

Church & Village News

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August 2017



Saxthorpe
Roger Last

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride September 9th

The Bike Ride is a very important fund-raising event for the Norfolk Churches Trust: last year it raised £100,261. The Trust gives grants for repairs, maintenance, conservation and the installation of increasingly necessary alarms. The recent spate of lead thefts has put additional strain on the Trust's limited resources, and this year, funds are more urgently needed than ever.

Participating in the Bike Ride is a great way to help preserve our beautiful historic churches, but it is also an enormously fun day out. Remember to take a camera and send in your pictures – Brown and Co. are sponsoring the event, and there is £100 prize for various categories of picture and the chance to have it printed in the EDP. There are also other awards to be won, including the Prince of Wales certificate for the person who raises the most money, and the Wall of Fame for those who manage to visit the most churches by foot or on bicycle. Visit <http://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride/> for more details.



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What's On

AUGUST

Fri 4	10.00am	Hempstead Coffee & Gossip	Ash Tree Farm - Baconsthorpe
Sat 5	10.00am	Corpusty A Handful of Women	The Old Workshop Gallery
Sun 6	2.00pm	Hempstead Fête	Village Green
Wed 16	2.00pm	Corpusty LinC Museum of Artefacts	Halcyon, Briston Rd
Fri 18	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Jumble Sale	Village Hall
Fri 25	6.00pm	Baconsthorpe Pop-Up Pub	Village Hal

SEPTEMBER

Sat 2-3	10.00am	Hempstead Arts	Village Hall
Fri 8	7.00pm	Plumstead Harvest Supper	Hempstead Village Hall
Sat 9	10.00am	Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride	All Churches
Sat 9	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe 40s Evening	Village Hall
Sat 16	10.00am	Corpusty Fashion & Textile Show	The Old Workshop Gallery
Mon 18		Plumstead PC Meeting	
Wed 20	2.00pm	Corpusty LinC visit to Ferndale Farm Cheeses	Tea @ Quarndon
Thur 21	3.30pm	Corpusty Families Together	Village Hall
Thur 21	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Village Hall Committee Meeting	Village Hall
Fri 22	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Chandler Green	Village Hall
Sat 23	10.00am	Saxthorpe Church Gift Day	St Andrew's Church
Sun 24	11.00am	Saxthorpe Harvest Festival Service	St Andrew's Church

Clash Diary

Oct 6	Matlaske Quiz	If you are arranging an event please e-mail Corinne Youngs: 577263 / corinne@avyoungs.com to check that there is not already an event being held on the same day. This will help prevent any clashes.
13	Hempstead Quiz	
14	Edgefield Village Life	
25	Baconsthorpe Quiz	
Dec 3	Matlaske Christmas Party	
4	Plumstead PC Meeting	
5	Barningham Wreath Making	

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Tuesday during term time	10.00am - 12noon	Diocesan Play Van - 07918 027092
Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Carpet Bowls - 711320
First Thursday	12noon	Soup & Cake - 10 th August - see page 9
Last Friday - see What's On	6.00pm - 11.00pm	Pop-Up Pub

CORPUSTY

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	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
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 - Jeff Witts 587661

HEMPSTEAD

Tuesday	10.00am	Charcoal Drawing £4 - Mike Thody 711282
Third Wednesday (not Dec)	7.30pm	Film Club

Mobile Library Van

3 August / 31 August / 28 September

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

17 August / 14 September

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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Fri 9.30am-6.00pm	

Reflection by our Rural Dean

Often when I meet people for the first time, when away from my parishes, perhaps when on holiday or at a party, the conversation invariably always gets around to what people do.

When I say I'm a vicar or priest, there is a pause, and the subject can change very rapidly, or, after that initial pause, they either tell me about their experiences of clergy or want to know what exactly it is that a priest does or what a priest is.

And often I have found it hard to explain in non-churchy terms what it is that a priest is and does; I can explain some of what my working week entails, but that's not the whole story.

I have also discovered that even many people who attend church, have some very strange and sometimes unrealistic expectations of what their priest's role should be.

A couple of years ago I was listening to the Chris Evans show on Radio 2, and the speaker for *Pause for Thought* was the Rev Richard Coles who that day was celebrating the 10th anniversary of his Ordination. He spoke about his ten years as a priest, some firsts he experienced, and some mistakes he made, he then said this about being a priest:

"Don't forget what you are really for. I'm not a Social Worker, I'm not a small business man, I'm not a project manager, nor a site supervisor, I'm not an accountant, I do not exercise a leadership style, nor do I ensure that we are fully compliant with health and safety at work legislation, I am not a caterer, not an events organiser, I am not a motivational speaker, a therapist, or a life coach, I'm an AFTER life coach, that's all, and the joy and the burden of the job is to help people to live this life more fully, more generously, more lovingly, in anticipation of the next". (Reproduced with the kind permission of the Rev Richard Coles)

It is an amazing privilege to be a priest and to have been called to minister in this lovely part of North Norfolk, and to encounter and serve many, many wonderful people. My prayer is that even now God is preparing the heart of your new parish priest, and that when they are appointed, you will find that they will be one of the best 'after life' coaches that you can find!

Rev Jeremy Sykes

Times Past



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Church Services for August

6th Transfiguration

9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Baconsthorpe
10.45	Holy Communion <i>CW TL</i>	Edgefield
11.00	Morning Prayer	Plumstead

13th Pentecost 10

9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Barningham Winter
10.45	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Saxthorpe

20th Pentecost 11

9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Plumstead
10.45	Holy Communion <i>CW TL</i>	Hempstead

27th Pentecost 12

9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Matlaske
10.45	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Baconsthorpe

3rd Pentecost 13

9.15	Holy Communion <i>CW TL</i>	Edgefield
10.45	Holy Communion	Plumstead

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

Holy Communion Services Wednesdays 9am Saxthorpe 2nd, 16th & 30th / Little Barningham 9th & 23rd

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Lay Minister Gill Peat 734226
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Pop-up Pub

The next Pop-Up Pub will be Friday 25th August, when there will be a barbeque.

Village Fête

Thank you to everyone who help with and attended the Village Fête. We raised £1,282.03 - £600 was given to the church, £600 was given to the Village Hall and £82.03 has been put toward the Village Christmas Party.

Village Hall News

We are pleased to announce, as a result of our recent AGM, Karen Worboys is now Secretary of the Village Hall Committee. Susan Belbin and Kevin Delany remain Chair and Treasurer respectively.

Jumble and bric-a-brac wanted for our forthcoming sale. Please contact a member of the committee to discuss delivery and/or collection of goods. Thank you.

Dates For Your Diary

JUMBLE SALE -Friday 18th August at 7pm. Free tea, coffee and biscuits. Everything must go!

40s EVENING -Saturday 9th September 7-10.30pm. Dinner, Singers and Songs - £10 per head. Booking essential. Admission by ticket only.

CHANDLER GREEN - Friday 22nd September at 7.30. £7 pre-booked or £8 on the door. Refreshments available.

QUIZ NIGHT- Wednesday 25th October at 7.30pm. Booking essential. To reserve a table please call Emma on 07884 432 412.

The next Committee Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 21st September at 7pm.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED FROM SATURDAY 29th JULY TO SUNDAY 6th AUGUST INCLUSIVE FOR ESSENTIAL WORKS, SO THERE WILL BE NO POST OFFICE THAT WEEK. WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

Soup & Cake Lunch

Please note that due to work being carried in the Village Hall this month's Soup & Cake Lunch will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, 10th August, 12noon to 2pm - £3 a head.

Susan Belbin

Barningham Winter

On 25th June, the Annual Patronal Service of Evensong took place at St Peter's Church, North Barningham. It was conducted by the Rev Michael Cartwright, with sung responses and outstanding contributions by the choir, who outdid all their previous efforts in singing a blessing with music by John Rutter. This challenging piece was the highlight of a joyous afternoon. Considering the fine



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summer weather – always a counter-attraction at this time of year – the Service was surprisingly well attended: a congregation of sixty, including choir and priest, filled the church. It always seems as if the very fabric of the old building comes to life on these occasions.

Our next service at St Peter's will be a Communion Service on the Sunday 10th September, the day after the Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride takes place.

In an earlier edition of the Newsletter, we asked you to bear in mind that a concert with the Cantilena Choir would take place in September. Unfortunately, we have become aware that the building works are likely to take longer than originally scheduled and it has been decided to postpone this event until the long summer evenings of 2018. We will let you know the new date in good time!

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Church News

How lucky we were to have good weather for our Gardens Open weekend! People who came were so appreciative of it all, and spoke of how our gardens "were the best"! We cannot thank the garden owners enough for all their very hard work over the previous weeks and months. What a standard they set! Did you see Emily Perkins, from the Tithe Barn, Rectory Road, on Gardener's World, with Joe Swift, in her Dungeness garden on the shingle? Alison Mawson, at The Rectory, made over £300 selling plants, and all the wonderful people doing the teas made £449. Our total was just over £2,500. Thank you all VERY, VERY much for all your hard work and help on the two days.

July has been busy in the church. We have had a wedding, Jess Morshuis, a burial of ashes, Norman Lawrence and a baptism, Charlie Pointen! Lovely to see the church so busy.

The downside to church life this month has been an apparent lack of care for the appearance of our churchyard. Phil Borley mows the grass, but cannot manage to get around the gravestones and between them. We usually have a good team to strim and rake up, and to remove ivy, and 14th July was in this magazine as the appointed day, but nobody turned up. Does nobody care that there is such long grass on and around the gravestones, looking a real mess? PLEASE can we try again, perhaps August 4th, 6 pm? Please ring me if you can come then, 587292, and if not, suggest another day. It's usually a jolly group.



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Congratulations to Nicholas Sanders on achieving a 2:1 in Forensic Investigative chemistry at the University of East Anglia. Good luck with your new job.

Congratulations to David Sanders and Kayleigh Lake on their wedding day on Saturday 22nd July 17 at All Saints Church, Hempstead. We wish you every happiness for your future together.



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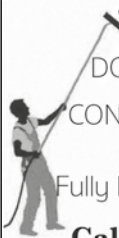
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Coffee & Gossip takes its annual outing to Ash Tree Farm in Baconsthorpe, on Friday 4th August from 10.30am. Proceeds to Cromer Hospital Renal Dialysis Unit. This is a lovely occasion and Corinne hopes to see you all there!

Hempstead Fête, Sunday 6th August

Hempstead Fête is on Sunday 6th August. Please note that the hall will be open each morning from 10am to 1pm to receive your good quality bric-a-brac, books, tombola prizes etc. Cakes and plants should be taken to the field on the day. We would still like to receive more promises of cakes, and volunteers to help with jobs on Sunday morning. Contact Liz Buxton (714082), Yvette Gibson (712460) or Su summers (710702). Many thanks.

Hempstead Play Reading Group meets again on Aug 16th, at 7pm for refreshments and chat, then the reading starts at 7.30pm.

The Mobile Library van visits Hempstead every four weeks at 3.40pm. Have you ever thought of visiting it? It does have the advantage of having no fines to pay, so if you are unable to manage it one month, there is no penalty for late books. You can also take books back to the mobile that you have taken out elsewhere, and vice versa. There are both adult and children's books on board. The library's next visit is on Thursday 3rd August. Hope to see you there!

Hempstead Arts 2017

This is on September 2nd and 3rd, in the Village Hall, 10am to 5pm. Put the date in your diary and then come and visit to admire and/or buy beautiful art works of all kinds. You can also have coffee and cake, or even a soup and crumble lunch! Admission free.

Don't forget the sponsored cycle ride on Saturday 9th September; sponsorship forms from Yvette Gibson (712460).

Hempstead Village Fête 2017

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Be there!

- * Fun Dog Show
- * Plants & Produce
- * Bric-a-Brac
- * Tombola
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- * Cakes

Children's Stalls at the Church

Matlaske

100 Club

£25 Jane Ingham, £10 Florence Hunt £5 James Boyd

Congratulations to Paul and Lucie Bell on celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on July 8th. (Paul was Vicar of Matlaske 1995 - 2003) They celebrated with a family party, including the many grandchildren who were able to come over from America. Paul and Lucie still take a very active part in church life on the Isle of Wight, with both of them taking services. Our warmest wishes to them on this special occasion.



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Plumstead

At the time of writing we have, so far, enjoyed a beautiful summer with a short interlude of thunder and lightning last night which shook the house and left most of us short of sleep!

We have two organisations in the village which have given a great deal to Plumstead. A big thank you to those who have inspired, organised and helped. A personal thank you firstly to the Committee members of PEG and secondly to all involved with the Plumstead 2000 Fund who have enabled some wonderful events to take place and raised money for some amazing projects - the highlight of course being the renovation of the Village Pond.

The Plumstead 2000 Fund, registered with the Charity Commission, was established in 1999. Its object is to raise funds for conservation and environmental projects for the village and surrounding area. During its first 10 years over £25,000 was raised. Among its many achievements it assisted with the Village millennium sign, Parish noticeboards, the flag pole, refurbishment of the telephone box, village seats, a mower and shed, a stage and hearing loop for Baconsthorpe Village Hall where some 25 very enjoyable fundraising shows took place, a grant towards a defibrillator, and repair of the church bell. The current Trustees are David Ramsbotham and John Lintott. When some years ago no new projects had been proposed for some time, the committee resigned. The time has come to consider the future of the Fund. It needs an injection of energy to make it active again. If you are interested in getting involved with it and driving it forward again please contact John on 577718 or at jlintott37@gmail.com or David on 577418 or at davidramsbotham@btinternet.com



Mary Lintott
577718

John Lintott

PEG, or Plumstead Events Group, was formed in the latter part of 2011 by Mary Lintott, with a Committee of like minded people from the village, to create social events within our community. There have been numerous events throughout the years ranging from The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Book Sales, the annual Mince Pies & Mulled Wine at the Church, coffee mornings and last year, the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations, which many villagers attended and had so much fun. We have decided that PEG has run its course and we now feel it is time to disband from a formal committee, but will continue to assist with events in the future whenever needed. The Committee agreed that the assets, ie tables, chairs, cups and glasses plus the marquee and the very important tea urn- should belong to the Village and be 'looked after' by the church. They are available for anyone to borrow, please contact Eleanor Faulkner on 577868. The remaining monies (£372.63) should go to the Parish Council for the future care of the pond area. Finally, a huge thank you must go to Mary Lintott, from all of us at Plumstead, for having the vision, commitment, enthusiasm and energy to "make things happen" in our village over the past 6 years.

Emma Stimpson

Harvest Supper Friday September 8th, 7 pm., Hempstead Village Hall

Please note the change of venue. In aid of Church funds. The event will involve a short film of harvest in the mid 20th Century - a far cry from today's mechanised affair. A short quiz with farming connections and a prize for the winning group. No need to book as a team - just come along and enjoy the evening. Of course, a delicious supper will be served. Tickets £7.50. To book, ring Eleanor Faulkner 577868.

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Annual Sponsored Cycle, Walk or Drive, September 9th

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Mervyn Gibbons 21st November 1931 – 7th July 2017

Finally, last but without doubt not least, our love and condolences go to Eileen, Martin, Trina, Chloe, Hannah, Neville, Diane, Dan, Charlly and Emily for their loss:

Mervyn was one of the very few of us who was born and lived in the village all his life. "Duke" (no-one knows where this name came from) was a familiar figure in Plumstead, as even towards the end of his life he would take a stroll in his wheelchair, ably pushed by Eileen. He was born in the Dining Room in Church Farmhouse and although he moved into various houses in the Village he never moved away. He went to Aldborough School but refused the Grammar School despite passing the 11+. All his life was spent working on the local farms, for Sidney Seaman and Sir Charles Mott-Radclyffe. He worked with cattle, pigs and when tractors became the preferred means of working the land, he perfected the art and won many prizes at local ploughing competitions. He was also a very able darts player, and collected many trophies for the Norfolk branch of the Agricultural Workers Union which he represented. In his retirement, he loved working on the allotment, looking after his own pigs and chickens and growing vegetables. Shooting was also a winter pastime which he much enjoyed. With his passing, we lose memories of farming during its heyday.

Saxthorpe with Corpusty

You may have seen shining classic cars moving through the beautiful scenery of North Norfolk on 9th July. Well, not only were they being driven by enthusiasts, but they were taking part in the Charles Clarke Classic Car Rally, 2017. They also provided us with nostalgic memories of days gone by, and they were helping to raise valuable funds for local good causes. This year it was ADD Norfolk, which offers support to children and families with ADHD or affected by it. ADD, run by Andrea Bell of Saxthorpe, based in Aylsham and Norwich, provides support predominantly in Norfolk, but also through email, phone and online teaching courses to the rest of the UK. ADD Norfolk is working towards reducing the stigma that still surrounds ADHD by allowing individuals to feel as though they fit into society rather than stand out. For more information visit www.addnorfolk.com, or enquiries@addnorfolk.com. The CCCR is run annually in memory of Charles Clarke who began it in 1995, and before he was tragically killed in a boating accident in 1998, ran The Wiveton Bell. Charles' parents kept the pub and rally going for a number of years, then Richard and Margaret Rushmer took over the organising. Subsequently, Brian Monks has done the organising and Colin Hendry providing the route. This year the sum raised was £1800, the best ever. Long may it continue.



Judith Banks
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Many congratulations to a 'humble hero', as described in the You Tube video and interview of Russell Dagless of Saxthorpe. Russell, back in January 2017, saved the life of an unconscious van driver and more than likely, prevented a multiple vehicle pile-up on the A47. He has been awarded

a Royal Humane Society Testimonial on Vellum, a prestigious award, for his bravery, by bringing the van, with its driver slumped over the wheel, to a stop by using his articulated lorry to bring it gently to a standstill up against the central barrier. The Society's Secretary, his work colleagues at Ben Burgess plant and machinery hire, and many neighbours have all recognised and commented on his selfless action.

The Patronal Festival Service of St Peter's Church, Corpusty, was much appreciated by the few who attended. Taking place in the morning of the same day, the Corpusty Primary School's Sponsored Bike Ride was well supported, with good weather, stamina, and enthusiasm being much in evidence. Well done to all who took part or sponsored, or who contributed to the event in any way. Thankfully there were no casualties.

Moving onto sending best wishes to Sandra and Robert Brody, (one of the newsletter's delivery 'boys'), both of whom are experiencing health problems at the moment. Also, best wishes for the continuing improvement as Peter Younghusband convalesces, following a major operation at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. We hope all suffering from ill-health just now, gain strength day by day.

On 13th July members of LinC presented Corpusty and Saxthorpe Village Hall Committee with a cheque for £1,154.00 raised over the years, which they hope will help fund the purchase of a new Notice Board. The Chair thanked all LinC members for this generous gift. Don't forget The Old Station Cafe, Corpusty, will be open Saturdays and Sundays during the summer, opening on 29th July.

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike, Walk or Drive on 9th September: for details, please contact Charles and Yvonne Tyndall 584103.

Corpusty & Saxthorpe Neighbourhood Plan- Our Very Own Referendum

Neighbourhood Plans are supposed to give local areas more say in the local planning process. Led by the parish council, this Neighbourhood Plan (which has taken almost five years to complete) will be the first in North Norfolk. Following a final consultative event in Corpusty Village Hall in May, the draft plan was put out for wider formal consultation for a six weeks period. This ended at 5pm on 17 July. Well over 50 statutory bodies – as well as private individuals and companies - were invited to comment. Useful comments have been received and will be incorporated as appropriate to produce a truly final version. This will go to an official inspector for examination. If s/he suggests further changes, these will be made and then ... finally ... the plan will be put to a vote by the people of the Neighbourhood Area (broadly speaking the local government parish). This referendum will decide whether the plan becomes an official part of the planning system, expressing the outcome of extensive consultation about the views and aspirations of the local people for the two villages. As in all such referenda, a simple majority will be sufficient to decide acceptance or rejection. You can read the draft plan on the C&S website. It has some good ideas and some lovely pictures. And of course, we hope you will vote in favour of its adoption when the time comes!

Corpusty & Saxthorpe Village Hall - Vandalism

This has become such a serious problem recently that we have had to use our space in the magazine to highlight it, instead of telling you about all the progress we are making in our work here.

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Most of this update is therefore directed at a minority group of individuals who have been causing serious damage at the Village Hall Playpark.

The Police are aware of what you have been doing but we are trying to avoid officially reporting your crimes because we don't want you to end up with a police record so early in your lives. However, we want you to stop because it is a danger to others, especially young children, and if it continues we will have no alternative but to report you to the Police.

We sincerely hope that you will understand the serious nature of your vandalism and, if only through a wish not to harm young children, that you will stop. If not, you have been given fair warning.

Corpusty & Saxthorpe Village Hall – very brief update

The hedge is growing, the playpark is being improved, the station flat roof has been repaired, we start station grounds renovation in the Autumn, and the Station Café opens at the end of the month. Your support, as ever, would be gratefully received.

David Potter – Saxthorpe & Corpusty Village Hall Committee



The Wheelwrights at the rear of The Forge, Matlaske

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Recipe of the Month

Pureed Courgettes in Cream

This simple dish can be served either as a side dish, or as a pasta/rice sauce.

4 courgettes peeled and sliced

1 tablespoon double cream

2 medium sized shallots finely chopped

Mature cheddar grated

Butter & sunflower oil

Salt & pepper

Gently fry the shallots in a mixture of butter and oil until soft. Do not let them turn brown.

Add the courgettes and gently fry for 2 minutes.

Remove from heat & add 1/4 cup of water. Cover and return to a very low heat.

Simmer gently until the courgettes are soft.

Remove from heat and mash mixture with a fork, add cream and return to low heat and stir for 1-2 minutes until the mixture thickens into a puree. Add grated cheddar, salt and pepper to taste.

Alain Wolf

Name the Players!



This photo of the Matlaske football team was taken in about 1948. Can anybody identify any of the players? If you recognise anyone, do please email the editor and we'll share what we find out.

The Village Gardener



Photograph courtesy of Gardeners' World

To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow

The garden in August, for me, is the time to sit down and enjoy the fruits of your labour. After all the hard work of long spring days, and an early blast of hot summer, now is the time to look and reflect on what you've achieved. This is a great chance to jot down ideas on areas of the garden that could be improved for next year, whether these are things you'd like to add or take away.

For me, this doesn't mean expensive trips to the garden centre; it's much more fun to beg, borrow and swap with other interested gardeners. Plant swaps are growing and are a great local idea. Look out for such happenings. What might not be right for your garden could quite possibly enhance someone else's. It always upsets me to see healthy plants thrust onto the compost heap; it's much better to give it a home in someone else's garden.

Regular watering for container grown plants and pots is essential in the summer months. This is when water saving techniques such as water butts and troughs come into their own. With August being the traditional holiday month, it's worth asking friends and family to water plants when you're away. Borders, trees and shrubs can all benefit from being mulched in winter and early spring, in wet conditions, to help retain moisture during the summer. Mulches I tend to use are mushroom compost, homemade compost, leaf mould, and rotted down wood chip. These will make the world of difference and help keep the weeds down. Never mulch dry ground! This will cause plant roots to come to the surface to look for water where they will be more prone to drying out.

Other jobs for August include pruning leggy wisteria growth and dead heading flowers regularly. Cut back your herbs now to encourage flush new growth before the first frosts. But for now, let's not talk frosts; let's enjoy the rest of the summer.

Mick McCarter

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