Church & Village News

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March 2017



St Mary's Church, Baconsthorpe by Emma Youngs

AGEWISE

5th April 10.00am - 2.00pm FREE Event promoting Living Well & Maintaining Independence FREE tea/coffee and cake per person ACT Centre on St Michael's Avenue, Aylsham, NR11 6YA

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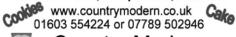
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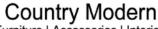
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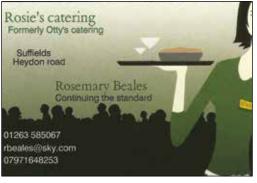




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Fri 3	10.30am	Hempstead Coffee & Gossip	Village Hall
Sat 4	10.30am	Plumstead Spring Clean	Village
Wed 8	3.00pm	Corpustry Hornsea Project Consultation	Village Hall
Thur 9	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe PC Fundraising Quiz Night	Village Hall
Fri 10	10.30am	Matlaske Fête Meeting	Old Hall Barn
Fri 10	7.00pm	Edgefield Quiz Night	Village Hall
Wed 15	2.00pm	Corpusty LinC	Village Hall
Thur 16	3.30pm	Corpusty Families Together - Unforgiving Servant	Village Hall
Sat 18	7.00pm	Edgefield Irish Night	Village Hall
Mon 20	7.30pm	Baconsthorpe Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tues 21	2.00pm	Barningham Winter PCC AGM Manor Farm, North	Barningham
Sat 25	10.00am	Corpusty Spring Fayre	Village Hall

APRIL

Sat 1	10.00am	Little Barningham Thank You Barts Co	ffee Morning	Village Hall
Thur 6	7.00pm	Plumstead Talk by Tony Leech		Church
Sat 8	7.30pm	Baconsthorpe Bethany Marshall		Village Hall
Mon 17	10.00am	Hempstead Coffee, Cake and Easter	Egg Hunt	Church
Wed 19	2.00pm	Corpusty LinC		Village Hall
Wed 19	7.00pm	Saxthorpe St Andrew's Church AGM	Л	Church
Thur 20	3.30pm	Corpusty Families Together - 6th Bir	thday Party	Village Hall
Tue 25	10.00am	Baconsthorpe Plant Swap & Sale	The	Old Rectory
Sat 29	12noon	Plumstead Spring Fayre	Baconsthorp	e Village Hall

Clash Diary 2017

Please e-mail your dates to Corinne Youngs corinne@avyoungs.com

May	12	Matlaske Quiz	Sept	2-3	Hempstead Arts
•	17	Baconsthorpe Bingo	-	8	Plumstead Quiz & Supper
June	17	Plumstead BBQ		15-17	North Barningham Concert
•	24	Baconsthorpe Fête	Oct	6	Matlaske Quiz
July	5	Matlaske Coffee Morning			Baconsthorpe Quiz
	29	Matlaske Village Fête	Dec	3	Matlaske Christmas Party
Aug	6	Hempstead Fête			•

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Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Carpet Bowls - 711320
First Thursday	12noon	Soup & Cake
Last Friday	6.00pm - 11.00pm	Pop-Up Pub

Corpusty Village Hall

Second and fourth Monday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Bure Valley Quilters & Stitchers
Tuesdays during term time	5.45pm - 7.15pm	Brownies
Second Tuesday	10.00am - 12noon	Norfolk Knitters £7 - 4 weeks or £2-1 week
		Rita Taylor 587507 K2togp1@btinternet.com
First and third Thursday	10.00am - 12noon	Art Group Non-members £10 a session
•		Professional artist in attendance every 3rd week

9.30am - 11.30am Toddler Group

Edgefield Village Hall

Friday during term time

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

Hempstead Village Hall

Tuesday 10.00am Third Wednesday (not Dec) 7.30pm

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Edgefield	3.15	NR24 2AX	The Street			
	3.40	NR24 2AL	The Memorial			

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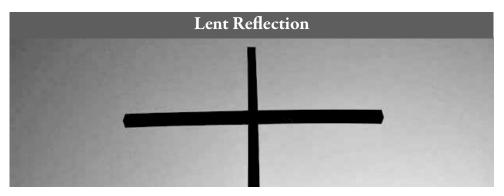
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In like a lion, out like a lamb, or vice versa? The month of March passes through the season of Lent along the path to the cross when we shall hear again of the ministry of Jesus. The work He achieved in the transformation of many lives, and also the malicious work of those who were totally opposed to His Word. We shall be reminded of Jesus's suffering and of His compassionate love to all he reached out to. A love which was embodied in His suffering and death, as He released us from sin and procured our salvation.

During Lent we are called to meditate on these things: to assess our lives; to acknowledge our flaws; to seek the healing presence of God in His Son; to renew our desire for a personal relationship with Jesus. The discipline of Bible reading and prayer-time every day for six weeks can be hard if we are not used to spending that level of time with our Lord.

It is a popular concept, even among those who are not particularly spiritual, to give something up for lent, but is it to deepen our spiritual health or to benefit us physically? Many years ago I remember all the girls in the office where I worked, willingly giving up sweets, of which many were usually consumed. We bought and shared our usual quantities, but put them by until the end of Lent. These were parcelled up and given to any folk we knew who could do with a treat. It was an admirable exercise, but I doubt many of us really understood the deeper meaning of Lent.

Are we willing to make a disciplined promise to give more time on a daily basis to Jesus during Lent? If there is a Lent Group available, it is well worth sharing Lent with others, growing together in the knowledge of Jesus and our salvation. And after Lent, perhaps a new joy in the Lord and the awakenig of a new desire to serve Him.

May Lent this year be a rich and blessed time for us all.

Gill Peat, Lay Minister

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9.00 Holy Communion at Saxthorpe Ash Wednesday March 1st & March 15th

5 th Lent 1				
9.15	Family Service	Edgefield		
9.15	Holy Communion BCP	Baconsthorpe		
11.00	Morning Prayer	Plumstead		
12th Lent 2				
9.15	Holy Communion CW TL	Hempstead		
11.00	Morning Praise	Saxthorpe		
19 th Lent 3				
9.15	Holy Communion BCP	Matlaske		
11.00	Holy Communion TL	Edgefield		
26 th Mothering Sunday				
9.15	Holy Communion CW	Plumstead		
11.00	Matins	Baconsthorpe		
11.00	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Saxthorpe		
2 nd Lent 5				
9.15	Family Service	Edgefield		
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Barningham Winter		
11.00	Matins	Hempstead		

Church People

CW = Common Worship

Lay Minister Gill Peat 734226 AWA Judy Rosser Church Wardens Baconsthorpe Tessa McCosh 577611 Barningham Winter Amelia Courtauld 577250 Edgefield Emma Cletheroe 587049 Angela Turner 587292 713656 Hempstead Ann Udale 710702 Su Summers Matlaske Thomas Courtauld 577250 Plumstead Eleanor Faulkner 577868 Saxthorpe Merlin Waterson 587610 Heather Monks 587118

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Baconsthorpe

Thur 9 7.00pm Quiz Night with Supper - Village Hall Mon 20 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall

200 Club

£25 Sue Turley, £10 John Wells, £5 Pat Abbs, Alfie Blake

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Corinne Young

Melanie Faulkes

It is with great sadness that y

It is with great sadness that we have to report that Melanie died on Saturday 11th 3//263 February after a 3 year battle with ill health. Melanie was born in 1972, grew up and went to school in Baconsthorpe. Following secondary school in Sheringham she went to work at the Shirehorse Centre in West Runton. After this she became manager of the First Choice dress shop in Cromer. About 20 years ago Melanie and Rob moved to Mill Lane in Plumstead where she loved living surrounded by wildlife and the countryside. During this time Ben, now 16, was born. It is a great tragedy that she died at such a young age and our prayers and thoughts go to her parents, Brian and Lily and to Rob and Ben.

Ray (Jimmy) Smith

The family of Jimmy Smith would like to thank everyone who came to pay their final respects to him last month (January 3^{rd}) at Baconsthorpe church.

Jimmy spent most of his life in Baconsthorpe where he grew up as a child, attending the local school, and eventually settling down to married life and fatherhood at Tuppeny Grove. For 60 years, he was devoted husband to Dot, who he lost in 2013. Later in life the family moved to Cromer where they enjoyed a few happy years becoming part of the small community in which they lived. Jimmy loved sports, especially darts and boxing when he was younger. He would often be found watching something or other, from football to motor racing, on the TV. He also thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the family, especially his daughter Carolyn and son-in-law Martin. The thing that gave him one of the biggest pleasures in later life was spending time with his great-grandsons Adam and James. He especially loved it when one of them would sit on his lap and listen to him read a book. His passing has left a big gap in the family's lives and they are grateful for everyone's kind words and cards of sympathy. Rest in peace Jimmy.

Pop-Up Pub

The next Pop-Up Pub will be on Friday 31st March - supper will be Graves Rare Breed Sausages.

Dragon Fly - Found in Baconsthorpe

Silver metal dragonfly found, possibly part of a brooch. Tel: 01732 446226

Thursday 9th March - Quiz Night

There will be a Quiz Night in the village hall to help raise funds for the speed awareness camera. The quiz will start at 7pm and supper will be served in the middle. Tickets £5.00 a head - please bring your own drinks and ring Emma on 577263 to book your seats.

Soup & Cake Lunch

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Village Hall News

Dinner with a Twist - A great evening was had by all at this "new" event. The men hosted the ladies, and (by and large!) did the whole thing themselves. A lovely three course meal was laid on, with Bryant Thurtell providing a masterclass in the kitchen, ably assisted by his attractive assistant, Peter Cope. The hall looked a treat, and the evening was rounded off with a very amusing party piece delivered by Richard Newton, sage of Langham. This event will definitely be repeated next year, on a limited numbers basis, so keep your ears open!

Bethany Marshall - Saturday 8th April - 7.30pm

Bethany, an established and very sought after young singer, specialising in 50s and 60s popular music, including numbers from West End Musicals. We are very lucky to have secured Bethany for our village hall entertainment as she is now booked up for the rest of the year! Tickets are £6 each from Evelyn on 577315 or £7.50 on the door. Refreshments will be available at the interval.

Date for your Diary

Baconsthorpe Village Fête Saturday 24th June from 2.30pm at the village hall.

Susan Belbin

Barningham Winter

Tue 21 2.00pm Annual PCC Meeting - Manor Farm, North Barningham

The funeral of Mrs Mary Hook took place on Wednesday, 8th February at St Mary's Church, Barningham Winter. The church was filled with family and friends with the Reverend Michael Banks taking the service. Mrs Hook was a loyal member of the church making the lovely cloth for the alter and she was a member of the PCC.for many, many years and she will be greatly missed by us all. She had a wonderful memory and, of course, had seen so much in her lifetime. She was



Sara Buxton 577207

always a cheerful supporter with everything in our little community. After the service a tea party was held at Barningham Hall hosted by Mr and Mrs Thomas Courtauld.

We send our condolences to Mrs Hilary Gibbons and the family of Mr Viv Gibbons who has recently died. Mr Gibbons was the manager at Dairy Farm, Barningham for many years.

The Annual meeting of Barningham PCC. will take place on Tuesday 21st March at 2pm at Manor Farm, North Barningham.



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Church News

It feels as if spring is just round the corner and if you have time, the snowdrops usually carpet the ground around the old churchyard and are lovely to see. This has been made possible by the working party to keep it tidy and many thanks go to them for all their hard work. We have also had the church car park hedge cut and some tree trimming recently done. Thanks go to everyone involved.



Richard Peaver 587486

The ever-popular Quiz in aid of Church funds will take place once again this year, on Friday 10th March at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Tickets at £7.50 (which includes fish and chips and coffee or tea) can be obtained from any member of the PCC, or the Ross family. Emma Cletheroe

Village Hall News

The next event at the Village Hall is our ever-popular Irish Night. Starting at 7.00pm on Saturday 18th March with an Irish stew and pudding, the rest of the evening will be spent dancing to music played by Compass Moon, who have royally entertained us in the past.. There will be a licensed bar and tickets are £10 per head, available from me on 587110 or Dawn Hulbert on 587379. This event always sells out, so book early to avoid disappointment. Jim Frost

Hempstead

Fri 3 10.30am Coffee & Gossip - Village Hall

200 Club

£25 M Thody, £10 I Summers, £5 R Piccoli, C Sewell, A Price

Village Stall

Su Summers would like to thank all who have contributed to the village stall by donating and buying plants and produce over the last eight years. Over that time £2,080.97 has been raised which has been divided between the village hall and the church. The stall is now closed, but if anyone feels moved to do something similar, and would like

to discuss such a project, Su would be happy to talk to them (710702) about it.

Sharon Hannah 711769

Norfolk Venda

Michele has been in touch to say that the money that was raised at our Venda church service and charity lunch last summer has been spent on providing pencils and pens for every child in ten schools in the Venda region of South Africa. She recalls visiting schools there where only some of the children were able to write anything down because of the lack of these basic writing tools, so hopes everyone will understand how important a gift this is for the children. Many thanks to you all. We will be repeating our Venda Sunday service and charity lunch again this summer.

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The City of London Sinfonia came to Holt Primary School and four Hempstead children were lucky enough to be part of the exciting strings ensemble. They enjoyed very much the star guests who gave advice and taught the weekly orchestra for a one off special. The Sinfonia also played at St Andrew's church on Saturday 11th February. I attended the concert which was absolutely out of this world. Thank you to all those who made this possible and well done Freya Taylor, Kelci Taylor, Beau-Jessica Hannah and Matilda Hannah for your enthusiasm for the City of London Sinfonia!!



Matlaske

10.30am Fête Meeting - Old Hall Barn Fri 10

100 Club

£25 M&C Courtauld, £10 Roger Legge, £5 Jeff Lander

Apologies

To Threescore for putting the wrong amount in last month's newsletter. The sum Marion Shepherd that went to EACH was in fact £600.



Mary Hook

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our oldest parishioner Mary of Jubilee Cottage, who died on the 22nd January aged 103. Mary was born in Upper Sheringham and spent her childhood in Baconsthorpe before moving with her husband John to Matlaske in the 1930s, where her only child Maureen was born. Mary lived in Matlaske for over 80 years, as a bride, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a loyal member of the church, serving on the PCC into her late 90s and had many friends of all ages throughout the village. These friends were a great source of strength, support and joy enabling her to live at home until she was 102 years old. Mary moved to Whitehaven, Sheringham in last months of her life where she was cared for and cherished, making new friends and treasuring old ones. She will be greatly missed by family and friends, into whose lives she brought sunshine, warmth and laughter. Her funeral was held on 8th February at St Marys Church, Barningham Winter where she is now reunited with her husband.

Fête Meeting

A small group of people have been getting together to discuss this years fête. If you believe you can support and contribute to these meetings then please come along and share your ideas. The next meeting is on 10th March 10.30am at Old Hall Barn, Matlaske where you will be very welcome.

Theft from Oil Tanks

Please be aware that there has been a recent theft. If your neighbour is away from their property please make an extra effort to be vigilant.



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Please go along and have a chat and share any concerns you may have.

Plumstead

Sat 4 10.30am Village Spring Clean Meet Flagpole Garden - bring gloves!

This time of year seems to be a time of inactivity, perhaps tightening our belts and paying off our credit cards after the Christmas excesses. Maybe even January was a dry month, which seems to be somewhat fashionable these days? The consequence has been very little activity in the village - so what follows is a bit of information and some requests.



Mary Lintot 577718

Don't forget the talk by Dr Tony Leech in the Church on Thursday $6^{\rm th}$ April - look out for the fliers which will come out in April's issue.

Spring Fayre on Saturday 29th April at Baconsthorpe

We plan to have various stalls including books, bric-a-brac, cakes and preserves and a bottle stall. So it's time to declutter. Look out those books that you no longer wish to keep. Any unwanted gifts or general bits and bobs that sit around and you don't know what to do with. Any wine bottles with screw tops - I am sure there might be one of two of those around. We plan to have a garden stall selling young plants - so if you are able to grow a few for us vegetables or flowers, they would be very much appreciated. Finally if you like making cakes or you are an inveterate jam and chutney maker and have the odd jar to spare that would also be welcome.

Please contact Eleanor at Oak Tree Cottage 577868 or Mary at Church Farmhouse 577718. We will be happy to take these items off your hands - just let us know.

Please note that the date for the Quiz Night at Baconsthorpe Village Hall has been changed to Friday September 8th. Thank goodness for the clash diary which enables those who organise events to prevent any conflict for those sociable members of our community who like to attend events in other villages.

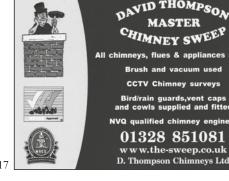
We send condolences to Rob and Ben of Mill Lanewhose partner and Mum Melanie Faulks, at the young age of 45 years, has lost her long battle with cancer. They have lived in Plumstead for around 15 years.

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Saxthorpe with Corpusty

Wed 8	3.00pm	Hornsea Project Consultation -	Village Hall
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Wed 15 2.00pm LinC - Village Hall

Families Together - Unforgiving Servant - Village Hall Thur 16 3.30pm

Sat 25 10.00am **Spring Fayre** - Village Hall



Sincere condolences are sent to the two nieces of the late Joan Sampson, who lived in Great Yard, Saxthorpe. Joan passed away in early January and her funeral was 'a fitting farewell for a lovely neighbour'.

Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm Consultation session is scheduled for Wednesday March 8th 3pm - 7pm at Corpusty and Saxthorpe village hall. If you would like to learn about the route of the onshore pipeline and the disturbance caused by its construction why not attend at the above time?

LinC, Ladies in the Community, is seeking some new members, perhaps you would like to come along? Any third Wednesday 2pm at the village hall, where you will find a warm welcome, some friendly faces, and some delicious refreshments.

St Andrew's Church, Saxthorpe, is holding its AGM on April 19th in church at 7pm. Hear about the repairs carried out during the year and the ways in which the church is involving itself in the community. All are invited. St Andrew's is having a stall at the Spring Fair, run by the Village Hall Committee, at the village hall on March 25th. Mothering Sunday is March 26th, so don't forget that special lady in your life. Families Together is planning its 6th Birthday Party on April 20th 3.30 -5.30pm, so any former members would be made very welcome, as would new and enquiring ones.



Some of you may have taken part in the RSPB's Garden Bird survey in late January, as we did, and besides many species which visited our garden, a beautiful, male green woodpecker flew in. Lambs at Green Farm, Little Barningham give us a glimpse of Spring to come, and we certainly need that after the cold and snow of recent days.

All good wishes go to Pam Daniels of Little Barningham after her eye operation went so well. In thanks to all the involved staff at Barts' Hospital, London, Pam is holding a Coffee Morning at Little Barningham Village Hall, on April 1st, 10.0 -12noon. Please support. Andrea Bell of Saxthorpe has secured the backing of Rory Bremner, in her fight to bring ADHD to everyone's attention. She posted an emotional video on a social medium platform and many, many people have viewed it.

Aubrey Poberefsky, formerly of Saxthorpe, celebrated his 80th birthday, and a large contingent of friends from our two villages wished him well at his home in Sheringham.









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Meet the Neighbours - John Hardingham

Many of you will know John as he was raised in Holt and has lived in Baconsthorpe for 50 years since marrying Rosemary. You may also know him from the butchers shop that he owned for fifteen years in Bull Street, Holt. A few of you may know that John has a lifelong passion for fishing.

At the age of 13, in 1953, John was a founder member of the Holt Freshwater & Sea Angling Club. The Club met at the King's Head in Holt and would fish every week with a summer break. John perfected his skills in sea, fresh water and fly fishing. He also became very familiar with the beaches running along the shingle ridge on the North Norfolk Coast where they fished. During his years with the club (know called the Holt Sea Angling Club) he was elected both president and chairman and would regularly clean the table of trophies awarded at the end of each year.



John has fished all around the world. One of the highlights of his fishing life was in 1981 when he represented England in The Big Game Fishing Championships in Florida. In this international field, he came eleventh out of eighty-seven contestants. He went on to represent England for another four years. During his

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fishing career John has caught everything from mackerel to barracudas. The biggest fish he ever caught was a 265lb hammerhead shark in Florida and the smallest was a blenny in Yorkshire.

Now, John doesn't fish as much as he would like but he still gets out when he can and likes nothing better than to help those new to angling, encouraging them and showing them the best spots to set up their rods.

Emma Youngs