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## What's On

### SEPTEMBER

Sat 1 10am-5pm	<b>Hempstead Arts Weekend</b>	Village Hall
Sun 2 10am-5pm	<b>Hempstead Arts Weekend</b>	Village Hall
Sun 3 7.00pm	<b>Plumstead Parish Council</b>	Church
Sat 8 10.00am	<b>Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Bike Ride</b>	Church
Mon 17 7.00pm	<b>Baconsthorpe Parish Council</b>	Village Hall
Wed 19 7.15pm	<b>Barningham James Boyd &amp; Harriet Mckenzie</b>	St Mary's Church
Fri 21 7.00pm	<b>Baconsthorpe Chandler Green</b>	Village Hall
Sun 23 6.00pm	<b>Baconsthorpe Revd Michael Cartwright Farewell</b>	Village Hall
Sat 29 10.00am	<b>Corpusty Table Top &amp; Book Sale</b>	Village Hall
Sun 30 6.00pm	<b>Edgefield Harvest Festival</b>	Church

### OCTOBER

Fri 5 7.00pm	<b>Matlaske Quiz Night</b>	Barningham Hall
Sat 6 7.30pm	<b>Edgefield Quiz Night</b>	Village Hall
Thur 11 5.00pm	<b>Baconsthorpe Induction of Benefice Priest</b>	Church
Sat 13 10.00am	<b>Edgefield Craft Exhibition</b>	Church
Sun 14 10.00am	<b>Edgefield Craft Exhibition</b>	Church

## Clash Diary

Nov 5	Baconsthorpe Parish Council
Nov 17	Plumstead Keith Skipper Evening
Dec 2	Matlaske Xmas Party
Dec 3	Plumstead Parish Council
Dec 7	Hempstead Xmas Party
Dec 9	Matlaske Sing-along
Dec 15	Baconsthorpe Xmas Sing-along
Dec 16	Baconsthorpe Xmas Party

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Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	<b>Carpet Bowls</b> - 711320
Last Friday	6.00pm - 11.00pm	<b>Pop-Up Pub</b>

### CORPUSTY

Second and fourth Monday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	<b>Bure Valley Quilters &amp; Stitchers</b>
Second Tuesday	12.30pm - 3.00pm	<b>Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach</b>
Tuesdays during term time	5.45pm - 7.15pm	<b>Brownies</b>
Second Tuesday	10.00am - 12noon	<b>North Norfolk Knitters</b> Rita Taylor 587507 k2togp1@btinternet.com
First and third Thursday	10.00am - 12noon	<b>Art Group</b> Rita Taylor 587507 k2togp1@btinternet.com
Friday during term time	9.30am - 11.30am	<b>Toddler Group</b>

### EDGEFIELD

Third Monday	7.00pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
First Tuesday	2.30pm	<b>Tuesday Club</b>
Second Wednesday	2.00pm	<b>Ladies Club</b>
Last Thursday	10.30am	<b>Coffee Morning</b>

### HEMPSTEAD

First Monday alternate months	7.30pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
Tuesday	10.00am	<b>Charcoal Drawing</b> £4 - Mike Thody 711282
Third Wednesday	7.30pm	<b>Film Club</b>

## Mobile Library Van

<b>27 Sept / 25 Oct / 22 Nov / 20 Dec / 17 Jan</b>			
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
<b>13 Sept / 11 Oct / 8 Nov / 6 Dec / 3 Jan</b>			
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

## Post Offices

<b>Baconsthorpe Village Hall</b>	
Tuesdays	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Fridays	10.00am - 1.00pm
All services	
<b>Corpusty Stores</b>	587202
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All services including Euros	
<b>Holt Library</b>	712202
9 Church Street, Holt NR25 6BB	
Mon Wed Sat 9.30am-1.00pm	
Fri 9.30am-6.00pm	

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## Letter from Father Michael - Interim Priest in Charge

Tel 577865

### What can I say?

My Dear Friends

You have been marvellous during the nine months the Bishop asked me to look after the spiritual well-being of the newly-formed Matlaske Benefice. My special thanks to the good souls of Saxthorpe and Edgefield - we didn't really know one another at all on New Year's Eve 2017 when I was licensed on that dark evening in Saxthorpe Church, but I've got to know a whole new lot of friends. Baconsthorpe, Barningham Winter, Hempstead, Matlaske and Plumstead have been part of my life since 2009 so they know me, warts and all!

So many people have been there to support me - first of all Jo, whose wise listening ear has always been there, then Su Summers who has been marvellous with rotas (never an enviable job because you really can't please everybody all the time). The Wardens have been first rate too, and their job has evolved tremendously in recent years. And what a joy to work with Heather and Vanessa in 'Open the Book' at Corpusty School on Monday mornings. And how dreary the services would be without music - Su and the Benefice Choir have brought so much to our services - Richard, James and Andrew have played for so many services. How lucky you are to have such talent in your midst.

I would ask you to make a special effort to come to Evensong at Matlaske on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September when the Revd Professor Peter Galloway, her Majesty's Chaplain of the Savoy will preach. Peter has been a good friend to Matlaske and Plumstead in his role as Patron to both churches.

I wish the Benefice every success for the future and I know you will make David Longe very welcome. I'm pretty sure I will have other things to do - clergy never really retire. Priesthood is for **life**.

Meanwhile my wife joins me in sending love and best wishes to you all.

Every Blessing

Father Michael

**Rev Michael Cartwright's last service as Priest in Charge will be on  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 6.00pm at St Mary's Baconsthorpe**

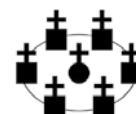


Norwich Diocese Branch - Autumn Church Visit  
St Mary's Church Baconsthorpe  
2.30pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September

### *All Sorts & Conditions*

Talk by the Revd Michael Cartwright  
A reflection on the Book of Common Prayer  
Followed by light refreshments

Evensong at 3.30pm kindly conducted by Revd Michael Cartwright  
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## The Benefice of Matlaske Church Services for September

2 <sup>nd</sup> Trinity 14		
9.30	Eucharist <i>BCP</i>	Matlaske
11.00	Matins <i>BCP</i>	Baconsthorpe
9 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 15		
9.30	Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Saxthorpe
11.00	Eucharist <i>BCP</i>	North Barningham
16 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 16		
9.30	Eucharist <i>CW TL</i>	Edgefield
11.00	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Plumstead
6.00	Choral Evensong	Matlaske
Preacher: Revd Professor Peter Galloway, Her Majesty's Chaplain of the Savoy (Patron of Matlaske and Plumstead)		
23 <sup>rd</sup> Trinity 17		
9.30	Eucharist <i>CW TL</i>	Hempstead
6.00	Michael's last service - Choral Evensong	Baconsthorpe
The Churchwardens thank Michael and Jo most sincerely for their work in our Parishes over the last nine months and wish them well		
30 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 18		
9.30	Eucharist <i>BCP</i>	Baconsthorpe
6.00	Benefice Harvest Festival	Edgefield
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct Trinity 19		
9.30	Eucharist <i>BCP</i>	Barningham Winter
11.00	Eucharist <i>CW TL</i>	Edgefield

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

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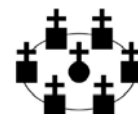
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Warmly invite you to join them at

### **The Service for the Institution** by

The Rt Revd Graham James,  
 Bishop of Norwich  
 and

### **The Induction**

by

The Venerable Ian Bentley,  
 Archdeacon of Lynn

of

The Revd Canon David Longe  
 as Rector of the Matlaske Benefice

on

**Thursday 11 October 2018 at 5pm**  
**St Mary's Church, Baconsthorpe**

Followed by refreshments at Baconsthorpe Village Hall

We very much hope you will be able to come.

To enable us to organise seating and refreshments could as many of you  
 as are able please let

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## Baconsthorpe

### 200 Club

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### Pop-up Pub

This will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September when supper will be cilli con carne.

### Farewell to Michael Cartwright

On Sunday 23 September at 6pm with Evensong we will be saying goodbye to Michael as our Priest in Charge for the second time! When it became clear that the interregnum would be prolonged Michael agreed to look after the benefice until David Longe was able to take over. When Michael retired the first time we were a group of 5 churches, he then took on 7 churches and the 2 additional villages are larger than the rest put together; it was a mighty task for him. We do thank him so much for caring for us all so well during this period and you are all welcome to come to his last service. We look forward to a full church, wonderful singing and a fond farewell.

### Raising the Roof Auction

The final sum raised is £25,002. Work will start on repairing the church roof in September.

### Village Hall News

We are very pleased to report that the recent Jumble Sale was a resounding success with £240:30 taken on the day. None of this could have been achieved without the help of our magnificent volunteers and the donations of jumble without which there would not have been a sale! Thank you all so much. Dates for your diary:

CHANDLER GREEN - 21 September at 7.30pm.

Tickets £7, Door Entry £8. Tickets from Evelyn 577 315. Light refreshments provided.

PRIZE BINGO - 24 October at 7.00pm. Light refreshments provided. Bring your own drinks.

QUIZ NIGHT - 14th November at 7.00pm. Supper provided - bring your own drinks.

Table booking essential. Contact Kevin Delaney 07801 916769

Susan Belbin

### Welcome

To Kim and Luke Matthes, who with daughters Lucy and Ellie have moved into Castle Farm. We do hope they will be happy in their new home and enjoy life in Baconsthorpe.

Debbie Coombs has asked me to include the following: "My parents are planning to return to this area after living abroad for many years. Would anyone by any chance have an empty garage or barn they could temporarily rent for storage. Please contact davidcoombs@sfr.fr



Corinne Youngs  
577263

## Barningham Winter

On the 9 September the Communion Service will be held at St Peter's Church, North Barningham (NOT St Mary's) at 11am.

Following the success of the candlelit concert last October by James Boyd, he returns to St Mary's on Wednesday 19 September with the violinist Harriet Mackenzie. Come and enjoy the magic of world class



Sara Buxton  
577207

music on your doorstep! The evening starts with drinks at Barningham Hall from 7.15pm and the concert begins at 8pm. Tickets are £17.50 and must be booked in advance from: james@jamesboyd.co.uk

The Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride on Saturday 8 September both St Mary's church and St Peter's Church will be open.

We wish Rose Parker of Barningham Rectory well in her studies at Oxford Brooks University.

## Edgefield

### Church News

The Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride is on Saturday 8 September. Do please have a go, biking or walking around the local churches, and, through sponsorship, raise much needed funds for the Trust and for our Church. Alison Mawson has all the necessary details for you.



Richard Peaver  
587486

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 6.00pm, we will have our Harvest Festival, and this time it will be for the Benefice as well. All offers of flowers, fruit and vegetables with which to decorate the church will be very much appreciated, as will offers of food for the Harvest Supper afterwards. We should have a larger congregation this year, which will be lovely!

Our main fundraising event for this year is the CRAFT EXHIBITION in the church on Saturday 13 September, 10.00 – 5.00, and on Sunday 14 September 10.00 – 4.00. To all who have promised to come and exhibit: please bring everything along to the church on Thursday and Friday mornings, 9.30 onwards to set it all up. We will lock the church when it is not manned. The Thursday evening, 11<sup>th</sup> October, is when our new Rector is to be inducted at Baconsthorpe at 5.00pm.

Angela Turner

### Village Hall News

A reminder that we will be having a fun quiz night at the Village Hall on Saturday 6 October, starting at 7.30pm. There will be nibbles and a licensed bar, plus a prize for the winning team. £10 per team of four.

Jim Frost

## Hempstead

### 200 Club

£50 S Price, £25 J Wolf, £10 P Grieve, £5 D Lister, D Collier, M Thody

### Coffee & Gossip

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## Thank you

The PCC would like to thank Rev Michael and Jo Cartwright for looking after our parish so caringly. It has been lovely to hear the organ played regularly again, and we will have many happy memories of these last nine months. Bless you both. Time for a rest! Michael's last service is a choral Evensong at Baconsthorpe on 23rd September at 6pm. Everyone very welcome to this service when we will wish them well.

## Fête

The fête day was a scorcher! Could it get any hotter? It was good to see so many braving the heat and then visiting the church for a cool down. Football was inevitably down as people headed to the beach but we still made a respectable £2,792.29 for village hall and church funds. The dogs attending the dog show were amazing, with their owners making sure they drank copiously from the buckets of water and taking them to the limited shade when necessary. Thank you to Shirley from Mundesley who was the judge and Pammie who did the commentary, and to Lidl who donated packets of dog treats for each dog. The organising group would like to thank all those who set up tents and manned stalls, and then despite being totally wiped out by the heat, took the tents down and delivered everything back to the hall. Also thank you to Jon Cooper from Baconsthorpe who loaned us his PA system. Hempstead at its best. Here's to next year!

## The Church Picnic

Thanks to all who attended the church decorating and picnic event. The chance for the children to decorate the church with flowers was a real treat and all the children enjoyed it very much indeed! The sun was shining and the children were smiling...perfect.

## Hempstead Arts

Don't forget to visit Hempstead Arts in the Village Hall on 1 and 2 September, 10am till 5pm. Free entry. Constant tea, coffee and cake and soup and pudding lunches both days. The exhibition and sale has a lovely welcoming atmosphere and it is so good to see people enjoying the art work.



## Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride

A reminder that as mentioned in the last newsletter, Hempstead needs cyclists/ walkers/ car riders to take part in this event on September 8. We also would be grateful for anyone who would sit in the church for an hour to welcome and sign in visitors. And above all, we need sponsors to encourage those undertaking this annual journey to raise what is always an astonishing amount of money for such a small community. More information, sponsor forms etc from Yvette Gibson 712460.



## Pammie's Ride

Congratulations to Pammie Wallis, who cycled 100 miles in the London Prudential Ride to raise money for a defibrillator for the village. If anyone would like to donate to this worthwhile lifesaving machine please call Pammie on 478421.

## Diary Date

The Hempstead Christmas Party will this year be held on Friday 7 December. Please put it in your diary now!



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### Fête

The weather smiled on us once again and this helped a record number of visitors to support and enjoy the many stalls and entertainments on show. We were blessed with an opening to remember with The Holt Ridge Morris Team welcoming dances outside the gates and throughout they worked magnificently with our



Marion Shepherd  
577521



fabulous local folk band Threescore to provide top class entertainment. Alan and Louise kindly brought their sheep again to add to the fun. In the sunshine there was the gentle, relaxed feel of a truly traditional village fête. Thanks to Thomas and Amelia Courtauld for their continuing support in

hosting and helping, together with a fine group of local village stallholders, caterers and committee members. Thanks also to those who kindly donated to the many stalls and for the cash donations received. A good sum was raised towards church funds and people certainly seemed to enjoy themselves.

### Barningham Hall Park Wall

It is very disappointing to see that this wall has been vandalised. This happened on the afternoon/evening of 14 August when a group of young boys were seen by a resident kicking a ball around. When challenged they were rude and abusive. What a shame this has happened in a quiet village like ours.

## Plumstead

It's hard to believe after the scorching summer that we have had that harvest is virtually completed, the nights are drawing in and the swallows are beginning to congregate on the telegraph wires. Despite this, the days remain beautifully warm and some of us are thinking about harvesting our fruits and vegetables and turning our thoughts to the following growing season.

On this note I recently received this email from Alison and Pip Burden in the village:

"We would like to think about growing some easy vegetables to ensure a fresh food supply. Our problem is that we are relative novices and a bit clueless! We have grown veggies half heartedly in the past, but frankly, we don't really know what we are doing, or when to do things. There are some



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fantastic gardeners in Plumstead, as shown by the success of the Open Garden Day. Do you think any of these experienced gardeners would be willing to impart their skills to novices like us? The information can be got from books, but it's much easier to learn in a group of like minded people, from people who know what they are doing. (No letting the weeds grow with the neighbours all aware!) There is no better way to learn, than by word of mouth, watching and doing. Due to work commitments over the past few years, our garden is very neglected and we want to organise it properly from the start."

Calling all those who love growing veg and those who have always liked the thought but never got around to it: would you be interested in being involved in this idea? Initially I suggest a get-together to discuss how we might take this forward. Call Mary Lintott 577718.

## Church Bike Ride on Saturday September 8

Are you willing and/or able to take up the challenge of a bike ride around the north Norfolk countryside and raise money for the church? If so please either collect a form from the church or ring Eleanor on 577868. She is also looking for volunteers to sit in the church (one-hour slots), and sponsors for her own journey around the local churches. You can contact her by phone or use the following link for sponsorship [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Eleanor-Faulkner2](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Eleanor-Faulkner2)

The church would also like to say thank you to the wonderful group of people who generously give of their time and ensure that the church has fresh flowers every week. It makes such a difference when visitors come into our church. If you would be willing to volunteer to help with this please call Mary Lintott 577718 or email on [mary.lintott57@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.lintott57@btinternet.com)

## NB NEW DATE for Keith Skipper Saturday 17 November 2018

Please put this in your diary. More details to follow in next month's magazine..

## Saxthorpe with Corpusty

### Michael Banks

Judith and her family would like to express their thanks for all the messages of sympathy they have received with regard to Michael's death. The outpouring of love and support by so many before the service and by those attending the service to celebrate Michael's life, was quite overwhelming. Michael's ashes will be scattered at a private family event later in the year.

(A lady's navy-blue jacket was left in St Andrew's Church after the funeral service. If anyone would like to claim it, could they please contact Judith on 587319.)

## Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Annual Bike Ride 8 September

Don't forget to pump up your bicycle tyres ready for the sponsored church bicycle ride on Saturday 8 September. The date had previously been fixed for 15 Sept but this was changed. So, it's 8 September. Any questions to Charles Tyndall on 07484 231443.

Sophia Hodgson  
587510

This year the event is particularly memorable as, for the first time in its 700+ year history, Corpusty Church will be open for the sponsored annual bike ride. Cathy Stern will be manning the church as Recorder for the day to help raise funds to preserve its fabric and repair, and specifically to raise money for a new sign to advertise its opening hours. Bicycle, motorbike, mobility scooter or on-foot, do stop by to visit this lovely landmark church, where light refreshments will be available. You can even play your part by donating from the comfort of your armchair at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/CorpustyChurch](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/CorpustyChurch)

Additionally, a collection box will be available at Corpusty Village Stores - Minimum effort, maximum reward; you will not be disappointed!

### Table Top & Book Sale

The Table Top & Book Sale will take place at the Corpusty Village Hall on Saturday 29 September from 10am to 2pm. If anyone would like to book a table (£5) please contact [paulpeachment@btinternet.com](mailto:paulpeachment@btinternet.com)

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## The Village Gardener

To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow



What an amazing summer we have had - not so good for the garden, but a proper summer to remember! However, the year moves on, and only yesterday I had the faintest hint of autumn. So, with that season almost upon us.... here is what you need to do.

To get the most out of your tomato plants, pick the tomatoes when they are nearly ripe and then finish them off on a sunny windowsill. If you leave the tomatoes on the plant, it signals to the plant to stop producing more tomatoes. Also, keep on top of your beans and courgettes. At this time of year, your courgettes can be set with powdery mildew, which is unsightly but shouldn't affect your harvest. If you are fortunate to have an espaliered peach or cherry, then this is the best time to tie them in to keep a good shape.

September is the best month for hedge work. This enables your hedges to keep a nice neat shape, as there won't be any significant regrowth – and you can keep cutting hedges up until the clocks change. After that time, you run the risk of damage if we get a frost. Also, if you missed trimming up your box plants, now is a good time as it's best to cut box in shade rather than full sun so there is no risk of scorching.

Lawn work: keep going with keeping it trim. If your lawn needs a bit of TLC, then September is perfect for applying an autumn feed.

Thinking ahead, settle yourself down with a nice cup of tea and a bulb catalogue so you can choose your spring displays, armchair gardening at its best.

Now for this month's question! Brenda Blessed asks if the autumn is a good time to scarify her lawn. Yes Brenda, it's actually my preferred time of year as you are less likely to damage your lawn now. If you do it in the spring, then sometimes if you get a dry patch after scarifying it can really knock your lawn back.

Do keep the questions coming in! Email me at [redmaple@btinternet.com](mailto:redmaple@btinternet.com), and as ever the most interesting question will be published next month.

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## Recipe of the Month

### Stodgy Apple Cake/Pudding

1lb cooking apples, peeled, cored and chopped into ½ inch pieces  
2oz sultanas or raisins  
1oz chopped nuts  
2oz demerara sugar  
½ tsp ground cinnamon  
4 oz caster sugar  
5 oz self-raising flour  
1 large egg  
A pinch of salt  
4oz butter or margarine

### Apple Mix

In a large bowl, mix together the cooking apples, sultanas, chopped nuts, demerara sugar and cinnamon.

### Cake mix

In a saucepan, gently melt the butter or margarine, then beat into it (in this order) caster sugar, self-raising flour, egg and salt.

Grease an 8" loose-bottomed cake tin and line the base with paper.  
Put two thirds of the cake mix in the tin and smooth over, then put all the apple mix on the top of it.

Dot the rest of the cake mix in small spoonfuls over the top of it.  
Bake for 50 – 60 minutes at 200C and leave in tin until cold.  
Sprinkle lightly with icing sugar.

Serve sliced as a cake or warmed up with ice cream as a pudding.



## Meet the Neighbours - James Boyd



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James is a classical guitarist, sailor, teacher, story teller and expert in the art of learning. He lives in Matlaske on the edge of the Repton Estate. The pastoral idyll outside his cottage door is a backdrop that feeds his creative work. Brought up in North Norfolk, James went to study the classical guitar at the Royal Academy of Music and there won the Julian Bream Prize (Julian Bream is one of the most distinguished classical guitarists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century). He went on to develop a solo career of international note and was recently elected an Associate of the Royal Academy in recognition of his distinguished contribution to music. His album *Shapes of Sleep* best captures the man and his music. It was inspired by the salt marshes of Cley and Blakeney and the music of great English composers. Selected by *Gramophone Magazine* as an *Editor's Choice CD* it captures James' poetic and lyrical playing in the setting of one of the world's great concert halls, Snape Maltings.

In 2007 James bought a classic yacht, Concord, built in 1937. He then spent two years restoring

her to her former glory. His restoration of Concord won *Classic Boat Magazine's Restoration of the Year* award at the International Boat Show in London. Concord is an obsession that has woven herself into the fabric of his musical career. *Sea Change, an Adventure of Music & Sailing* saw James travel along the coast of England on Concord, giving performances inspired by the sea. His journey created a legacy of new music for guitar and voice.

One day life changed for James. He had just given a late-night recital at the Bath International Festival when the next day his hands stopped working and he could not play the guitar. After modern medicine could not identify a reason for this he decided something in the way he was using himself was making the problems worse. He decided to rest from the guitar, learn new skills and become a beginner again. He learnt how to juggle, walk a slack line and practiced Tai Chi, Alexander Technique and cold-water swimming. After eight months James was able to play the guitar again with a new ease and virtuosity. The relief and joy of being back on stage once more was accompanied by a resolve to share what he had discovered with others. Alongside his concert career he now delivers immersive seminars that "Take the Tension Out of Learning" for school children, company executives and entrepreneurs.

James can be heard in concert here in Norfolk at the stunning church of St Mary's in Barningham. He will be performing there with international star violinist, Harriet Mackenzie, in a candlelit concert on 19 September. For more information on this unique event please email [james@jamesboyd.co.uk](mailto:james@jamesboyd.co.uk)

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