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Plumstead	Eleanor Faulkner	577868
Saxthorpe	Judith Banks	587319
	Cathy Stern	587014

What's On

DECEMBER

Sun 1	10.00am	Saxthorpe Christmas Tree Festival	St Andrew's Church Hall
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
Mon 9	7.00pm	Saxthorpe - North Norfolk Hustings	St Andrew's Church
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

JANUARY

Mon 6	3.45pm	Music in Hempstead	Village Hall
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North Norfolk Hustings General Election 2019

A chance to question your
parliamentary candidates

Monday 9th December 7pm
St Andrew's Church, Saxthorpe

Harry Gwynne Brexit
Duncan Baker Conservative
Emma Corlett Labour
Karen Ward Liberal Democrat

Chaired by the Revd Canon David Longe
Rector of the Matlaske Benefice

Clash Diary 2020

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

If you are arranging an event please check
with Corinne Youngs
that there is not already an event being
held that day
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Christmas Holiday Bible Club

All children aged between 5 and 11 are invited to this special event on Monday 23rd December from 1pm until 4pm at the Copeman Centre, Hall Street, Briston. There'll be songs, games, crafts, prizes and the Christmas story led by three qualified and experienced schoolteachers (DBS-checked). It's completely FREE but booking is required so please call Matthew on 07910 383682 to secure a place or to find out more.



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
Third Thursday	7.30pm	Book Club - 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
Third Wednesday	7.30pm	Film Club
First Friday	10.30am	Coffee & Gossip

Mobile Library Van

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
23 Jan / 20 Feb / 19 Mar			
Edgefield	1.55	NR24 2AL	The Memorial
	2.15	NR24 2AX	The Street
	2.45	NR11 6QP	School
Corpusty	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

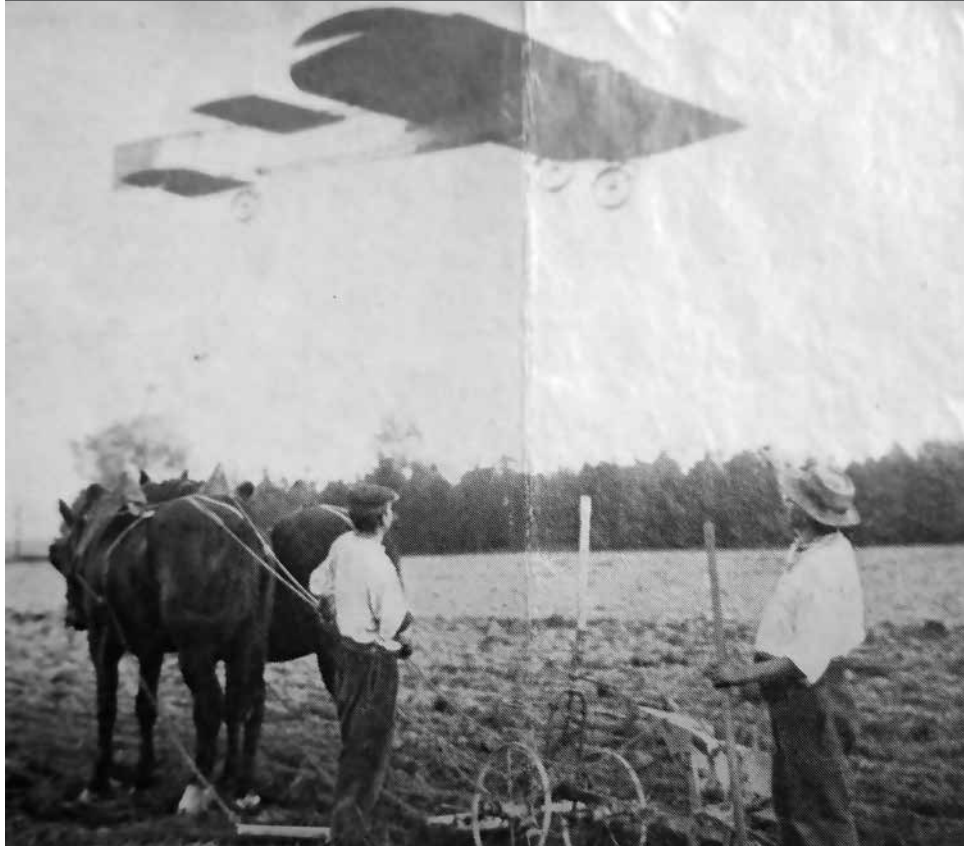
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Holt Library	712202
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Fri 9.30am-6.00pm	

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Early Flights over Norfolk



The first aircraft to be seen in our area landed at Barningham Hall circa 1912. This fact is known as the writer's father, together with his friend Stephen Sewell, 'bunked off' from Baconsthorpe School and ran all the way to Barningham Park to look at this new-fangled flying machine. Both boys were good runners, but not quick enough to evade the attention of the then Headmaster, the tyrannical William 'Billy' Crary, who handed out a beating to both boys as punishment for their absence.

At this late date, we can only surmise as to the identity of the pilot and his aircraft, but possibly it was flown by Bentfield Charles Hucks. Hucks was a pioneer aviator at the time, and gave exhibition flights in his Bleriot monoplane all over the country. He was also famous for being the first British pilot both to fly inverted and also to loop the loop. The accompanying photograph is famous as it shows the very first powered flight over Norfolk, with Hucks and the Bleriot flying quite low, thereby providing a wonderful achievement for that early photographer of the time.

The war of 1914-1918 soon made the Bleriot obsolete, as technology rapidly advanced and turned aircraft from a harmless curiosity for children to look at into efficient killing machines. Hucks was to join the Royal Flying Corps in 1914, but sadly did not live to see the end of that conflict. He died just 4 days before the end of hostilities due to pneumonia following Spanish 'flu. He was 34 years of age.

Arthur Pentney

Letter from the Rector - Revd Canon David Longe

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Dear All

On 9th November if anyone had looked into Norwich Cathedral, they would have been a bit surprised. Bishop Graham Usher was 'enthroned' as the new Bishop of Norwich. As I watched him climb the steep steps to the throne at the end of the Cathedral, I imagined that his legs must have turned to jelly as he realised the task before him.



When he arrived at the Cathedral, the door was closed and he had knock to be allowed entry by the Dean. He was then licensed (a formal legal declaration) before he preached, and then led up the nave and asked to kneel as he was robed in incredible green vestments.

For me, beyond the inevitable pomp, three things stood out; three messages that I felt we all should be reminded of. They are messages that we will hear again and again over the Christmas period as we listen to those familiar stories of old, reminding us of the incredible gift of love revealed in the child born in a manger. The first message was buried deep in a hymn:

Praise to Christ, who feeds the hungry,
Frees the captive, finds the lost,
Heals the sick, up-sets religion,
Fearless both of fate and cost.

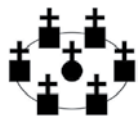
J L Bell & G Maule

The second message caught us off guard. Half way through the service, down the nave came a troop of dancers. Not any sort of dancers, but a fully integrated and inclusive group, ranging from the old to the young, from the professional to the amateur, from the disabled to the able-bodied. They pirouetted and turned with such grace, that we were entranced and transported to a different place. This I felt was surely a sign of what we should be as a community - seeing and knowing no barriers and finding harmony and grace to live in peace with one another.

The third message was a challenge. The Bishop walked down those steep steps and crouched down as three children approached him. They dared him – would he dare to walk into God's future? Would he dare to lead us in new paths? And would he, with God, help us accomplish more than we can imagine?

The Christmas message is daring. It dares us to imagine God revealed as a child born in a cave into a broken world; it dares us to hope for a future that is far better than we can imagine. Above all, it dares us to love, to love those who challenge us, those who are different, those on the margins, those who are sick, those who are lost, those in prison. It dares us to love all. So, I pray that we hear afresh the message of the Prince of Peace who urges us to feed the hungry, free the captives, find the lost, heal the sick, and up-set religion so that the love of God may truly abound.

May you have a blessed Christmas
David



The Benefice of Matlaske Church Services for December

1st Advent I

9.00	Eucharist	Baconsthorpe
9.00	Eucharist	Edgefield
11.00	Advent Carol Service With Benefice Choir	North Barningham

8th Advent II

9.00	Eucharist	Saxthorpe
11.00	Eucharist	Matlaske
5.00pm	Eucharist	Plumstead

15th Advent III

9.00	Eucharist	Hempstead
11.00	Eucharist	Barningham Winter
4.00pm	Carol Service	Edgefield

22nd Advent IV

9.00	Eucharist	Plumstead
11.00	Matins	Saxthorpe
5.00pm	Carol Service With Benefice Choir	Baconsthorpe

24th Christmas Eve

10.00	Crib & Carols Service	Hempstead
5.30pm	Candlelit Service	Saxthorpe
10.00pm	Midnight Mass	Plumstead
11.00pm	Midnight Mass	Edgefield

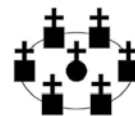
25th Christmas Day

10.30	Eucharist	Baconsthorpe
10.30	Eucharist	Saxthorpe

29th Christmas I

10.30	Eucharist	Hempstead
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December Mid-Week Eucharist Services
Saxthorpe 9am Wednesday 4th / 18th Followed by coffee and tea
Matlaske - No mid-week Eucharists during December



The Benefice of Matlaske Church Services for January

5th Epiphany

9.00	Eucharist	Baconsthorpe
11.00	Matins	Plumstead
5.00pm	Evensong	Hempstead

12th Baptism of Christ

8.00	Eucharist	Edgefield
10.30	Eucharist	Matlaske

At this service Dr Alain Wolf will be authorised as a Worship Assistant'

19th Epiphany II

9.00	Eucharist	Hempstead
11.00	Matins	Baconsthorpe
5.00pm	Evensong	Edgefield

26th Epiphany III

9.00	Eucharist	Saxthorpe
11.00	Matins	Barningham Winter
5.00	Evensong	Edgefield

January Mid-Week Eucharist Services
Saxthorpe 9am Wednesday 15th / 29th Followed by coffee and tea
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Community Coffee

The next Community Coffees will be on 19th December and 16th January. This is a free event open to everyone and sponsored by the Pop-up Pub.

Pop-up Pub

Friday 27th will be free Snacks & Nibbles! For the food details on Friday 31st January please check the village website nearer the time www.baconsthorpe.org

Book Club

The next meeting is Thursday 19th December at 7.30pm and the book *Silence of the Girls* by Pat Barker. Please contact Susie 577474 if you would like a copy of book from the library van.

Get Well Soon

To Pete Marra who has had a new hip and to Bryan Thurtell who after a very long wait has finally had his knee replacement operation. We hope you will both soon be striding out pain free.

Bobby Cooper

It was with great sadness we learned of the death of Bobby Cooper. Bobby was a true man of Baconsthorpe whose family had lived here for generations. Our thoughts and prayers go to Carole, Jane and Helen.

Village Hall News - Film Nights

We are going to begin a short season of monthly film nights starting on Friday 7th February 2020 and then the first Friday of March, April and May. The format will be to show a film that you may have missed when it was first released, or one that may not have been shown in local cinemas. There will be a bar open from 7pm and the film will commence at 7.30pm - tickets on the door. We are working with Creative Arts East to ensure we provide a high quality viewing experience. The first film to be shown will be *Judy*, starring Renee Zellweger in the recent biopic of Judy Garland.

Don't forget the Christmas Party on Sunday 15th December 3pm – 5pm. All are welcome for games, mince pies, mulled wine and a visit from Father Christmas. We look forward to seeing you.

If you would like to volunteer to help with any of our events or activities please email
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To allow the supply of alcohol on site between the hours of 11:00 and 23:00 daily.

If you wish to object to this application written representations with full contact details should be made to the
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Barningham Winter

Good luck to Daisy Fiddian of Upwood Farm, North Barningham, who is off to Madrid in the New Year to teach English. Safe travels, Daisy.

A reminder that the Wreath Making Day is on Monday, 9th December at The Stables, Barningham Hall from 10am. If you haven't yet booked your place please contact amelia@barninghamestate.co.uk as soon as possible.

The advent service will take place at North Barningham Church on Sunday, 1st December at 11am. As the church isn't heated, please dress warmly.

A very happy Christmas to you all!



Sara Buxton

577207

Edgefield

Church News

We were very fortunate for our Remembrance Service. The rain held off while we were by the war memorial, began again the minute we were back in the village hall, and then stopped as we left! The offertory was sent to The Royal British Legion.

Our next special service is our Carol Service at 4.00pm on Sunday 15th December, followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Then the Christmas service is Midnight Mass at 11.00pm on 24th December, again taken by the Rector. It would be lovely to see lots of people at both services.

Our best wishes go to Lorna Ross, who has been in hospital, and is now on the mend again.

Angela Turner

Edgefield Fuel Fund

The trustees of the Edgefield Fuel Fund wish to announce to all those who qualify as follows:

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Only those persons who have been permanently resident in Edgefield for the past five years will be eligible to receive the payment of £25 per household;

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Coffee & Gossip will be held on Friday 6th Dec and Friday 3rd Jan as usual at 10.30 to noon in the village hall. Please join us for cake, coffee, tea and a catch up with neighbours.

Hempstead Christmas Party - Saturday 7th - 7pm - Village Hall

All Hempstead residents and their guests are invited to attend - delicious food and convivial company - not to be missed. There is no charge, but we would like an idea of numbers in advance for catering purposes, so please ring Liz Buxton 714082 or Yvette Gibson 712460 to let them know you will be attending. Liz and Yvette would also be grateful for offers of help with catering as well as help during the evening. Soft drinks will be provided and you will be welcomed with a glass of punch. Otherwise, bring your own favourite tippie. Please also bring a wrapped raffle prize.

Crib & Carols

These will be held once again in the church on Christmas Eve at 10am. This is a mixture of a crib service for the children and carols for the adults! It would be lovely to have as many children as possible to help us during the service with reading parts of the Christmas Story, placing the crib figures in the crib and singing *Away in a Manger* to us all. Children are very welcome to come dressed as people in the story. We had a lovely little angel last year! If you would like to read, please let Ann 713656 or Su 710702 know. Thank you.

Music in Hempstead

Will be making its first appearance in 2020 with a return of the singers who wowed us in the middle of November. Not Madrigals this time but on Monday January 6th a selection of songs written over the centuries to celebrate the start of the Epiphany season. As usual, do join them at 3.45pm for tea and cake, then sit back and enjoy the music from 4pm. Ian would like to thank all those who do the domestic chores involved in running the events: those who organise the refreshments and provide cakes, wash up, tidy the chairs away and sweep the floor etc, all without being asked. You are all stars and he is so grateful.

A Plea from the Church

Is there anyone who could possibly help with the cleaning? Due to ill-health we have some months that are not covered. What it entails is vacuuming the carpeted areas before each service (we have just bought a cordless vacuum which will make it much easier) and dusting the pews, usually twice in a month. We'd be incredibly grateful for help with this. If you could take on a month, please ring Ann 713656 or Su 710702. Many thanks.

Save the Date! Hempstead Open Gardens 27-28 June 2020

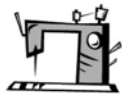
Jo Hurrell 711087 and Jill Roy 715851 are organising this to raise money for the Church and Village Hall. We have the blessing of the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and the Village Hall Committee.



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We are now looking for some more gardeners who are happy to open their gardens. The garden may be large or small, veg or non-veg, not necessarily pristine but interesting. Maybe you have a pond, a wild flower meadow, a vintage car, a model railway, chickens or an interesting 'green project' – any of these would be good but definitely not essential.

We plan to have the Village Hall open for homemade refreshments and also the Church as a place of interest on the walk between gardens.

It will feature a Plant Stall so if anyone is splitting plants or taking cuttings please offer to this event rather than the compost heap! Both of us have loads of pots if you are short. Any left over will go on to the fête.

The first job however is to complete our team of gardeners so that we can get on with associated planning. Please phone either of us at the above numbers before Christmas if you are interested in joining us. Thank you.

Finally, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you all.

Matlaske

100 Club

£25 Felicity Rushmer £10 Wendy Kendle, £5 Inigo Westgate



Congratulations

To Donny and Ruth March who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 14th November. They were married at St Mary's Church, Aldborough with Red Cross Cadets providing a Guard of Honour.

Marion Shepherd
577521

Remembrance Service

Dr Alain Wolf conducted a moving and memorable service, to remember and honour our servicemen and women, who sacrificed so much in preserving our freedom and future. Thomas Courtauld read the Roll of Honour for Matlaske. Donald March laid a wreath in remembrance and Karen Neil played *The Last Post*.

Making Waves: Threescore

Our local folk band, who support The Matlaske Fête every year, have a wonderful new CD available called *Making Waves*. Those of you who have seen Threescore at the fête, will be well aware of their high standard of musicianship, with Angie Crawley providing beautiful vocals, engendering comparison with the likes of Sandy Denny and Jacqui McShee, together with guitar and Anglo concertina. Mike Crawley, on accomplished Appalachian Dulcimer, 5 string Fiddle and vocals and Pete Rushmer on sterling Guitar, Bouzouki and vocals. Together they have composed and arranged another remarkable set of songs and tunes, augmented with traditional arrangements. This CD will appeal to lovers of folk music, covering themes of historical and local interest.



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Eliza Adams, written by Pete, is a moving and evocative piece, drawing from the disaster off Wells in 1880 and he has dedicated this to the "...courageous and selfless volunteer lifeboat crews everywhere". Other local themes are covered in an interesting story of *The Norfolk Giant* based on the true story of Robert Hales of East Somerton, *The Norfolk Song* written by Angie is a wistful and beautiful, recalling of walks in the Norfolk countryside. Historical themes are explored in *Bethany* (RMS Titanic), *Serving Girls Holiday/Bobbing Around*, *Banks of The Nile*, *The Gallant Hussar* and *Crossing the Bar* with words by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. There are observations of events within living memory too. *Going Down The Pit Shaft* written by Angie, was written during the miners' strike in 1972, *Morning Tide* was penned by Tony Hall, friend to the band, after The Falklands War in 1982 and recently gifted to Threescore to perform, *The Briar & The Rose* was written by the legendary Tom Waits. The CD has more excellent tracks in *Worcester City*, *Bold Reynard*, *Dancing at Whitsun* and *Brodie's Bonnie Belle*. The musicianship and vocals throughout are marvellous and the songs tell interesting stories, with themes that are thought provoking and resonant for today.

If you are looking for a Christmas present, or enjoy music, please do give this CD a try and support our local band, in the way that they support our Matlaske Fête. You won't be disappointed! *Making Waves* is available for just £10 from Pete Rushmer who lives in Matlaske, tel 577795.

As this is the last newsletter of 2019, I would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas and best wishes for 2020.

Plumstead

As December was approaching, we had our first frost and our thoughts turned to the festive season. There are various thank yous to be made. Firstly, thank you to all those who have made contributions to the magazine over the past year, it's great to receive them. If you do have stories to share about our village in the future, please do contact me.

From the Church Warden and the PCC, a thank you to all those who have enabled the successful organisation and maintenance of our church, from grass cutters to flower arrangers and everyone in between. It is much appreciated.

Finally, a thank you to the members of our Parish Council and our Parish Clerk. They represent us in all matters local and put in many hours of work to ensure that everything runs smoothly. It is great that we have a number of people willing to take on these roles and we are grateful.

The Bishop of Lynn will have already been to take a service of Holy Communion at our Church which is an honour and we are delighted that he has been able to come to our small Parish Church.

I wish everyone a very a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year: 2020, the start of another decade!



Mary Lintott
577718



Saxthorpe with Corpusty



St Andrew's Church Candle Light Service

The ever-popular Christmas Eve Candle Light Service will take place at St Andrew's, Saxthorpe, at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve, 24th December. We look forward to seeing everyone. Also, you might just have time to visit the Christmas tree festival at St Andrew's, which runs from 29th November to 1st December.



Sophia Hodgson
587510

Fly-tipping

The Parish Council is having to commit up to £1,000 to remove fly-tipped material from a community allotment in Little London.

Clearly, it would be preferable for parish money to be put to more constructive uses. Please be vigilant and report any such anti-social behaviour.

Village Litter Pick

Our villages are looking much cleaner following the community litter collection on 9th November. Thanks to all who took part. Thanks also to our district councillor, Andrew Brown, for organising the event. There will be a spring litter pick. Watch this space for the date.

Village Notice Board

We have a beautiful new notice board in front the school. A big thank you to Kay Corbett for doing such a good job!

Windy Business

There has been much publicity about proposals for off-shore wind generation. Currently it is proposed that for each project there will be separate cabling. The Hornsea 3 plans will have a significant impact on our parish, particularly in terms of lorry movements. The parish council is joining forces with other parishes to lobby for an off-shore ring main for the Horsea 3, Dudgeon and Sheringham + Vattenfall. If successful, there should be fewer cable links from the wind farms to the national grid.

Highways Issues

Following the full and helpful feedback via the recent questionnaire, our county councillor, Steffan Aquarone, has been in discussion with the Highways Authority to pursue a number of initiatives that parishioners have identified. Further news when it is available.

Many will remember Joyce and Edwin (Eddy) Rouse whose family kept the Market Garden in Little London. There will be a Memorial Service to celebrate their lives on 5th December at 11am at St Andrew's.

On 9th December at 7pm, the North Norfolk Parliamentary Candidates will be at St Andrew's Church for a hustings. All are invited.

I hope that everyone has a happy Christmas!

Recipe of the Month - Christmas Pavlova



6 large egg whites
350g caster sugar
600ml double cream
1tsp vanilla bean paste
200g strawberries quartered
300g raspberries
200g blueberries
50g pomegranate seeds
Mint leaves and icing sugar to decorate

Preheat oven to 160c/140c fan.

Line a baking sheet with baking parchment and draw a 30cm circle on the paper and a 15cm circle inside that.

Place the egg whites in a large bowl and whisk with an electric whisk until stiff. Gradually add the caster sugar a little at a time and whisk on high speed until stiff and glossy.

Spoon the mixture between the two circles on the baking parchment to make a wreath shape. Using a large spoon make a trench in the mixture for the cream and fruit to sit in.

Place in oven and reduce temperature to 140c/120c fan and bake for 1 hour 10 minutes. Turn off the oven and leave pavlova in overnight to dry (do not open door).

To assemble, whisk cream and vanilla paste until just stiff. Carefully transfer pavlova onto a serving plate and spoon the cream into the trench. Arrange the fruit on top of the cream and decorate with mint leaves and a dusting of icing sugar.

Marion Shepherd

Colour Supplement Edition

The next *Church & Village News* will be published in February, when we shall be including additional colour pages for photographs of local life and local places. If you have any photos to share, do please send them to Karen (karen@karenhall.co.uk) and we shall publish as many as we can.

The Village Gardener

To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow



As I write December's piece, it is with half an eye on the weather. We seem to have had the most tremendous amount of rain just lately, although after the drought the previous summer we do have a lot of ground to make up. The forecast as it is (am I alone in thinking that the weather forecasting is off beam at the moment?) is for a cold winter. Cold and crisp I feel is good for the garden, cold and soggy less so... or is that just my own preference? It's certainly much more enjoyable to be out on a crisp clear day! Even if the weather is challenging there are always jobs to do; a good attitude to have is a flexible attitude to when you can get certain tasks done, even if you're confined to barracks for a couple of weekends on the trot. If you've pushed on with some indoor work, like clearing out the potting shed and cleaning tools or washing out this year's pots and seed trays, you are still achieving and you won't feel like you've got too behind.

If you can get outside, then I would suggest at having a good go at the leaves, especially if they have fallen in any water you might have or on your lawn. It's a good, warming task on a chilly day, and will leave the garden looking a bit chirpier. We seem have a lot more moss this year, so pay attention to any steps or paths that are over-run – a good stiff broom will sort that out. Double check that all your tree stakes are whole and secure too, it's too sad to lose a tree to a dodgy stake. Do make sure all your outdoor pipes and taps are lagged – it just saves so much time, money and hassle.

There's not a huge amount to do in the veg patch, but I would suggest if you have some tender herbs that you cover them with cloches just to eke a bit more out of them. I would also clear any beds that have finished producing so your decks are clear for the New Year. Finally, do make sure at some point there is a cosy spot by the fire, a pot of tea and a nice big pile of seed catalogues, as half the fun of gardening is planning and dreaming what you want to do next!

This month's question is on the best way to have a safe bonfire. Firstly, do ensure the ground and surrounding area is not too dry. Be vigilant with brambles – they can go up at a terrific rate and can get you in a muddle. Secondly, make sure you have no prickly visitors inside your heap. Hedgehogs are still in decline, so we don't want to add to that. Do pick a still day if you can, one person's satisfying bonfire is another person's ruined wash if the wind is up! Thirdly, do ensure you site your fire well away from trees and overhanging branches, to escape any unnecessary drama!

Do keep the questions coming in! Email me at redmaple@btinternet as ever the most interesting question will be published next month. And I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!

Mick McCarter



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Meet the Neighbours

Jonathan & Maggie Cooper – Baconsthorpe

Jonathan was born in Baconsthorpe in the 1960s - hence his love of music. He went to Baconsthorpe School and has lived in the village all of his life. When he left school, he went to work at Randall's in North Walsham where he gained a City & Guilds qualification in agricultural and motor engineering. When Randall's bought the Aga franchise in North Walsham Jonathan went to work



there as "lying by the side of an Aga was better than lying underneath a sugar beet harvester"! In 1997 Jonathan became an independent Aga supplier and engineer and 'John The Aga' has become a very familiar face in so many local and some not so local homes.

Jonathan's love of music developed into a part time job and he was the resident DJ at both the Highwayman in Sheringham and the West Runton Pavilion - he played at the very last night of the Pavilion when it closed 1983. He also DJ'd and played the organ at private events including four weddings and a funeral!

Maggie was born and brought up in Heydon. Her father was a farmer and had a haulage company but his real love was horses and donkeys - a passion which was passed onto Maggie who has always had horses and donkeys in her life. Maggie can be seen in the picture with her father, donkey and foal at the farm in Heydon.

Jonathan's father also kept donkeys on what is called 'Donkey Corner' at the end of New Road. The picture shows a donkey and cart at Baconsthorpe Rectory where Jonathan's father, Norman, was giving donkey cart rides at the village fête - Jonathan is in the cart. If you recognise any of the other children in the cart can you let Jonathan know who they are?



In 2012 Jonathan and Maggie moved into Dales House after very extensive renovations had taken place. Jonathan's father had bought Dales Farm in 1955 with the intention of moving the family into it but it never happened, and the house stood empty for over 60 years, housing only the combine and chickens. They have now nearly completed the dreams of Jonathan's parents at Dales House.

Emma Youngs