Baconsthorpe Water Tower
Norman Allen
From the Editor

Clive Rammell, our advertising manager, has now retired. Renewed thanks to him for all his excellent work.

We urgently need a volunteer to replace him.

In the meantime, Karen and Corinne have very generously offered to hold the fort until someone steps forward to help. If nobody does, then the future of the Church & Village News is at risk, as our only income is from advertising. This income just covers our only expense, which is the cost of printing. Please contact me if you are able to help: mjmcm25@gmail.com

All the other work that goes into producing the magazine is unpaid. And this is perhaps a good time to renew our thanks to Karen, our designer. Last year, we had to pay for someone to cover for her for one issue while she was abroad – which made us realise that it would cost us several thousand pounds a year if we had to pay for the work that Karen does. We just couldn’t afford it. This year, Karen very generously designed two editions from Spain and Italy, where she was supposedly on holiday.

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  - Pop-Up Pub

**TUESDAY**

- **Baconsthorpe Village Life Film** Village Hall
  - **6.30pm**
- **Corpusty LinC Stained Glass Demo** Tea @ Quarndon
  - **7.00pm**
- **Edgefield Quilters & Stitchers** Village Hall
  - **12noon**
- **Brownies** Village Hall
  - **10.00am - 12noon**
- **North Norfolk Knitters** K2togp1@btinternet.com
  - **First and third Thursday 10.00am - 12noon**
  - **Professional artist in attendance every 3rd week**
- **Toddlers Group**
  - **Friday during term time 9.30am - 11.30am**

**CORPUSTY**

- **Second and fourth Monday 2.00pm - 4.00pm**
  - Bure Valley Quilters & Stitchers
- **Second Tuesday 1.20pm - 3.00pm**
  - Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach
- **Tuesdays during term time 5.45pm - 7.15pm**
  - Brownies
- **Monday-Saturday 9.00am – 12.00noon**
  - All services including Euros

**CORPUSTY Stores**

- **Rita Taylor 587507 K2togp1@btinternet.com**
  - **Second Tuesday 10.00am - 12noon**
  - **Art Group Non-members £10 a session**
  - **Professional artist in attendance every 3rd week**
  - **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

**HMPSTEAD**

- **First Monday alternate months 7.30pm**
  - Parish Council Meeting (next is 6 Nov)
- **Tuesday 10.00am**
  - Charcoal Drawing £4 - Mike Thody 711282
- **Third Wednesday (not Dec) 7.30pm**
  - Film Club

**Holt Community Centre**

- **Royal Opera House Satellite Screenings**
- **La Bohème**
  - 2pm Sun 8 October
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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.

A badminton club meets every Wednesday in the Sports Hall at Gresham’s School from 7pm to 9pm. It’s a friendly group of intermediate players (male and female) who play for fitness and fun. New members welcome.
First session free: pop along, or call Mel or Karen for more info on
07776 487117 or 07884 584066

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- **All services**

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Reflection

Following on from Gill Peat’s theme of new spiritual beginnings for the Autumn, I am happy to announce that St Peter’s Church, Corpusty is going to be open two days a week from October 6th. Look out for the board outside the Church with details of opening days, times and the names of key holders, if you would like the opportunity to have a look inside and to appreciate the new roof, gutters and drains. Thank you to all those involved locally and to John Vigar from the Norfolk Churches Trust.

October is a time of great change in the weather, temperature and the light. We approach the closure of summer time at the end of this month and move into days with fewer light hours. This can be challenging for some who miss the sun and time outside. Others love the indoors and the comfort of a wood burning stove or fire at night.

At the close of October too we have All Hallows Eve or Halloween, where the children in our community have fun dressing up and trick or treating. They are celebrating the night before All Saints Day, when we remember the Saints, followed closely by All Souls Day, when we remember all those who have died and especially those close to us.

We have some famous saints to remember in October too, like Francis of Assisi. Francis became very ill after a year’s imprisonment during a local war. His father was a wealthy cloth merchant. As he recovered, he began to care for the poor and the lepers and gave away his father’s goods and his own clothes. He began the rebuilding and the renewal of the Church of his day and founded the Franciscan Order. He became renowned for his love, simplicity and practice of poverty.

Let us hope and pray too, that in this waiting time for a new priest-in-charge, we are all able to both nurture and develop our community and to keep our spiritual lives alive and flourishing. I have been living in Corpusty for a few months now and have been made welcome both by neighbours and all those I have met.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who has supported me in my Lay Ministry Training over the last two years in this Benefice. A special thank you too for our Rural Dean Jeremy Sykes, who was at my side during the licensing ceremony at the Cathedral on September 2nd and ensured I made no blunders. It was a personally transforming day and made more meaningful by close friends and family sharing and witnessing the occasion.

Bishop Graham led the service and at its close jokingly referred to my six colleagues and myself as the Magnificent Seven. He also alluded to the seven spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. I am still pondering over which if any of these gifts my friends and I embody? Do have a look on the Diocesan website if anybody is interested to see photos of the Licensing Service.

Judy Rosser Licensed Lay Minister

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Holy Communion Services Wednesdays 9am
Saxthorpe 4th & 18th / Little Barningham 11th & 25th

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Whilst we have no incumbent, anyone with queries about baptisms, weddings and funerals should contact the Rural Dean:
Rev Jeremy Sykes 860280
briston.vicarage@gmail.com

For other matters speak to your churchwardens in the first instance.
200 Club
August  £25 Julie Rudd, £10 Andy Hutchinson, £5 Will Peck, Maggie Cooper
September  £25 Doreen Grout, £10 Stan Martin, £5 Julie Rudd, Alison Cook

Golden Weddings
Congratulations to Corinne and Richard Youngs who will celebrate 50 years of marriage on the 14th October. They were married at All Saint’s Church, Beeston Regis and moved to Ash Tree Farm when they returned from their honeymoon in Derbyshire and have lived there ever since.

Congratulations also go to Margaret and Richard Gee who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 16th September. They were married in Holt Parish Church and have also lived and farmed in Baconsthorpe ever since.

Church Bike Ride
Despite mention of this event in the last newsletter and a flyer inserted into every newsletter delivered in Baconsthorpe, no one biked, walked or rode to raise desperately needed money for the church. Charles Inglis from Hempstead biked for Baconsthorpe as well as Hempstead and only three people in the village sponsored him to do so, but Charles thank you so much for your efforts on our behalf. On a positive note, the church was manned all day from 9am to 5pm by various people, several of whom spent their allotted time cleaning the church! Thank you all so much.

Church
As was pointed out last month it is going to take tens of thousands of pounds to replace the stolen lead. Rain is already coming through the temporary roofing and all the altar frontals got wet – thank you so much to Airlie Inglis for taking them home and drying them in her laundry room.

If we do not raise money for repairs, the church will not only deteriorate but will be declared redundant and no longer used. The church does not belong to the diocese and they are not responsible for maintaining it. The church belongs to the village and we are responsible for its maintenance. It has stood in Baconsthorpe since 1300, over 700 years. How shameful it would be if our generation failed to maintain it. It is too big a job for the three elderly Parochial Church Council members to undertake alone, we need the whole village to help

Pop-up Pub
The next Pop-Up Pub will be Friday 27th October - supper will be Toad in the Hole.

Parish Council
The next parish council meeting will be on Monday 23rd October at 7pm in the Village Hall. The Parish Council has a new website: www.baconsthorpepc.wixsite.com/baconsthorpepc
Village Hall News & Dates for your Diary

The Jumble Sale was a triumph: £192.61 to add to the kitty! Thank you for all the donations and thank you to our loyal band of volunteers for making it such a success.

On the subject of thanking people, we would like to thank John Hardingham for his generous donation of plastic cutlery - very useful and saves on the washing up! Thank you, John.

The new blinds are now in situ - we hope you like them. They will allow us to show films in the afternoons and/or presentations which require a darkened Hall.

On the down side, I'm afraid we had to cancel the Forties Evening due to lack of interest. Refunds were given to those good people who had booked. Sorry we had to let you down.

QUIZ NIGHT- Wednesday 25th October at 7.30pm. Once again booking essential. To reserve a table please call Susie 577474.

Apathy Reigns!
As you have just read under Village Hall news the Forties Evening had to be cancelled due to lack of support. For the same reason it has been decided to stop the soup and cake lunch. It was thought something was needed during the day for people at home. A choice of soup, rolls, a choice of cake and coffee all for £3 seemed a bargain, but obviously not what is wanted in this village. The same people who bought tickets for the Forties event were the ones who came to the soup lunch, so we do thank them for their support.

Sara Buxton
Barningham Winter

We are very lucky to have living in Matlaske the wonderful guitarist, James Boyd, who has offered to perform his programme of music for guitar and voice entitled Nocturnal with the tenor Joshua Elliott at St Mary’s Barningham Winter on Wednesday 11th October. This event starts at 7.15pm with drinks. Tickets are £15 each and available from Amelia: amelia@barninghamestate.co.uk

On Sunday 29th October at 10.45am there is going to be a service of celebration at St Mary’s Barningham Winter, following the completion of the work that has been taking place since the beginning of the year. Do join us there and then for lunch in the Stables, Barningham Hall. Please bring your own cutlery and plates. Please email Amelia: amelia@barninghamestate.co.uk

On 5th December, there is going to be a wreath making morning in the Stables at Barningham Hall which will include coffee and soup. Please come along and join in this happy and busy event!! All the materials you need to make a wreath will be supplied and Mrs Tessa Papworth will guide you in how to make a wonderful festive masterpiece. The cost is £20 which will go towards St Mary’s Church.

Sincere apologies to those of you who didn’t receive a last-minute notification that the timing of the service at St Peter, North Barningham on 10th September had - owing to an oversight - reverted to its usual 9.15am instead of the scheduled 11.15am.

Susan Belbin
Unfortunately, Angela has broken her wrist – an accident that has happened to a number of people within our benefice recently – and it thus falls to me to submit the church report this month.

The acquisition of a second-hand ride-on mower has transformed the hitherto laborious task of cutting the grass in the old churchyard, a procedure which can now be completed in under three hours, as opposed to the five hours that it previously required. As Angela mentioned last month, there should in due course be some excellent pigeon guano from the old church tower, which would be valuable fertiliser; anyone is welcome to help themselves to some, or all, of this.

Pat Albeck, Pat Rice, Mistress of the Tea Towel (17 March 1930 – 1 September 2017)
All of us of a certain era have tea-towels she designed, probably tied "her" aprons around our waists, just as an equal number of people today have mugs, trays, diaries, designed by Emma Bridgewater, her daughter-in-law, and/or Matthew Rice, her only son. She was prolific. A successful exhibition of her cut-out paper flower pictures was held at East Ruston a few years ago. Exhibited again recently by Colefax & Fowler in London, they were a huge hit.

For a time, when Emma and Matthew lived at Wickmere, Peter and Pat lived in Aldborough and took on an allotment at Barningham Hall. They were frequent visitors. And so, in a sense, they are – or were - a part of our very own community.

Dear Pat! So warm-hearted, bubbling, eminently loveable! She was seen arriving at the Aldborough Surgery one summer afternoon in full make-up, blue eyeshadow included, hair immaculate, pretty clothing freshly pressed. As she arrived, she greeted an acquaintance: “Isn’t this a wonderful surgery? Such charming girls at the desk, so pretty, so helpful! And our doctors, so special, so kind. Their young families so delightful too. I couldn’t ask for better or nicer people. I depend on our doctors utterly”. Receptionists melted under this barrage of compliments and a doctor appeared instantly, as if by magic, to greet her personally and waft her into the consulting room on the crest of a tidal-wave of goodwill. May you rest in peace, Pat.

Chuffy de Bunsen
Hempstead Arts was a real treat for me to discover indeed! I am a frequent visitor to art exhibitions in Devon and was astonished by the presentation and flow of the exhibition itself, which created good movement and view around all creations, something which can be difficult in a hall of such size. The displays were of a wide range – cast bronze, pottery, stained glass, watercolour, photography, pen, ink, mono print, silver, gold, embroidered picture, acrylic... truly wonderful. The affordability of the art for me was the real magic – access to art for all! Well done to the organisers!

Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle
Thank you to all who took part in the event and who sponsored participants this year. Whilst we wait to hear the amounts raised one of the young cyclists sponsored is keen to tell us of her experience of the day:

I love cycling around on my bike and went with my family and some friends from Hempstead church onto Baconshorpe, Matlaske, and Plumstead churches. I liked being in the fresh air and I was careful when the cars drove past me. I feel good to raise money for the churches as they have been around a long time and need help to keep them standing so people can get married in them still. Next year I would like to do the journey on a pony.

Matilda Hannah, age 8 years

Quiz Night
Coming up on Friday 13th October is the very popular Hempstead Village Hall Quiz. The Quiz will be preceded by supper consisting of a choice of hot homemade dishes with gluten free and vegetarian diets catered for. Wine, chocolates and even a cup to put on the mantelpiece for a year await the winners. To avoid disappointment, secure your place(s) by ringing Tony or Diane Collier on 713004 - £7 per person.

100 Club
£25 Mandy Batterham, £10 Claire Kokelaar, £5 Richenda Riches

Quiz Night
Don't forget it's Matlaske Quiz Friday 6th October, 7pm in The Old Stables at Barningham Hall. £5 entry which includes jacket potato with various fillings. There will be a selection of drinks available and a raffle will be held. Do come along for a fun evening.

Ryan Saves The Day
Buxton Hitmen speedway rider Ryan Kinsley went as a spectator to his old club Kings Lynn Young Stars and ended up riding for them. A Stars rider was injured in the first half and knowing Ryan was watching, their manager did not hesitate to ask him if he could ride for them. Ryan had to quickly phone his dad Stephen to ask him if he could load up his bikes and kit and get them to Kings Lynn swiftly. Naturally Stephen rushed there, meaning Ryan could gain extra experience racing against the Wolverhampton Wolves who have two Grand Prix riders in their team. Ryan tells me "It was a good experience to ride with top riders in a top league".

Christmas Sing-Along
After last year's very successful sing-along in which there was plenty of marvellous audience participation, we are delighted that the Revd Michael Cartwright has kindly agreed to give us second helpings. All are welcome for an hour of festive fun and enjoyment at St Peters Church, Matlaske on the 17th December at 7pm. This is not a church service but a simple festive gathering with mulled wine and mince pies

Name the Players
The 1948 Matlaske football players in the photo published in August were:
Back row left to right - Billy Barnes, Fred Reynolds, Hedley Smith, Donny March, Geoffrey Hazelwood, Geoffrey Ketteringham.
Front row left to right - Ronnie Bacon, Jimmy Gallen, Bob White, Free White, Jim Bush.

Plumstead
We are well and truly into autumn now, and we can begin to think about the nights drawing in, cooler evenings and lighting our fires. It's a time to be grateful for the summer we have had and some of us gathered to celebrate Harvest with a very enjoyable Harvest Supper. The largest landowner in Britain? The Queen? No - the Forestry Commission by a mile. Most of us got that one wrong in an evening of brainteasers followed by a film of farming in times gone by. Well before the arrival of giant John Deeres and vast equipment which rampage around our lanes.

A delicious meal was shared by a small number of us in the genial surroundings of Hempstead Village Hall. Many thanks to Brian who gave us some insight into the origins of the Harvest Supper, to our Quiz Master Richard Youngs, and all those who prepared the scrumptious Harvest Supper. The excellent raffle - thanks to Steve Price who ushered us through it - along with other donations raised just under £300 for the Church.

A warm welcome to Claire, Lucas and Eli who have moved into Homestead. We hope they will be very happy in the village.

Sometimes, someone takes time to communicate their experience and what a joy it is to receive an email such as the one below. It gives heart to those who have worked so hard to ensure that the pond area is a beautiful place to visit. Thank you again to Alastair and his team for all their hard work, and special thanks to Frank for restoring the bench. May this continue into the future (if you are willing to help do get in contact with Alastair on 577447).

Myself and a small group of friends had a circular walk from Itteringham today. We found ourselves at Plumstead Green at lunch time and discovered your pond. As someone who was a parish councillor in Cambridgeshire for 22 years I know only too well the blood, sweat and tears that go into such a project. Not only that but the continuing maintenance effort required since opening. The site was perfect to enjoy our packed lunches. Thank you for making our day much more enjoyable. For such a small community this is a great achievement.

Mike Bridge
The scaffolding is going up around the Church as I write this. The building work will continue over the coming weeks. Thank you again to those who so generously have given over the past year or so to assure the safety of our beautiful Church building.

We need a volunteer from Plumstead Green to deliver 18 copies of the Church & Village News once a month (generally at the end of the month). Please do get in touch with Julie Brown (577477) if you are interested in helping out.

Our editor has a few apple trees and a cider press and would be happy to get together with anyone else who has any apples that they would like to turn into juice for freezing or making cider. Email him if interested: mjmc25@gmail.com.

Parish Council
At the last meeting, Councillors discussed the cost of maintaining the bus shelter and will consider it again at the meeting in December. If any resident does use it, please let Carolyn know, otherwise Councillors may consider using it elsewhere in the Village. The Flagpole Garden is appreciated by residents and tourists visiting the area. There are currently 7 volunteers on the flagpole garden/churchyard grass cutting rota. We are looking for further volunteers, so if you are able to assist with this, please contact Carolyn 577236. A reminder that the Parish Council has its own website http://plumsteadparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/

A very enjoyable afternoon was shared by LinC members and gentlemen visitors in Sue and Rob Worzle’s home. Rob’s love of old hand tools particularly to do with cobbling, saddlery and leatherwork was on show in his garden museum. Other items included tools used by our parents or grandparents in their everyday lives, such as mangles, shoe lasts, and button hooks for boots. Sue’s garden, which only three years ago was a large lawn, is now composed of borders, beds of a variety of plants, green houses and pots. It is a riot of colour and texture, with waving grasses, bee-infested lavender, cascading fuchsias, nasturtiums and geraniums, plus a productive vegetable patch.

If anyone from these or neighbouring villages would like to come along to LinC they would be made very welcome. The next outing is to see how Ferndale Farm, Little Barningham, make their delicious cheeses, followed by tea in Quarndon, Post Office Lane.

Liz and David Potter will be missed very much by the village activities they have supported during their time in Saxthorpe. We thank them for their enthusiasm and energy and wish them well as they move to Devon to be closer to their family.

Congratulations to Judy Rosser on being made a Reader in the Church of England. Judy has been a resident of Corpusty for a few months and has been taking services in the Benefice for a couple of months.

Also, congratulations to the Harvey family of Mountains Road, Corpusty. On 17th September, Jacob and Mabel were christened at St Andrew’s Church, while elder brother Noah helped the priest throughout the service.
Why Was it Necessary to Move Edgefield Church?

The answer probably is that the parish originally was down near Hunworth for the sake of the stream. Groundsels in dry weather are seen to this day. But when in 1348–50 the Black Death swept off so many inhabitants, that scarcely enough were left alive to bury the dead, the people moved to the high ground on Edgefield Green – and the Church was left isolated. The road to it in winter was a quagmire of marl and mud. The burial ground around the Church had become so full that no one’s bones of former days were allowed to rest when someone’s of these days wanted to lie there too.

I therefore resolved upon the huge task of restoring God’s House on another site. The effort took ten years to accomplish and took £2,000 to do, half of which I gathered by begging from kind and loyal friends. The Church now stands on the geographical centre of the parish, within the reach of all, on a site given me by the late Marchioness of Lothian, of blessed memory. The actual building (architect, Mr I D Sedding) took two years. Afterwards, at intervals, the font, screen, pulpit, lectern and organ were added by the united efforts of ourselves and helpers. To ensure each bit of wrought stone going again into its place it was lettered and numbered.

The foundation stone was laid in 1883 as is recorded in the walls, and in 1885 the Bishop of Norwich consecrated the church and burial ground, before the assembled congregation of parishioners and friends. My great effort for the souls of my people – an effort that more than once my heart failed over – saw itself realised and crowned.

Rev Canon W H Marcon, *The Reminiscences of a Norfolk Parson*
**Recipe of the Month**

**Turkey Meatballs**
Serves Four

- 340g pack turkey mince
- 2 spring onions chopped
- 1 clove garlic crushed
- 20g white breadcrumbs
- 4 tbsp roughly chopped parsley
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 390g carton/tin chopped tomatoes with herbs

Put mince, spring onions, garlic, breadcrumbs and half the parsley in a bowl and mix together.

Divide into 16 and roll each into a ball. Cover and chill until ready to cook.

Heat oil in a non-stick pan and fry meatballs until browned.

Mix tomato purée with 200ml boiling water, stir in chopped toms and pour over the meatballs. Simmer for 15 mins, stirring occasionally.

When ready sprinkle over the remaining parsley, and serve with spaghetti, pasta or whatever you like.

Marion Shepherd

**Skipper’s Corner**

Stories that Skipper approved by wagging his tail when they were read to him

One evening at Chequers the film was Oliver Twist. Rufus, as usual, had the best seat in the house, on his master’s lap. At the point where Bill Sykes was about to drown his dog to put the police off his track, Winston Churchill covered Rufus’ eyes with his hand, and said, “Don’t look now, dear. I’ll tell you about it afterwards.”

“I am afraid,” said a woman entering a shoe shop, ‘that one of my feet is larger than the other.”

“Oh no, madam” exclaimed the salesman. “If anything, one is smaller.”

Jock Murray, *A Gentleman Publisher’s commonplace Book*
The Village Gardener

For me, October is a beautiful time of year with all the trees changing colour and bringing a different glow to your world. But eventually, the leaves will come down, so regular and often raking of the leaves will save one big soggy clear-up at the end, and will provide you (if stored properly) a fantastic supply of crumbly soil conditioner. This in itself has no helpful nutrients, but does make a big difference to the structure of your soil.

In the border, it’s time to start cutting down faded herbaceous perennials, and these can be added to the compost heap – no need to chop up, they will rot down over the winter months. A mulch can be added around the remaining plants. Be generous! I am talking of a minimum of 4 inches. This is not the time to be mean!

Climbing roses can be pruned towards the end of the month. Start this job off by removing dead and diseased branches. These need to go to the bonfire heap along with any leaves with black spot on them, as leaving them on the ground only encourages more disease. Tie in any new shoots that need support, and cut away any old woody branches to the ground to help maintain the vigour of your rose. Prune back side shoots by half. A generous mulch is required, but ensure it doesn’t touch the plants stems as roses hate that, and will rot.

Now that we have milder winters, it’s harder to officially put lawns to bed, so a slight change in tactic is required: it’s a case of keeping the leaves off the grass, and raising your height of cut on the mower to 2.5cm (or 1 inch if you are old school!). I would encourage you to keep cutting until there is a notable slowdown in the growth, or come the turn of the year, you will be dusting off the mower a lot earlier than you need to.

Mick McCarter

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Tucked behind Corpusty Primary School you will find B W Brewster & Sons, a family run agricultural machinery and spare parts business currently headed by Alan Brewster.

Alan started working for his father, Bryan, in 1983. Bryan and his wife, Margaret Anne, established the business in 1972 where Bryan mainly undertook tractor repairs. As a fully trained engineer Bryan’s great interest was precision metal work, using lathes and boring bars.

Alan also undertook much repair work, as well as creating the store/spare parts service. Alan appreciates the multitude of skills our farmers need nowadays to run their farms, this includes the maintenance and repair of their machinery, which many farmers undertake themselves. Alan is able to supply them with all the parts and accessories that they need. There are tens of thousands of parts in Alan’s sheds!!

Fifteen years ago, Alan branched out into machinery sales. Brewsters now sell Italian Landini tractors, Danish Tim & Thyregod sugar beet harvesters and Kongskilde cultivators, seed drills and other tillage machines. As a specialist in sugar beet harvesters Alan is coming into his busiest time of year as Brewster’s supply spare parts to customers throughout England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the Channel Islands.

The majority of Alan’s customers come from family farms within a 15-mile radius of Corpusty. Alan is very grateful to all the local businesses, arable and livestock farmers who have continued to support their business over the years – seeing the seasons through, year in, year out. Many of today’s customers are the children and grandchildren of Bryan’s early customers. Alan says that although people change the conversation remains the same – quotas, yields, the challenges of farming, machinery and types of crops. Alan will be alongside the farmers while the intrigue of Brexit is negotiated and the impacts understood and in trying to combat longer term effects of climate change which are slowly creeping up on us.

Emma Youngs