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Rainbows over Matlaske
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What's On

NOVEMBER

Sat 2	6.00pm	Corpusty Bonfire Night	Village Green
Wed 6	6.30pm	Baconsthorpe Future Ideas Meeting	Village Hall
Sat 9	10.00am	Saxthorpe & Corpusty Litter Pick	Dukes Head
Sat 9	11.00am	Edgefield Toads & Amphibians Presentation	Village Hall
Sun 10	10.45am	Saxthorpe & Corpusty Remembrance Service	St Andrew's Church
Mon 11	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe PC Meeting	Village Hall
Fri 15	3.45pm	Hempstead Music - Rheinberger Nonet	Village Hall
Fri 15	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Bingo Night	Village Hall
Sat 16	11.00am	Corpusty Craft Fair	Village Hall
Tue 19	7.30pm	Saxthorpe & Corpusty Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wed 20	7.30pm	Matlaske PC Meeting	St Peter's Church
Fri 29	10.00am	Saxthorpe Christmas Tree Festival	St Andrew's Church
Sat 30	10.00am	Saxthorpe Christmas Tree Festival	St Andrew's Church
Sat 30	3.00pm	Saxthorpe Christmas Toys & Tins	St Andrew's Church

DECEMBER

Sun 1	10.00am	Saxthorpe Christmas Tree Festival	St Andrew's Church Hal
Sun 1	11.00am	Barningham Advent Carol Service	St Peter's Church
Sat 7	7.00pm	Hempstead Christmas Party	Village Hall
Sat 7	6.30pm	Edgefield Festive Event	Village Hall
Sun 8	4.00pm	Matlaske Christmas Party	Baconsthorpe Village Hall
Mon 9	10.00am	Barningham Wreath Making	The Stables, Barningham Hall
Mon 9	6.30pm	Plumstead Parish Council Meeting	Carpenters Cottage
Sun 15	3.00pm	Baconsthorpe Christmas Party	Village Hall
Sun 15	4.00pm	Edgefield Carol Service	St Peter's & St Paul's Church
Sat 21	5.00pm	Matlaske Sing-Along	St Peter's Church

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Clash Diary

2020

June 27	Hempstead Open Gardens
June 28	Hempstead Open Gardens
July 25	Matlaske Fête

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with Corinne Youngs
that there is not already an event being
held that day

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Regular Village Hall Events

BACONSTHORPE

Tuesday	10.00am - 12noon	Country Mice Play Group
Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Carpet Bowls - 711320
Third Thursday	10.30am	Community Coffee - All welcome
Last Friday	6.00pm - 10.00pm	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
Friday during term time	9.30am - 11.30am	Toddler Group

EDGEFIELD

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

HEMPSTEAD

First Monday alternate months	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	10.00am	Charcoal Drawing £4 - Mike Thody 711282
First Wednesday - bi-monthly	7.30pm	Play Reading Group
Third Wednesday	7.30pm	Film Club
First Friday	10.30am	Coffee & Gossip

Mobile Library Van

21 Nov / 19 Dec / 16 Jan / 13 Feb / 12 Mar

Matlaske	11.40	NR11 7AQ	Old Post Office
Plumstead	12.25	NR11 7LG	Walnut Farm
Hempstead	3.40	NR25 6TL	Telephone kiosk
Baconsthorpe	4.05	NR25 6LE	Hare & Hounds
	4.20	NR25 6LG	Old Post Office
	4.40	NR25 6LJ	Council Bungalows

28 Nov / 23 Jan / 20 Feb / 19 Mar

Edgefield	1.55	NR24 2AL	The Memorial
	2.15	NR24 2AX	The Street
Corpusty	2.45	NR11 6QP	School
	3.40	NR11 7BU	Great Farm Cott's
Saxthorpe	4.10	NR11 7BL	Old Post Office
Corpusty	4.30	NR11 6QJ	Adams Lane
	4.50	NR11 6QL	16 Council Houses

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<https://bit.ly/2AJdSGA>

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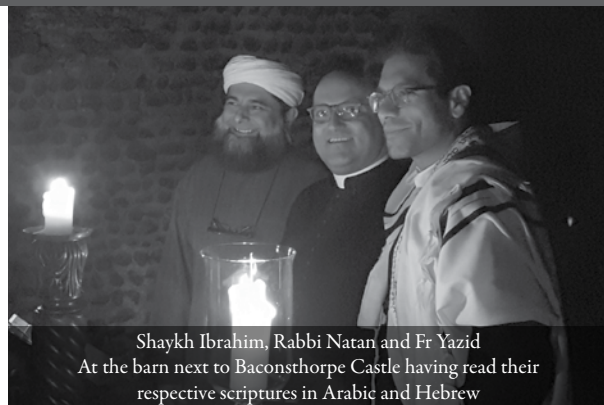
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Letter from the Rector - Revd Canon David Longe

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Dear All

This is my second attempt at this letter, the first was a long reflection on the inter-faith event at Hole Farm - a wonderful affair that I really could not do justice to in the space given. I hope, however, we might be able to publish some pictures on the forthcoming Facebook page and some clips to give those who could not attend some idea of the day.



Shaykh Ibrahim, Rabbi Natan and Fr Yazid
At the barn next to Baconsthorpe Castle having read their
respective scriptures in Arabic and Hebrew

As I start to re-write, I realise that the most important thing to say - and it seems appropriate to say after a year of serving in this Benefice - is what a continued honour and privilege it is to be here. I have found our seven parishes with our 10 churches (if I cheekily count the old church tower at Edgefield, as well as St Peter's Corpusty, and St Peter's North Barningham) incredible places. Places which are so unique, holding hidden treasures of wonderful individuals who bring so much to our community life. Revealing again and again beautiful vistas of God's creation - I am reminded of the view from the Old Tower just mentioned.

I have learnt that the individual characteristics of our communities must be cherished and that the church plays a vital role to enable these aspects to flourish so that all can enjoy them. A glimmer of this was seen, perhaps, at the races and Hog Roast at Corpusty at the end of the summer, which we hope - by popular demand - to repeat in 2020.

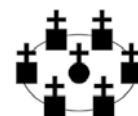
For me it has become clear that the role of the church is there as a presence to love, to serve and to hold in prayer all the community. The church building is a sacred place for all the community, whether one is of a religious inclination or not: it is there for you, and I with the wonderful PCCs, will continue to do our very best to ensure that these spaces are maintained and accessible for all. I must add how grateful I am to all who serve on the PCCs: they include over 40 individuals who give their time, energy and effort to our communities in a way that is deeply admirable and inspiring.

Finally, as you may recall, I wrote over a year ago that I hoped that I would be able to visit all in the parishes within 6 months. Well, I must apologise - I was optimistic. I have visited around 150 dwellings, sometimes no-one has been in and other times I have found myself engaged in wonderful conversations. Visiting has been one of the highlights of the last year. I am still determined to visit all so please bear with me, it just might take a little longer than I had anticipated...!

So, I end this letter with enormous thanks to all who have been so welcoming, generous and accommodating to me and my family. It continues to be a privilege to serve this blessed corner of God's creation.

With my prayers and my thanks

David



The Benefice of Matlaske Church Services for November

2 nd All Souls		
5.00	All Souls	Matlaske
3 rd All Saints		
9.00	Eucharist	Baconsthorpe
11.00	Eucharist	Edgefield
5.00	Evensong Patronal Festival With Benefice Choir	Hempstead
10 th Remembrance Sunday		
8.00	Eucharist	Matlaske
10.45	Remembrance Services	All Churches
17 th 2 nd Sunday before Advent		
9.00	Eucharist	Saxthorpe
11.00	Eucharist	Hempstead
24 th Christ the King		
10.30	Eucharist With Benefice Choir / Preacher and Officiant, The Bishop of Lynn	Plumstead
30 th St Andrew's Day		
3.00	Toys & Tins Service Donations for The Salvation Army for children in need	Saxthorpe
1 st Dec Advent 1		
9.00	Eucharist	Baconsthorpe
9.00	Eucharist	Edgefield
11.00	Advent Carol Service With Benefice Choir	North Barningham

November Mid-Week Eucharist Services

Saxthorpe 9am Wednesday 6th / 20th / 27th Followed by coffee and tea

Eucharist officiant on the 27th is The Bishop of Lynn

Matlaske 10.30am Thursday 28th At Hall Farm Cottage Followed by coffee, tea and cake

Hear from the Living Stones At Norwich Cathedral

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A Short History of Guy Fawkes Night



Corpus Christi Bonfire Procession / Photo Mark Bullimore

Guy Fawkes Night is an annual commemoration held on 5 November to celebrate the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605. The Gunpowder Plot was an assassination attempt against King James I by a group of provincial English Catholics led by Robert Catesby.

The plan was to blow up the House of Lords during the State Opening of Parliament on 5 November as the prelude to a popular revolt in the Midlands during which James's nine-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, was to be installed as the Catholic head of state. Catesby may have embarked on the scheme after hopes of securing greater religious tolerance under King James had faded, leaving many English Catholics disappointed. His fellow plotters were John and Christopher Wright, Robert and Thomas Wintour, Thomas Percy, Guy Fawkes, Robert Keyes, Thomas Bates, John Grant, Ambrose Rookwood, Sir Everard Digby and Francis Tresham. Fawkes, who had 10 years of military experience fighting in the Spanish Netherlands in the failed suppression of the Dutch Revolt, was given charge of the explosives.

The plot was revealed to the authorities in an anonymous letter sent to William Parker, 4th Baron Monteagle, on 26 October. During a search of the House of Lords in the evening on 4 November, Fawkes was discovered guarding 36 barrels of gunpowder—enough to reduce the House of Lords to rubble—and arrested.

Most of the conspirators fled from London as they learned of the plot's discovery, trying to enlist support along the way. Several made a stand against the pursuing Sheriff of Worcester and his men at Holbeche House; in the ensuing battle, Catesby was one of those shot and killed. At their trial on 27 January 1606, eight of the survivors, including Fawkes, were convicted and sentenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered.

The thwarting of the Gunpowder Plot was commemorated for many years afterwards by special sermons and other public events such as the ringing of church bells, which have evolved into the Bonfire Night of today.

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Newsletter Delivery

Every house in the village has a newsletter delivered to them every month. This is made possible by a willing band of volunteers. One of these volunteers is John Youngs who has delivered 50 newsletters along The Street each month. John has decided it is time to retire and we cannot thank him enough for all his efforts over the years: Thank you, John. We have now recruited 2 new deliverers, Joy Thirtle and Jane Warner. Thank you both for taking on this job. Our other delivery ladies are Rosemary Hardingham, Lizzie Jordan and Tessa McCosh: Thank you all for all you do.

Baconsthorpe Parish Council

After receiving the 2019 play area report, which highlights repairs needed to the seesaw, the Parish Council has decided that it would be uneconomic to repair it. We are now looking at replacing this with a new piece of play equipment. We have therefore looked at prices and have received quotes from a local company. The choice has been narrowed down to either a replacement seesaw (possibly 4-way) or new swings, with one flat seat and one cradle seat. We would like to buy play equipment that will be well used and suits as many families with children in the village as possible. This is where the Parish Council would like the input of parents and children in the village and we would be very pleased if you could let us know your preferred choice by contacting the parish clerk (details below). If you have ideas for an alternative, your suggestions would also be welcomed and considered. Parish Clerk Sarah Hayden 570223 / baconsthorpeparishcouncil@gmail.com

Village Hall News

We are currently planning some new events for the village hall, such as film nights, and are looking for support to help run these. If you would like to hear more about these proposals over a glass of wine, please come along to the village hall at 6.30pm on Wednesday 6th. We have now been granted planning permission to replace the windows at the hall which are in a very poor state. This means the application for Lottery funding can now proceed. Hopefully we will have positive news to report in due course. Finally, don't forget we have Bingo taking place on Friday 15th - all are welcome.

Piers Warner

Baconsthorpe Book Club

The first Baconsthorpe Book Club (BBC) meeting went really well despite the dreadful weather and not yet having a book to discuss! Peter from the library van suggested we start with Peter May's *Coffin Road* which *The Guardian* describes as "...a clever twisty eco-thriller". The plan is to keep things as informal as possible, bring a few nibbles and drinks if you wish and have fun whilst attempting to stay on topic! If you weren't able to make the first meeting but would like to be part

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of the BBC there's plenty of time to read the book as the next group will be on Thursday 21st at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. If you would like a copy of the book please get in touch as the current copies from the library van will be being returned once they've been read. Please say if you need a lift: Susie 577474.

Barningham Winter

Wreath Making

Book early for our annual wreath making day to avoid being disappointed as this is always a popular event. Mrs Tessa Papworth will be at The Stables, Barningham Hall on Monday 9th December from 10am to help you create your perfect Christmas wreath to hang on your door. The cost is £20 which includes soup for lunch. If you have any special trimmings you want to decorate your wreath with bring them along please. Email amelia@barninghamestate.co.uk to book a place please. All the proceeds go to St Mary's Church, Barningham Winter.



Sara Buxton
577207

ADVENT CAROLS
11am
Sunday 1st December 2019



ST. PETER'S CHURCH
NORTH BARNINGHAM

Advent Carol Service

A warm welcome, a cold church! Advent Carol Service at St Peter's, North Barningham on Sunday 1st December at 11am. Come and join us in this ancient medieval church, hardly touched by modernity, to celebrate the arrival of advent. There will be music, the choir will sing for us and we ourselves will sing the traditional Advent hymns and listen to no less than six lessons taken from the Old and New Testaments, read by people from all over the Benefice. The church will be entirely decorated with candles and tea-lights. Wrap up warm (there is no heating at all) and come along, do!

Edgefield

Church News

The Inter-Faith Gathering on 6th October was a very interesting afternoon. Sadly, not everyone managed to make it due to torrential rain and flooded roads. Two inches fell in 24 hours in my garden. Thank you to all who arranged the day and worked so hard for it.

On 10th November our Remembrance Service will be at the War Memorial and the village hall starting at 10.45am. The Rector will be with us. Everyone is very welcome.

Best wishes to Margaret Hindson who broke her hip on her 91st birthday. Now home, the hip plated, she is thrilled to have both her daughters from Australia with her and Denis. Margaret does a great job organising our magazine delivery each month.



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Village Hall News

Our Bingo evening proved a great success and due to its apparent popularity, we will probably stage another next year! The Festive Evening will be on Saturday 7th December. Tickets will soon be available from any committee member.

A polite request: I would be grateful if people could refrain from using the village green refuse bins to dispose of dog waste. They are emptied voluntarily on a fortnightly basis, not by the council, and one is adjacent to where the schoolchildren catch the bus and the smell can be unpleasant. Thank you for your cooperation.

200 Club winners for September: 1st - Dee Scoles, 2nd - Zach Parsons, 3rd - Peter Pepper.

Jim Frost

Edgefield Toads & Amphibians – A Presentation



Please join us at Edgefield Village Hall on Saturday 9th November at 11am for a presentation by John Heaser, amphibian expert and founder of Norfolk ToadWatch.

Edgefield village pond is an oasis for hundreds of toads and other amphibians including the endangered Great Crested Newt. These creatures rely on local people to help them across the roads in early spring.

John will present a fascinating and entertaining insight into this valuable part of our local ecology. Everyone is welcome - entrance free!

Hempstead

200 Club

£50 S Hawkey, £25 F Feilden, £10 A McFayden, £5 A Loach, C Lantaff, M Thody

Coffee & Gossip – Friday 1st – 10.30am – Village Hall

I'm grateful to Geoff Harris for taking charge of Coffee & Gossip this month. We were pleased to be able to send £50 to Macmillan Cancer Care last month.



Su Summers
710702

Apology, Film Club

It has been pointed out to me that I got the wrong regular Wednesday evening for Film Club. It is, of course, the **third** Wednesday, and maybe that will mean some of you can come after all. Here's hoping...

Condolences

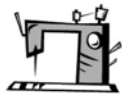
Rita Piccoli died peacefully on 30th September and we send our condolences to John, her brother, (and his dog), who looked after her both at home and when she was in care, and her two sons.

Hempstead Christmas Party

This will be held on Saturday 7th December at 7pm. Please put this date in your diary now and join us then for a complimentary meal and convivial company. Please bring your own drink and a wrapped raffle prize. See you there!

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Kelling Hospital Trolley Shop

I have had a plea from Mo Williams about the trolley shop. More volunteers are much needed to join her team for this worthwhile service to the residents and patients in Lloyd Court and Pineheath Hospital. Volunteers are needed either to go on the rota on a permanent basis or as a Reserve Volunteer. Two trolleys and two volunteers are needed for Monday and Friday afternoons, and the rota commitment would be to do one of these days every sixth week. If anybody has a couple of hours spare for either the Monday or Friday afternoon, please do contact Mo. It is such a good cause, and means so much to the recipients of the service. Mo: 712947 or email garwoodhouse@gmail.com

Music in Hempstead

A reminder from Ian that there is another event on Wednesday 15th. Tea and cake at 3.45pm and the Rheinberger *Nonet* (yes, that's nine musicians!) at 4pm.

Norfolk Churches Cycle Ride

The churches cycle ride took place on a glorious September Saturday and Hempstead was wonderfully represented by our enthusiastic participants. We are thrilled by the contribution of our young people, Matilda (10) and Buster (6) Hannah who cycled, and Evelyn Summers (2) who walked for us, all accompanied by parents. We are also enormously grateful to Lorne and Charlie Inglis both for their cycling and their exceptional group of sponsors who hit the 'top spot' in the money raising stakes! Thanks also to Rose and Robin Carver who went by car, Yvette Gibson who cycled (and cajoled the rest of us) and Su Summers (car and wheelchair). We hope we will finally have raised in excess of £4,000. Also key to the day were our friends who sat in the church patiently waiting for visitors to our own church. Thank you, and well done everyone!

The Churchwardens

Parish Council News

After many years as an exceptional Parish Councillor, Diana Spalton has decided to stand down. I and the rest of the Councillors would like to thank her for all she has done for Hempstead over the many years she stood for the parish; her care, concern and knowledge of the village in which she grew up has been invaluable to the Council when making decisions. She has also been involved in practical and less palatable jobs about the village. Thank you, Diana. I would also like to welcome Jack Parfitt who has joined us on the Council.

Paul Sanders, Chairman

Matlaske

100 Club

£25 Mavis Hughes, £10 Chuffy de Bunsen, £5 Michelle Leeder

Welcome

To Neil Daniels who has moved into No 29 The Street and to Tom and Sarah Hamilton who are moving into Gap Farm later this month.

Quiz Night

What a fantastic turnout for our last quiz of the year, 60 people and unfortunately, we had to turn a group away as we did not have room for them. Thank you to everyone who supported this night and to Thomas and Amelia for the continued use of The Old Stables.



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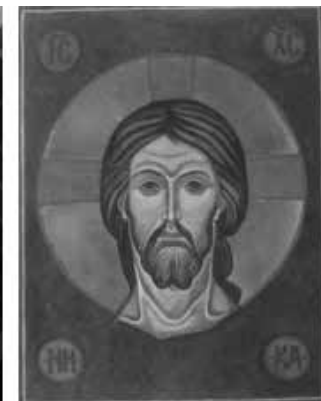
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Plumstead

Church News

Our church is dedicated to St Michael and All Angels, and on September 29th Plumstead had a Patronal Service - the first for many years, and maybe ever. Please do put me right if my information is incorrect! It was well attended and the occasion was wonderfully enhanced by the Benefice Choir and by the icons painted by Judith James, from Corpusty, who explained that painting an icon is a spiritual experience involving prayer at every stage. They were beautiful and we thank her for sharing them with us.

On the 24th we will be welcoming the Bishop of Lynn to preside and preach at our Holy Communion service at 10.30am. This is a group service and we will also welcome the Benefice Choir again.



Mary Lintott
577718

Reminder from the Parish Council

The next meeting is not until December 9th and there is time to mull over ideas for the pond and meadow. This is a very much a village amenity and overseen by our representatives on the Parish Council, so it is up to us in the village to think about ways to enhance it and to explore ideas to continue to provide a peaceful yet safe haven for wildlife and flowers. Whatever your thoughts, this is yours to enjoy and more importantly to ensure it remains for future generations. Please do send through ideas to Nick Fulford (Chairman) or Carolyn Price (Clerk) or come to the meeting in December to voice your thoughts.

Plumstead 2000 Fund

The Plumstead 2000 Fund has recently been wound up and the balance of funds totalling £3,567.78 has been transferred to the Parish Council which has undertaken to use the money in accordance with the provisions of the original Declaration of Trust dated 12 October 1999. During its lifetime, the 2000 Fund raised in excess of £20,000 for the local community. Its many projects include the village millennium sign, three parish notice boards, the bus shelter, a flag pole and bench, a lawn mower and shed, a stage and hearing loop for Baconsthorpe village hall as well as generous financial contributions towards the repair of the church bell, the renovation of the phone box and the purchase of the village defibrillator. It also presented 25 shows at the Baconsthorpe village hall for the enjoyment of the local community. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the trustees, the committee, helpers and supporters who made this venture such a success over the years.

David Ramsbotham
Retired Chairman and Trustee of The Plumstead 2000 Fund

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Saxthorpe with Corpusty

St Andrew's Church – Remembrance Service

This year's Remembrance Sunday Service, led by Heather and Merlin, will take place at 10.45am on the 10th at Saxthorpe Church. This ceremony has always been well attended by members of both villages. Following the service refreshments will include a sit-down fare of hot soup and rolls. Families of Corpusty School are welcome to join us after the commemorative daffodil planting at the plough and church entrance.

Very sadly Joyce Rouse (aged 93) peacefully passed away on 14th October. The family plan to hold a Memorial Service at St Andrew's Saxthorpe in the next few weeks, the date will be announced. We send our condolences to the family.

St Andrew's Church – Toys & Tins Service

The Annual Toys & Tins service, where gifts from the congregation will go to The Salvation Army, will be at 3.00pm on Saturday 30th. This will be followed by a visit from Santa, who will distribute gifts to any child present, in his grotto in the church.



Sophia Hodgson
587510

Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival will be here soon, running from Friday 29th to Sunday 1st in St Andrew's Church. Groups will be provided with a tree and will have the option of buying it later. Please let Judith: 587319 or Heather: 587118 know of your group's intention to decorate a tree so that sufficient trees can be bought. Any other queries should also be addressed to Judith or Heather. Let's make it a fantastic festival!

Village Litter Pick

By popular demand, it is back! Andrew Brown is making the arrangements. Please meet in front of the Dukes Head on Saturday 9th at 10.00am.



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Those aged 65 or over

Those aged under 65 with long-term conditions

Carers

GPs are asking their patients to book a place in forthcoming flu clinics as soon as they are advertised. Alternatively, you can visit your nearest participating pharmacy.

A previous pilot programme showed vaccinating children had dual benefit; as well as protecting them from flu, it also protects others, such as parents, grandparents and siblings, as children are 'super spreaders' and are much more likely to infect others.

If you are not amongst the eligible categories to receive a flu vaccination free of charge on the NHS please consider visiting a local pharmacy for the vaccine in order to protect yourself and your family this winter.

Recipe of the Month

Veggie Chilli

1 onion, diced

1 carrot, diced

1 small green pepper, deseeded and diced

1 stick celery, diced

150g sweet potato, diced

1 garlic clove, finely chopped

1/2 tsp ground cumin

1/2 tsp cinnamon

1/2 tsp hot chilli powder

1 x 200g tin red kidney beans in chilli sauce

250g passata

1 tbsp olive oil

Heat oil in a large non-stick pan. Add all vegetables and cook 10 mins stirring often. Stir in spices, season and cook for 30secs.

Add kidney beans and passata, bring to boil and stir well. Partially cover and simmer for 30mins, stirring occasionally.

Serve in bowls topped with chopped fresh coriander, soured cream and tortilla chips.

Marion Shepherd

The Village Gardener

To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow



We seem to have rather fast forwarded into autumn this year! There is still plenty to do in the garden in November. A really good job to get done this month and especially if the weather is being less than cooperative, is to have a good clean-up of all your pots and seed trays (this is especially important for seed trays, as you don't want anything unhelpful to be hanging around for the new seedlings). These can then be packed away neatly for next year, which is a pretty horrid task but when completed leaves you feeling positively virtuous and on-top of everything! Having completed the pots you may as well move on to any cold frames you have and the greenhouse. Again, it's not the pleasantest of tasks but is a good thing to do and leaves you well set up for the new year. Moving into the tool shed (if the weather so dictates) you can keep going with your end of year tasks, brush off any soil/debris attached to implements and then run an oily rag over them, this will prevent any unnecessary deterioration over the winter and will leave you again well set up for the New Year.

If the weather gives you a brief window of opportunity, then November is the best month to set tulips (we should get a cold snap around this time that helps eradicate any diseases that might infect the bulbs) and it's worth taking the time and trouble to plant them properly deep- 6-8 inches is ideal, and a good tip is to make a note of what you've planted and where just so you can replicate or tweak your arrangement if required the following year.

If we are fortunate to have more than just a brief window of good weather, then have a good look at your veg patch. Have you been hankering for more space? November is a great time (if the weather is good) to add to any beds or borders, the soil still being workable and plants dormant. Do double check with yourself that you can manage the extra space, gardening is less life-enhancing when overwhelming, and much more life enhancing when manageable. It should be a joy, not a struggle! After all that you've more than earned a cup of tea by the fire with a stack of seed catalogues!

This month's question is from Diana Spalton who asks can you please tell me why my Bramley apples are rotting on the tree for the second year running? The tree is about 40 years old but it is correctly pruned when necessary. It sounds to me like brown rot which is a real nuisance, it's a fungal problem so it's very important to remove all the affected apples and I appreciate that in itself is a task and a half, you then need to bury all the affected apples at least a foot deep. This is to rule out any chance of passing the fungal infection on to next year's crop. I do wish you good luck with it! Do keep the questions coming in! Email me at redmaple@btinternet as ever the most interesting question will be published next month.



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Meet the Neighbours

Jonathan Ward – Edgefield



I walked through the most beautiful garden to get to Jonathan's back door – flowers, herbs and vegetables covering every bit of available ground. The first thing that Jonathan told me was that he was brought up in the Cotswolds where his father taught him the joys of the countryside and the natural world which have always been incredibly important to him.

Having finished school Jonathan went to Leeds University to study English Literature and stayed there until he completed his PhD. As a postgraduate student he taught first year undergraduate students and was editor of *Poetry & Audience* magazine.

Jonathan then began his teaching career and spent twenty-one years teaching English at Dulwich College where he was Head of English for ten years. Jonathan was also an associate editor of *Tears in the Fence* literary magazine where he wrote a regular column called *Musings*. Jonathan and his family moved to Edgefield

in 2008 and he taught English at Gresham's School in Holt for seven years before taking early retirement. Now Jonathan teaches creative writing, most notably his writing outside courses for the Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) at Cley Marshes where his workshops are inspired by landscape, the natural world and the seasons. Participants look at literature relating to nature before going for a walk and writing about what has caught their attention and inspired them. Jonathan has also taught creative writing at Holt Primary School and Gresham's Prep School.

Since university Jonathan has written and published poetry. He has two chapbooks published (*Turning Leaves* and *Crossings*). In 2008 Jonathan's poems appeared in an artist's book *Twelve* alongside original prints by Andrew Carter which was exhibited at the Eagle Gallery in London. Last September Jonathan had a joint exhibition in Norwich at the Anteros Arts Foundation with Kate Vogler (a ceramic artist) and Beth Walsh (a lace artist) called *Confluence*. This exhibition was inspired by the rivers and streams of North Norfolk particularly the River Glaven.

In 2018 Jonathan's first full-length poetry collection *Swallows in Late September* (Harwood & Elwood) was published and the launch was at Edgefield Village Hall. The title poem was inspired by a walk from Edgefield along the Little Barningham Road. The book can be bought from the Holt Bookshop, the NWT Visitor Centre at Cley or direct from the publisher (harwoodandelwood@gmail.com).

Jonathan is currently completing a new collection of poetry inspired by the River Glaven.

Emma Youngs