her mother have always loved the church, and really filled it with flowers. It looked great.



Richard Peaver  
587486

Alison and Iain Mawson set off on the Norfolk Churches Bike Ride on a horrible wet day, and managed to visit 15 churches! It was a truly noble effort, and we are very grateful. Thank you to everyone who manned the church throughout the day. It was rather quiet at times, but we did have thirteen visitors.

We had a perfect summer evening for our time in the old churchyard on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>. Marion said some prayers for those buried there, who include two Marcon forebears of Canon Walter Marcon who instigated moving the church to its present position. We then had an excellent barbecue as a 'thank-you' for all the brilliant people who have cleared the graveyard over this summer. It looks better than it has done for years. Mind you, it was those self-same people who provided the food that evening, and Colin and Dee Scoles and Richard Peaver were excellent at the cooking! I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.

If someone has borrowed two white jugs from the church kitchen, please will they return them? If someone has stolen them, I hope they feel guilty for stealing from a church for the rest of their lives. It's disgraceful.

We now look forward to our Harvest Festival.

Angela Turner

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Jim Frost

## Hempstead

Wed 12 7.00pm **Play Reading**- Village Hall  
Fri 14 7.00pm **Hempstead Quiz & Meal** - Village Hall

### 200 Club

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Sharon Hannah  
711769

### Play Reading

The play reading on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October will be preceded by refreshments served at 7pm. The reading itself starts at 7.30pm If you are interested, please ring Su Summers on 710702.

### Hempstead Quiz & Meal

A choice of hot food will be served before the quiz starts at 7pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets £7 per person from Tony Collier on 713004.

### Hempstead Arts



Many thanks to all who supported Hempstead Arts last month. There was a fine array of pictures, pottery, glass and sculptures, supported by light lunches and teas. A record £1600 was raised for Hempstead church. If you missed it, there will always be next year's event to look forward to. The church wardens would like to thank all those who helped with the setting-up of the event. This is my third year as a visitor to the arts and I really enjoy

the atmosphere of the village hall. The choice of local creativity is astonishing. Art should not be just for a select few, but for everyone to be able to afford and enjoy!

### Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride

For once the weather forecast was right - rain, at times heavy, most of the day. But this did not deter our intrepid cyclists who all set off as promised. And despite everyone getting pretty well soaked it was still an enjoyable day, with interesting churches visited and welcome refreshments on

offer in many of them to keep up the spirits. Congratulations and thanks to fellow cyclists Holly and Jenna Mitchell, Kobe Graver, Tom Massingham, Matilda, Delilah, Beau-Jessica, Buster, Bruce and Sharon Hannah, Su and Ian Summers, and Charles Inglis. And thank you to all those who so generously sponsored us. Donations are still being collected - result in next issue.

Yvette Gibson

## Itteringham

Fri 7 7.30pm **Harvest Festival Supper** Village Hall

### Harvest Festival Supper

Your Majesty, Madame Prime Minister, Visiting Heads Of State, My Lords, Ladies And Gentlemen but particularly All Persons Of This Parish Of Itteringham and others who would wish to join us for the very special annual Harvest Festival Supper at your village hall on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm are cordially invited to book your tickets with Matt and Helen Skinner (Tel 584237) at £14 per head. There will be a licensed bar and proceeds of the evening will go to the church and the village hall. This is your personal invitation. You are welcome.



Eric Goodman  
587278



It is not entirely clear why they had to perform the task outside the perimeter in the dead of night but it was decidedly unwise. No remains have been found. Hyenas are vicious, voracious and powerful and the two men, local but employed on the dig should have known the risks. Other dangers faced were more wild animals, arab insurgents and intestinal bugs one of which afflicted Bruddy Barker although now ejected. The virgin

dig was funded by the British Museum, Oxford and Harvard Universities and others and is centred around Tigray in North East Africa close to the Eritrean border. The most important find was the skeleton of a mid-aged woman (100 to 1000 BC) lying on her side apparently peering into a hand mirror with cosmetic instruments around her. She wears glass beads and a diadem head dress. A breast plate and 37 intact decorated pottery vessels, perhaps relating to her trade of 'beautician', in modern parlance (this is supposition) were also found. Two exquisite and perfect glass cone-shaped, decorated vessels appeared (late 100s' AD). The dig resumes April 2017. More as it happens but there may soon be a website to access.

Scarlet (senior manager at your village shop) was married to Ed, her longtime partner on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August. She is struck down with a chesty infection at the time of writing. Get well soon. We hope to have pictures of the day for the next issue. Have a very happy one.

James Fowell and Brigid Neville have resigned from The Village Hall Committee. Their places are filled but more help is always welcomed. More details later

### Village Shop Opening Hours

Opening hours for your Village Shop are now 9.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.00 am to 4.00pm on Sundays (not as stated in the shop advertisement).

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The restoration of the phone box is at last begun.

## Little Barningham

Sat 1 7.00pm **Casserole Evening** Village Hall

Our churchyard is looking very spruced up at the moment, with the areas of grass which are allowed to grow long for most of the year now trimmed and cleared by the workers on the Community Pay Back Scheme. They have done a great job, and Mike has burned the trimmings. It was very hot work on the very humid days of 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September.



Derek Wintle  
570097

Mike has taken away the Church notice board which had rotted and fallen down. He is getting it replaced.

The Royal British Legion will be coming to our Remembrance service in November. It is always good to see a good attendance to this service.

Mrs Violet Abbs is at last nearer home, having been in hospital in West Norfolk for so long. She has now moved into St Michael's Court in Aylsham, and is looking cheered to be nearer her family.

There will be a table top sale in the village hall provisionally on the 19<sup>th</sup> November. Look out for more news.

Pam has appreciated all the support and good wishes given to her regarding trouble with her eye. She should be home and recovering from the op. by the time you read this.

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### Apology

Very sorry to our local band Threescore who we tried to age by a staggering 20 years by calling them Fourscore in last month's magazine! Their beautiful CD *Travels & Dreams* is available from Pete on 577794.



Marion Shepherd  
577521

Welcome to Melissa who has moved into New Cottage. We hope she will be very happy living in Matlaske.

### Happy Birthday

Congratulations go to Mrs Mary Hook who celebrated her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Mary lived at Jubilee Cottage for many years, where the Fête teas until this year were held in her garden. Earlier this year she moved to Whitehaven Residential Home in Sheringham.

### Beware

So-called BT scammers are about. If you have caller display, the number comes up as 01242 513504 or International. They will tell you that your router is giving out error messages. If you call the number back it is nonexistent. BT are aware of this and are trying to disconnect this number. Visit BT's website to read about their new scheme 'Blacklist' aimed at blocking nuisance calls and find out how to register your interest.

### Help Needed

The 1<sup>st</sup> Corpusty & Saxthorpe Brownies desperately need someone to help out at their group. Meetings are on a Tuesday at 5.45pm - 7.15pm, school term time only. If you can help or you know someone who would be interested in helping, please contact Alison on 587236 or e-mail [alisonmawson@hotmail.com](mailto:alisonmawson@hotmail.com). Any help will be greatly appreciated.

## Plumstead

Sat 1	2.00pm	<b>Village Pond Working Party</b> - Village Pond
Wed 5	7.00pm	<b>PCC Meeting</b> - Church Farmhouse
Fri 21	7.00pm	<b>Autumn Supper &amp; Quiz</b> - Baconsthorpe Village Hall
Wed 26	2.00pm	<b>Fungus Walk with Tony Leech</b> - St Michael's Church



Mary Lintott  
577718

I am aware that many of my contributions over the past months have been about raising money for the Church Repair Fund. However, we have had fun, interesting talks and time to socialise along the way. I make no apology for that. It has been a successful campaign so far and I know that the PCC and particularly Eleanor, who has instigated all the events, are extremely grateful for your generosity helping to ensure that the Church remains a solid building in our midst. Thank you.

### Fungus Evening

Over 30 of us congregated in the church on a mild September evening to be led into the underworld of mushrooms and toadstools by Tony Leech. It is a place of mysterious shapes and myths. He explained how these remarkable organisms, which are more related to animals than plants, play such a vital role in nature. He finished by identifying a number of specimens brought by the audience and we left more knowledgeable, but still a little wary! An immensely entertaining talk raised £211 towards the Church Repair Fund.

### Fungus Walk

Following the success of the talk, we are hosting a Fungus Walk with Tony Leech October 26<sup>th</sup> 2pm (approx 2 hours) meet at the church. Tickets £5 each. Please email Eleanor on [faulkneereleanor@gmail.com](mailto:faulkneereleanor@gmail.com) to book.

### Bike Ride

Some brave souls ventured out on their bikes for the Annual Church Bike Ride last month. It was the first real rain we had had for weeks, and I salute those who donned their waterproof kit and raised money. Mervyn Gibbons, on the other hand, was lucky enough to raise his share (£105) in the comfort of his own home! Many thanks to those who sponsored the riders. The full amount raised will be published in the next Newsletter.



The next date for a working party at the Village Pond is Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2-3pm.

PCC Meeting October 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm Church Farmhouse

### Autumn Supper & Quiz

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October we hold our Autumn Supper & Quiz at Baconsthorpe Village Hall. All welcome 7 - 9.30pm. Tickets £7.50 - bar available for your liquid refreshments. There will be a quiz and a raffle in aid of church roof repairs. For further information about tickets please contact Steve or Carolyn on 577236. Make sure you book your tickets soon and get up on your general knowledge - you might win the quiz prize!

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## Saxthorpe with Corpusty

Sat 1 10.00am **Joseph Flack Retrospective** - Old Workshop Gallery  
Wed 19 2.00pm **LinC Resin Clay Jewellery Workshop** - Village Hall



Judith Banks  
587319

Joyce wishes me to change a fact which I gleaned from one of her many friends. She says she would not be daft enough to adjust the TV aerial on the roof of her home, though she may have adjusted the set-top aerial in her sitting room!



Friends gathered for a Farewell Tea at Imogen and Merlin Waterson's, where a card and gift were given to Joyce, who responded with a poem which included the line 'When I get Old! That says it all.

Many congratulations to Natasha Louisa Edwards and Adam Smith, who were married on 10<sup>th</sup> September at St Andrew's Church. The drizzle, then rain, did not dampen the couple's obvious happiness. A beautiful bride, daughter of Carol and Mick Edwards of Little London, and a handsome groom from

Norwich enjoyed a great celebration of their special day. The church bells rang out before and after the ceremony.

Andrea Bell writes: "Naomi and I would like to thank everyone who was involved in running the Station Café, and especially the customers! We raised in total over £1000, which will be divided between the two charities: Attention Deficit Disorder Norfolk and Get Me out of the Four Walls. You never know - we might be back next year!"

If there is an adult willing to help with the Corpusty Brownies, please contact Alison Mawson on 587236.

The rain did not stop many riders, walkers and petrol-powered visitors to the churches in the area for the Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike ride. Well done for battling the elements.

St Andrew's Church is planning another Christmas Tree Festival on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December, 10am - 5pm, except on the 11<sup>th</sup> when there is Morning Service at 11.0 until 12 noon. Trees will be provided, and the dressing of them will be on 8<sup>th</sup> December from 9am - 5pm. If your group, club or business would like to showcase your activities by dressing a tree, please contact Heather Monks 587118 or Judith Banks 587319. All funds raised will go to St Andrew's Church. More details next month.

Three carrier bags full of spent printer cartridges were delivered to the East Anglian Air Ambulance hanger, and were very gratefully received. So to everyone who has given in the past, thank you. Please continue to bring them to Corpusty Stores, where Val and Peter very generously find room for their storage.

There will be no Families Together in October because of half-term.

The Joseph Flack Retrospective continues from 1<sup>st</sup> October until 16<sup>th</sup> October: Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sundays 12noon - 5pm.



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## Wickmere with Wolterton

Sun 2 11.00am **Harvest Festival** - Church  
Fri 28 6.00pm **Pumpkin Carving Comp & Fancy Dress** - Village Hall

How lovely has the weather been at the end of this summer? We have certainly been treated to some exceptionally warm weather, something you start to get used to, then the real temperatures arrive and it feels a bit nippy!! Hey ho. October is a lovely month. The leaves start to change colour, on misty mornings the cobwebs are in full glistening display. The mornings and evenings are darkening, and shortly there will be the sound of the skeins of geese flying over, signalling the onset of autumn/winter.



Helen Gouly  
570043

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August, the Annual Rounders Match was held at Beck Farm. Many thanks to those hardy souls who turned out for a very enjoyable afternoon. It stayed dry and the pitch was almost 'obstacle' free!! There were only a couple of fielders/runners who found them... Both innings were played before retiring for tea this year. Well done to Lesley on her inaugural stand as Churchwarden, coming in as victor at 14-12. There was some great fielding and huge hits on both sides. Thank you very much to Philida and Tony once again for their hospitality. Philida has mentioned that £81 was raised from donations towards church funds. Put the date in your diary for next year: Bank Holiday Sunday, see you there.



A PCC meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> September. It was decided that Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 11am. We hope to hold another Service of Light in December, the date for which will be in the next issue.

At the Village Hall meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September, the following events were arranged: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Pumpkin carving competition, fancy dress and BBQ at the Village Hall. Children and adults are welcome to dress up and get involved. This coincides with the regular monthly social evening. Watch for posters and flyers for times. Another Friday night social evening will be on 25<sup>th</sup> November: Quiz Night, with soup and rolls. Richard will be your quiz master.

On soggy Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, the Churches Bike Ride got underway. Well done to the many hardy (mad!) souls who braved the inclement weather to raise money for their churches. Well done to Bob and Ed, who visited 34 Churches and cycled over 40 miles on that soggy day. They stand to raise over £260 from their generous sponsors. The percentage to St Andrew's will be relayed by Paddy later in the year. The only disappointment on the day was the amount of churches that were not open even though they were listed as taking part.

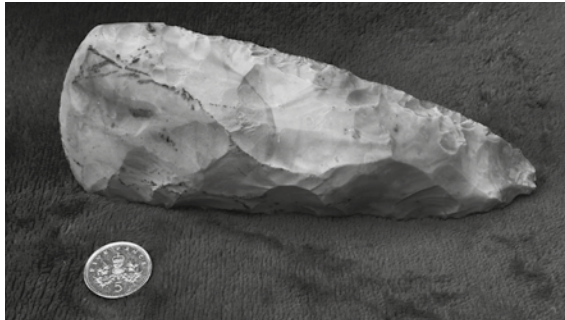
The very best of luck to Tom and Robert Riches on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October, when they will both be taking part in a triathlon locally. More details on their results next issue. Wickmere's equivalent of the Brownlee brothers...Good luck, guys!

Belated birthday wishes to Ted for last month. Happy birthday to honorary Wickmere resident Teddy Amis, whose birthday is on the 15<sup>th</sup>.



## History Watch

This stunning Neolithic piece was found in Hempstead and is my favourite find of all. Britain during this time (4000-2350 BC) was heavily forested, and the axe allowed the clearing of areas so that communities might use and farm the land in a way not used before. Axes could also be for ritual use, and to own a highly prized (and often highly polished) axe head would have given the owner prestige within a community. In the same location I have found thirty other pieces (all recorded by the Norwich castle portable antiquities scheme) and this would indicate a Neolithic community thriving in Hempstead!



Sharon Hannah

## Norfolk Notes



The nights are drawing in, the curtains are being shut extra early, and we will soon have crisp and cooler days. Pumpkins, morning mist and Halloween are just a few things to look forward to at this time of year, and with this month's spooky festivities looming it is a good time to revisit some of North Norfolk's ghost stories.

One of the most famous of our haunted places is Blickling Hall, near Aylsham. Anne Boleyn is said to roam the estate, often in headless form, and her father, Sir Thomas, is also believed to make the odd appearance. Anne's ghost is also rumoured to haunt Baconsthorpe Castle.

In Sheringham it is said that the cries of mariners who perished in the waters can be heard off the coast. They are known as the 'Yow Yows'. In Blakeney, according to legend, there lives an array of creatures in the network of tunnels

beneath the village: bird-like fairies, known as 'hyter sprites', who kidnap badly behaved children.

In Happisburgh, there have been reports of a legless sailor, known by locals as the Happisburgh Torso. And the ghostly Whistler of Weybourne, believed to be smuggler John Smythe, is said to visit when the moon is full and dusk is drawing in.

But perhaps Norfolk's most famous spooky legend is the seven-footed ghost-dog, Black Shuck, whose reputation is kept alive in the names of pubs, running groups, a rock song, and even a brand of locally produced gin. Black Shuck's legend has haunted East Anglia for centuries, and it probably inspired Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Hound of the Baskervilles.

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## Meet the Neighbours - Laura Hampton



Laura Hampton's home is between Corpusty and Wood Dalling, but she spends most of her time overseas. It's not that she doesn't love our corner of North Norfolk, where she was born, brought up and educated: when she is here, she travels mostly on foot or by bicycle, so that she can fully enjoy the natural world around her. "If I had a car, I don't think I would engage with the countryside," she says. "I like to stop to smell the flowers or watch the animals and birds." But early in a career that began in conventional journalism, she took time out to qualify

as a yacht master, spent two years on sailing expeditions in Antarctica, and "fell in love with the wilderness". Laura the radio and television journalist ("I worked for a while for Radio North Norfolk – the only thatched radio station in Europe!") became Laura the Explorer, a nick-name that is as charming as it is apt.

Now, Laura combines her experience as a professional sailor and as a multi-media journalist, and she specialises in science and adventure. She has worked for the BBC nationally and locally, and contributes to journals including *Yachting World* and *New Scientist*. Her recent work includes pieces about the discovery of never-before-seen creatures at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean's Mariana Trench, and the disappearance of sharks from the North Sea caused by human activity. And last April, she flew out to the remote scientific research station on Lizard Island, to report on the dramatic degradation by climate change of Australia's Great Barrier Reef. To read it is to see how passionate she is about the need to protect the seas she loves.

Her passion is infectious, and she wants it to be. She is determined that people should know how the millions of tons of waste plastic that end up in the ocean are destroying the environment, and how we are consuming natural resources faster than they can be replaced. "It makes me sad when people don't care enough about the natural world," she says.

What makes her happy is that her work gives her an opportunity to share her love for nature with a global audience. "Not many people can visit Antarctica in person," she says, "but I like to think they can do so through me."

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