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What's On

MAY

Fri 11	7.00pm	Matlaske Quiz	Old Stables, Barningham Hall
Mon 14	6.00pm	Plumstead Parish Council AGM	Church
Tue 15	10.00am	Plumstead Christian Aid Coffee Morning	Church
Wed 16	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Prize Bingo	Village Hall
Wed 16	7.30pm	Matlaske PC AGM	Church
Thur 17	7.00pm	Saxthorpe Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Sat 19	7.00pm	Hempstead May Feast	Village Hall
Mon 21	7.30pm	Baconsthorpe Parish Council	Village Hall

JUNE

Sat 16	10.00am	Edgefield Kinsley's Gardens Open	Kinsfield, Barningham Rd
Sun 17	10.00am	Edgefield Kinsley's Gardens Open	Kinsfield, Barningham Rd
Sat 23	2.00pm	Baconsthorpe Fête	Village Hall
Sun 24	3.30pm	Corpusty Annual Service	St Peter's Church
Sat 30	TBC	Barningham Church Celebration Concert	St Mary's Church
Sat 30	7.00pm	Edgefield - Edgefest 3	Village Hall

Clash Diary

July 4	Matlaske Coffee Morning	Oct 5	Matlaske Quiz
July 6	Baconsthorpe Auction	Oct 11	Induction of Benefice Priest
July 8	Plumstead Fête & Open Gardens	Oct 13-14	Edgefield Craft Exhibition
July 16	Plumstead Parish Council	Nov 5	Baconsthorpe Parish Council
July 28	Matlaske Fête	Dec 2	Matlaske Christmas Party
Aug 5	Hempstead Fête	Dec 3	Plumstead Parish Council
Aug 17	Baconsthorpe Jumble Sale	Dec 15	Baconsthorpe Xmas Singalong
Sept 1-2	Hempstead Arts Weekend	Dec 16	Baconsthorpe Xmas Party
Sept 10	Plumstead Parish Council		
Sept 17	Baconsthorpe Parish Council		
Sept 21	Baconsthorpe Chandler Green		

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Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Carpet Bowls - 711320
Last Friday	6.00pm - 11.00pm	Pop-Up Pub

CORPUSTY

Second and fourth Monday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Bure Valley Quilters & Stitchers
Second Tuesday	12.30pm - 3.00pm	Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach
Tuesdays during term time	5.45pm - 7.15pm	Brownies
Second Tuesday	10.00am - 12noon	North Norfolk Knitters 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 Rita Taylor 587507 K2togp1@btinternet.com
Friday during term time	9.30am - 11.30am	Toddler Group

EDGEFIELD

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

HEMPSTEAD

First Monday alternate months	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (next is 5 March)
Tuesday	10.00am	Charcoal Drawing £4 - Mike Thody 711282
Third Wednesday	7.30pm	Film Club

Mobile Library Van

10 May / 7 Jun / 5 Jul

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

24 May / 21 Jun / 19 Jul

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

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Letter from Father Michael
Interim Priest in Charge
Tel 577865

My Dear Friends

Sundays Only?

Thank goodness we are not a 'Sundays Only' Benefice - this is very much at the front of my mind in the month of May. There's always a good attendance at the Wednesday morning Eucharist at Saxthorpe, and a faithful few gather at Matlaske on Thursday mornings.

The most important weekday is on May 10th - ASCENSION DAY. We shall celebrate Jesus' ascending into Heaven with a service at 10am at Matlaske. It would be most encouraging to see a good number of you on Thursday 10th May at that service.

May also sees two really important celebrations in the Church calendar - Whit Sunday (20th) when we celebrate the light of the Holy Spirit - and Trinity Sunday (27th) when we rejoice in the mystery of God's love - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Of course, the title of this little letter - 'Sundays Only?' - applies to the whole of our Christian life. In our daily prayers and in our actions, we remember the words of Jesus 'What you do to others you are doing to me'. Day in and day out there is a lot to pray about, there are lonely and aged folk who would really appreciate a visit.

I will end with a well-known verse of George Herbert (1593 - 1633)

Seven whole days not one in seven

I will praise thee.

In my heart though not in heaven

I can praise thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort

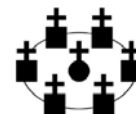
To enrol thee;

E'en eternity's too short

To extol thee.

God bless you all EVERY DAY.

Father Michael Cartwright



The Benefice of Matlaske

Church Services for May

6 th	Easter 6	
9.30	Eucharist <i>BCP</i>	Baconsthorpe
11.00	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Saxthorpe
10 th	Ascension Day	
10.00	Eucharist <i>BCP</i>	Matlaske
13 th	Easter 7	
9.30	Eucharist <i>BCP</i>	Barningham Winter
11.00	Eucharist <i>CW TL</i>	Edgefield
20 th	Pentecost	
9.30	Eucharist <i>BCP</i>	Plumstead
11.00	Matins <i>BCP</i>	Hempstead
27 th	Trinity Sunday	
9.30	Eucharist <i>BCP</i>	Matlaske
11.00	Matins <i>BCP</i>	Baconsthorpe
3 rd June	Trinity 1	
9.30	Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Saxthorpe
11.00	Matins <i>BCP</i>	Barningham Winter

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

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Church News

Plans continue for the *Raising the Roof* auction of promises and silent auction of interesting things
on Friday 6th July.

The lots are about to go on line so **www.raisingtheroof.auction** is the place to look and discover
all the treats and treasures on offer. Tickets are now on sale at £5 each to cover entry, drinks and
canapés. These can be bought from the website or by calling Emma Youngs 07884 432412.

Village Hall News

Sunshine! At last! No better time to remind everyone about our forthcoming Summer Fête
with lots of fun and games for all the family. In addition to our good old stalwarts eg Live Fruit
Machine, Coconut Shy, Tombola, Bric-a-brac, Plant & Produce all making a welcome return -
there will also be lots of surprises - keep watching! The Pop-up-Pub and a Hog Roast will also be
on hand. Please put it in your diary, Village Summer Fête, Saturday 23rd June at 2pm in the village
hall and gardens. Donations of items for both the Tombola and the Bric-a-Brac stalls would be
very welcome. Goods may be left at the village hall during Post Office opening times, Tuesdays
1-4pm and Fridays 10-1pm. Thank you.

Don't forget Prize Bingo on Wednesday 16th May at 7pm. Refreshments provided including tea
and coffee but please bring your own drinks. See you there!

Susan Belbin



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Barningham Winter

The work at the church has been completed, so on Saturday 30th June there will
be a concert to help celebrate this. Hopefully people can admire all that has been
done to help the little church stand proudly for many more years to come. Times
etc, will be announced in June's newsletter but do make a note of the date in your
diaries please.

The sun is out at last, and so are the cattle too, after a very long winter in the shed.
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let's hope we don't get a spell of 'blackthorn winter'!



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By the time you receive the magazine, we will have had a service of thanksgiving for Molly Freegard, and also the PCC APCM, so this will seem somewhat out of date!

I am still hoping to hear from anyone willing to show off their craft work at our Craft Exhibition in October. PLEASE do come and join us in an interesting weekend.

Work in the old churchyard has been amazing. The noise of four chainsaws working was quite something, but the trees that were dangerously close to our Grade II* listed buildings are no more, and the wonderful tower shows up so well now. It will all be tidy shortly! Huge thanks are due to the hard-working Chain Gang, and to our tree surgeon, Colin, who has done such a clever job in amongst so many gravestones. Thank you all very much.

Angela Turner

Village Hall News

Our next big bash is Edgefest 3, which is on Saturday 30th June from 7pm until midnight. Entertainment from excellent local band, The Honky Tonks, plus food and a licensed bar. Come and have a great night on the Green.

Lottery winners for March: 1st Chris Sheehan, 2nd Ann Knobbs, 3rd Julie Coe.

Jim Frost

Hempstead

200 Club

£50 M Thody, £25 R Culverwell, £10 C Feilden, £5 J Feilden, J Sanders, M Thody

Coffee & Gossip

Friday 4 May 10.30am to 12noon in the village hall. All as usual very welcome.

May Feast

The May Feast is on 19th May, 7 for 7.30pm. As usual please bring a raffle prize (no need to wrap) and your own drink for the evening. Vegetarian and special diets are catered for but please let Ian Summers know when you book your place. It is enormously helpful to us if we know well in advance for catering purposes so please ring Ian NOW to book your place (710702). Adults £10 and children under 13, £5. For this you will get a roast, baked potato and salad, and a choice of fabulous puddings. It's a bargain! See you there.

Toad Migration Report

Although when writing this, toads are still leaving the pond, I am confident that by the time you read it all the toads will have gone back home and the toaders will have hung up their hi viz jackets and put their buckets to some other use, and even with lighter evenings ahead, maybe put their torches into storage! It has been a strange year with the cold weather and at one point we thought that a number had perished in the snow. But we are glad to report that in the end, numbers are



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up from last year and the number of deaths from vehicles is down. So, thank you to considerate drivers, who have done their best to avoid the little beasts on the road. And also thank you to the toading team, many of whom come from other villages, or Holt, to help us.

Su Summers

Easter Day



A treat was delivered to all (there was a full church of over 70 people including very welcome children) who came to the Benefice Easter Service at Hempstead. The church looked stunning having been decorated by all our flower arrangers and with help from Heather from Saxthorpe who did the beautiful pedestal for us. The Choir, accompanied by Richard Peaver on the organ sang beautifully and Father Michael, accompanied by The Reverend Brian Faulkner, led the service and gave a thought provoking sermon.

The collection, of £460, was donated to the Bishop's Lent Appeal, which is focused on enabling local mission in Simbai, Papua New Guinea, specifically to help to develop a larger church building and facilitate new mission initiatives with the young people of this scattered community. Afterwards coffee, tea and biscuits were served (with mini Easter eggs and chocolates) and then several of the congregation helped push cars from the playing field back to the road as the rain had made it very boggy! Thanks to all involved.

Francis Feilden

Matlaske

100 Club

£25 Roger Buxton £10 Jenifer Heagren £5 Mark Hiornes-Neal

Annual Fête

It's that time of year when we are having a turnout of cupboards/drawers so if you have any good quality stuff you no longer need, it may be just the thing for the Granny's Attic stall. Any item considered, as what you no longer need could be just what someone else is looking for. Contact Cherry Westgate by e-mail cherrywestgate@hotmail.co.uk or phone on 577827 if you have any items.



Marion Shepherd
577521

Quiz Night

Don't forget the quiz on May 11th in The Old Stables at 7pm – everyone welcome for an evening of fun.

Thank You

The PCC of St Peter's Church would like to thank Karen and Alan Dyke for the generous gift of an electric organ to Matlaske Church.

MC

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Plumstead

Finally, as I write this the temperature seems to have risen to something resembling Spring - no doubt the grass will grow apace now and the village will resound to the sound of mowing! Roy and Mary's sheep are now off to the Wildlife Meadow (albeit a little later than usual) and the cowslips which had been munched convincingly by our four-legged friends are making a strong comeback - so do go and have a look and rejoice in the power of nature.



Mary Lintott
577718

Parish Council News

Alastair Brown has announced his resignation as chairman of Plumstead Parish Council. He has been a councillor for 7½ years and Chairman for 3½ years. It should be noted that parish councillors are unpaid volunteers working for the benefit of their community. Alastair took over as Chairman at a difficult time when there were only two councillors remaining and difficult decisions to be made, in particular in regard to the upkeep of the Pond at Plumstead Green, the wildlife area around it and the adjoining meadow planted with wildflowers. Working around this problem (and many others) has taken much time with Alastair shouldering the bulk of the load. He has also been at the forefront of the physical work of managing the pond area, organising working parties, mowing grass and painting wood preserver on the fences. He and his wife Julie have also overseen the acquisition of the flagpole and the formation of the Flagpole Garden together with the installation of a defibrillator in the redundant phone box. He leaves the council with four councillors, none of whom want his job! The formidable task of carrying on his work has just begun. Volunteers for the post of chairman or simply to serve on the council would be most welcome. Alastair deserves our heartfelt thanks for the work he has done for our tiny village.

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Open Gardens and Summer Fair

Please put Sunday July 8th 12 noon – 4.30pm in your diary – nine fantastic gardens in the village will be open to view, together with an afternoon of traditional stalls, games and refreshments, including a licensed bar and raffle with quality prizes. Don't forget to visit the Wildlife Meadow and Village Pond area.

Raffle

Please remember to return the counterfoils and money to Alastair once sold. If you need further tickets please contact Alastair on 577447.

Christian Aid Coffee and Bring & Buy morning on 15th May, 10am- 12noon

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Saxthorpe with Corpusty

Sitting here listening to the birdsong, feeling blessed that at long last spring really has arrived. There was an ornithologist talking on Radio 4 last week. He talked about the demise of the cuckoo which was very interesting as it is thought that the English cuckoo has changed its route from Africa via Spain to the Scottish route via Italy due to the drought in Spain. Not sure how this correlates with the cuckoos that are now cuckooing away very merrily in south west France. At least we have in England an abundance of blackbirds.

Sophia Hodgson
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Diary date

St Peter's Church, Corpusty will be holding its annual service on Sunday 24th June, 3.30 – 4.30pm.
All welcome, there will be refreshments after the service.

Recipe of the Month

Slow Cooker Beef Stroganoff - Serves 4

450g stewing beef cubed
oil for frying
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
200ml milk
150g closed cup mushrooms thickly sliced
1 large onion chopped
2tbsp Worcestershire sauce
150g garlic & herb cream cheese
50ml soured cream (optional)
chopped fresh parsley

Heat oil in frying pan and seal the beef.

In slow cooker dish mix together the soup, milk and Worcestershire sauce then add the beef, onion and mushrooms.

Cook on low for 6 hours. After 5 hours add the cream cheese, and mix well to dissolve.

Serve on rice, and top with the soured cream and parsley.

Marion Shepherd

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To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow



I'm afraid I really did speak way too soon in my last column regarding the arrival of Spring! Finally, it has arrived now... what a relief! I think we have managed to stoically make our way through an extra month of winter this year. Gardening is at times an act of faith – or misguided optimism!

Let's start in the veg patch. Hopefully you will have set your potatoes already, but if not it's time to get them in the ground. Don't forget to keep earthing them up. Potatoes need protecting from frost. A bit of frost damage won't kill them, but it will set them back which would be a shame. Are you the happy owner of an asparagus bed? With any luck you should have some spears showing. Do keep your eyes peeled for violet root rot, a really unpleasant disease. The above-ground symptoms are that the leaves turn yellow and die. Remove any infected plants if you have a severe attack you will need to start your bed again and leave your old bed empty and clear for three years. If a mild attack you could get away with isolating healthy plants with vertical pieces of corrugated plastic. If you have young broad bean plants, then as soon as they start to flower you will need to pinch out the tops. Black fly find this part of the plant irresistible, but if you remove the tops you won't have a problem. Your next job in the veg patch is to get the hoe out, roll up your sleeves and keep on top of the weeds... little and often is the best way.

Now for the flower garden! I am a big fan of dahlias. If, like me, you are adding to your collection, then May is a good time to plant them out. My particular favourite is 'Rip City', a wonderful prolific engine of a plant with beautiful deep crimson black flowers... an absolute winner! Another beauty is 'Thomas Edison' – less prolific than 'Rip City', but a stunner!

Lawnwork: regular cutting is a must, and May is also the month where you can drop blades for a closer cut.

This month's question is from William Stroker, who has a nasty case of blanket weed in his pond. Don't worry William, help is at hand! All you need is some patience and a stick or rake to remove it. If your pond is in full sun, then consider providing some planted shade to help prevent it in the future.

Do keep the questions coming in! Email me at redmaple@btinternet, and as ever, the most interesting question will be published next month.

Mick McCarter

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Nature Watch - The Lapwing



The lapwing (or peewit) is a member of the plover family and is a curious looking bird with a crop of pointed feathers on its head. It has dark greenish feathers on its body that shimmer with iridescent colours in the sun, making it quite a beautiful bird to see in sunlight. Its flight is rapid, with strong wingbeats and it will dive and swerve with ease in the sky. I used to see really large flocks of lapwings over the fields when I was a boy and they would especially show up against a dark sky with the white of their underside.

In Norfolk they are now largely confined to managed nature reserves, but in the 18th and 19th centuries lapwings were so numerous that their eggs were collected from marshland in their thousands and sold in London markets as delicacies for three shillings a dozen.

Now, numbers in the UK are around 140,000 pairs, with 650,000 wintering. The highest accumulations are centred around the Somerset Levels and the Humber and Ribble estuaries, and the RSPB have reported that numbers of breeding lapwings are going from strength to strength on the marshes at RSPB Malltraeth Marshes on Anglesey in north Wales.

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