

# Church & Village News

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Harvest in Baconsthorpe  
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safeguarding@dioceseofnorwich.org or  
01603 882345

## What's On

### OCTOBER

Sat 1 10.00am	<b>Corpusty Coffee Morning</b>	Village Hall
Mon 3 6.30pm	<b>Plumstead Parish Council Mtng</b>	Oak Tree Cttg, Cherry Tree Rd
Fri 7 10.30am	<b>Hempstead Coffee + Catch-Up</b>	Village Hall
Wed 12 10.00am	<b>Baconsthorpe Church Clean</b>	St Peter's Church
Sat 15 7.00pm	<b>Edgefield Quiz</b>	Village Hall
Sat 22 12noon	<b>Plumstead Pumpkin &amp; Dahlia Festival</b> until Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	St Michael's Church
Fri 28 6.00pm	<b>Baconsthorpe Pop-Up Pub</b>	Village Hall
Sat 29 4.30pm	<b>Plumstead Pumpkin Tea</b>	St Michael's Church

## Clash Diary

Dec 3 Corpusty Coffee Morning  
Dec 4 Matlaske Christmas Party  
Dec 10 Edgefield Festive Evening  
2023  
July 15

## Holt Library

9 Church Street, Holt NR25 6BB 712202  
Tues 10am-7pm / Wed 2pm-7pm  
Fri 10am-7pm / Sat 1pm-4pm

## Post Offices

**Baconsthorpe Mobile Post Office Van**  
Wednesdays 10.00am Village Hall

**Corpusty Stores** 587726  
Monday-Friday 9.00am – 12.00noon

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Monday + Thursday 9.00am-1.00pm

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If you are arranging an event please check with Corinne Youngs that there is not already an event being held that day 577263 / corinne@ayyoungs.com

## Mobile Library Van

**27 Oct / 24 Nov / 22 Dec / 19 Jan / 16 Feb**

Matlaske	11.40	NR11 7AQ	Old Post Office
Plumstead	12.25	NR11 7LG	Walnut Farm
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

**20 Oct / 17 Nov / 15 Dec / 12 Jan / 9 Feb**

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

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## Letter from the Rector - Reverend Canon David Longe

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Dear All

I have been asked to publish the following sermon which I preached on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the first Sunday following the death of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and the Accession of His Majesty King Charles III.

With my prayers for all

David



Like so many others I am conscious standing here before you, that what I am going to say will be said far more eloquently by others and that already, and in the years to come, much ink will be spilled as we endeavour to capture or articulate something of a woman whom so many have come to love.

Indeed as I prepared this homily, I again realised that words are nothing without action for it is in our actions that we show what we hold dear. Our actions show what we love: alas, sometimes they show how we fail to love.

Our late Queen in many ways was a woman of few words: in the one time I met her, it was others in the room that filled the place with words, but when she spoke all listened, especially when she spoke of her late husband, Prince Philip.

So often for our Nation, it was the Queen's presence that brought not just delight to those who encountered her, but comfort and security to us in times of difficulty.

Today she does not speak to us through words, rather we meet her anew as we reflect on her life in her death: as our new King prayed on that first Friday evening "*may flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest*".

*Angelos*, a Greek word, from which we derive the word angel which means a messenger from God. And our Queen in her death, is, I believe, imparting to us the most important message of her reign: an angelic message.

It is a message that finds its origin, not in the things that are temporal, sullied by jealousy, pride and selfishness, but in the Divine, in the Eternal: in the love of God.

At the heart of Jesus' message is message of hope, of compassion, of a new vision for us to live as a nation and a community. Increasingly this is not an isolated community, but a global community.

As I prepared for the first service of prayers for the Queen in Plumstead, I confess I looked briefly at my telephone and saw I had received a message from a friend who is a priest living in Washington DC. He wrote:

"[My wife] Deb, and I join a world in mourning. As others have noted, it's like a member of the family has died. No doubt the case for so many and we feel the loss here too. Thanks be to God for her life well lived and may God bless King Charles III with wisdom, patience and courage for the time to come. May Elizabeth rest in peace and rise in glory."

Considering all, it was perhaps surprising that President Putin called her death an "irreparable loss" in a condolence message on Thursday, with his spokesperson praising her "wisdom and authority", adding: "Such qualities are in very short supply on the international stage at the moment." However, whatever we may make of these words if you Google you will see just how much many in Russia appreciated our Queen.

So perhaps we can begin to understand how much she and the Royal Family are a unifying presence beyond these isles. This is truly a remarkable and vital role in our world, a role that is desperately needed particularly as we consider that today we mark a tragedy that affects us all 21 years ago.

Her death has for a brief moment allowed so many across the globe, friend and foe alike, to put aside worries and concerns and meet together to share and reflect in the love we have for this extraordinary individual for whom it was a privilege to be a subject of.

This is the angelic message: it shows us the way we are to live. A way to live where selflessness and steadfastness are preeminent as they were in her life. In a life that had within it, kindled deep within a soul, Faith, Hope and Love.

So as we carry our love for Our Queen in our hearts, and pray for our King and our Nation, and as she is borne on the wings of angels, I pray that we too may be stirred by angelic voices. Our own souls kindled and inspired by the very voice of God, as revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may be renewed in hope, invigorated by faith and determined in love, to live lives worthy of the God who formed us and the God who now calls our Queen to eternal rest in him.

God save the King.

AMEN

### HELP WITH ENERGY AND HOUSEHOLD COSTS

If you know anyone who need help with their energy costs please contact  
Revd David Longe: 01263 577252  
rector@matlaske.org.uk

- Cromer Food Bank can help with both food provisions and with household bills including pre-paid meters and meters paid on receipt of bills, gas, coal, oil and wood.
- The Matlaske Benefice Support Fund can also help with the above and other issues that household may face.

North Norfolk foodbank

THIS MONTH THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED:

- Long Life Milk (Full Fat or Semi Skimmed)
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Vegetables
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Squash / Fruit Juice
- Pot Noodles / Mugshots
- Laundry Detergent
- Washing-Up Liquid
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toilet Rolls

Donations:  
Cheques payable to North Norfolk Foodbank  
Cromer Methodist Church Hall  
West St, Cromer, NR27 9DT

BACS to North Norfolk Foodbank  
Sort Code: 63-55-72  
Account No: 3895888  
Reference: Harvest



## The Benefice of Matlaske Church Services for October

2<sup>nd</sup> Trinity XVI / Harvest

8.30am Eucharist Baconsthorpe  
5.00pm Harvest Festival Hempstead  
Followed by Harvest Supper at Hempstead Village Hall from 6pm. Donations to the Food Bank are welcome. Please see details in this magazine

9<sup>th</sup> Trinity XVII

8.30am Eucharist Saxthorpe  
10.30am Eucharist Matlaske

16<sup>th</sup>

10.30am Eucharist Edgefield  
5.00pm Evensong Barningham Winter

23<sup>rd</sup>

8.30am Eucharist Matlaske  
10.30am Eucharist Saxthorpe

29<sup>th</sup> Saturday

4.30pm Tea & Pumpkin Pie Plumstead  
5.00pm Songs of Praise Plumstead

30<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent

10.30am Eucharist Baconsthorpe  
3.30pm Children's Light Party & Blessing Edgefield  
Activities and fun with a delicious sandwich tea at 5pm

2<sup>nd</sup> November, Wednesday

6.30pm All Souls Service Edgefield  
All who have recently been bereaved are welcome to this quiet service of prayer and contemplation.  
Preacher: Revd Canon Stella Green, previously lead chaplain at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn

6<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent

8.30am Eucharist Edgefield  
10.30am Eucharist Hempstead

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 9.00am Eucharist Saxthorpe followed by refreshments  
NB: There is no Wednesday Eucharist in November as there is a service in Edgefield that day.

## Baconsthorpe

### 200 Club

£50 M Fitton, £25 K Benton Worboys, £10 W Peck, £5 H Martin, £5 B Thurtell, £5 W Peck



Hazel Martin  
07879 414577

### Baconsthorpe Bids a Sad Farewell



On Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> following the death of our treasured Queen Elizabeth the church bell was rung each minute from midday till 1pm. Thanks to those who came to assist with this. A table was placed at the back of the church and this gave everyone a chance to sign and add a personal memory. On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm a service of Remembrance was held for the late Queen Elizabeth. This was a chance for people to reflect and remember the woman who gave us so much. According to protocol the Sunday service at Baconsthorpe on the 18<sup>th</sup>, which was the eve of the Queen's funeral was held at 6pm. This service was extremely well attended and was most moving. At the end of the service the congregation listened to the strains of *Amazing Grace* played by Jonathan Cooper on the saxophone.

### Don't Forget the Church Stall

Our little church stall brings in vital revenue for the upkeep of our lovely church. Homemade jams and marmalades are available alongside various plants. Thank you to those who prepare and supply the produce as well as those who pause and purchase.

### Welcome to Baconsthorpe

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Jim and Jo Brannigan from Fareham who have moved into Wayside on New Road. We also welcome James and Anna with their two children who have moved into Strawberry Barn on The Street. Pitt Farm also has new residents, Nick, Liz and Phoebe have recently moved in. We hope they will all be very happy and it will be lovely if they join us at the Pop Up Pub on the last Friday each month.

### Church Cleaning

A call to arms (or dusters) once again for church cleaning. If anyone in the village finds a spare moment on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am we are giving the church another 'going over' as my grandmother used to say.

### Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>



This was a fun day for everyone in aid of Norfolk Churches Trust. Here's Tessa in a very appropriate apron greeting Duncan Baker who was running from church to church rather than using a bicycle.

### Village Hall News

There is a limit to the number of events the Village Hall Committee can organise but if you want to run an event at the Village Hall, we are very happy to help to facilitate this. Just give Piers a call on 07493 227591 to discuss. We still have

200 Club numbers available. If you would like the opportunity to win a £50 prize, please contact: secretary.baconsthorpevillagehall@outlook.com

**Pop-Up Pub – Friday 28 October** On the menu is Chicken Tray Bake which is available from 6.30pm, first come first served. We look forward to seeing you.

**Craft Fair – Saturday 19 November 10am – 4pm** - £10 a table. A great range of craft stalls for all your Christmas gifts.

**Christmas Quiz Night – Friday 9 December** from 6.30pm. £7 per head to include food. Bar open. To book please call Emma on: 07884 432414

Piers Warner

### Baconsthorpe Village Hall CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 19 November  
10.00am – 4.00pm

A great opportunity to  
find a unique Christmas Gift

To book a table contact:  
secretary.baconsthorpevillagehall@  
outlook.com

## Barningham Winter

Thank you to all those that helped man St Mary's Barningham Winter on the Norfolk bicycle day. The little church had over 35 visitors.

We send our best wishes to Kit Pallister who has broken his leg. We hope you will be back on the sports field soon, Kit.

A huge well done to Joe Buxton who promised to run over 200 miles in August for MND. Joe and Jeremy Seaman of Wickmere raised over £5,500 for this charity which is such worthy cause especially as Joe's cousin Jake van Poorvliet died of this cruel disease in 2021. They completed their 200 miles at The Black Boys in Aylsham where they raised a well-deserved glass to Jake.



Sara Buxton  
577207

## Edgefield

### Church News

What a momentous ten days we have witnessed. A new Prime Minister appointed, followed so soon by the sad death of a very special Sovereign. It feels extraordinary to be now living under my fourth monarch, despite our late Queen having such an amazingly long reign. Her Coronation Day in 1953 was so special. My father and I had seats on Piccadilly by Green Park. The first excitement was the tannoy announcing Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing had conquered Mt Everest! Deafening cheering and applause! We then crossed Green Park to stand near Buckingham Palace to watch the Queen and Prince Philip set out in that incredible gold coach for The Abbey. In our seats we heard all the service, before watching the huge and impressive procession and coach come right past us. Rushing back across the park, we saw the Royal Family appear on the balcony. The Queen looked so young and so beautiful. Dad and I then caught the train home to Rutland, soaking wet, but thrilled to have witnessed such a historic and wonderful day.



Richard Peaver  
587486

### A Light Party Sunday 30 October - 3.30pm Edgefield Church

Ideal for children/families who wish to have fun and play with the theme of light with activities and crafts 4.30pm a short gathering and reflection then sandwich tea  
Please book free tickets:  
07941 985635

## Village Hall News

A final reminder that we have a Quiz Night on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 7pm. There will be a licensed bar. £10 per team of 4 or £2.50 per head. Our Christmas dinner will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December and as this is always a very popular event, you will need to book early! Tickets at £10 per head from Jim Frost on 07946 854901 or any member of the committee. We intend to hold another Bingo Evening in the spring (date to be announced) and Edgefest 6 will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023, with music from the excellent local band Small Talk.

August 200 Club draw and the prize draw for 2021/22: 1<sup>st</sup> James Longe (123); 2<sup>nd</sup> Julie Morton (154); 3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Harvey (137). Annual Prize draw winner: Mick Bumfrey (206).

Jim Frost

## Hempstead

### 200 Club

£50 S Thurston; £25 J Feilden; £10 S Hannah; £5 SHannah, E Buxton, P Grieve

### Coffee & Catch-Up

Hempstead Village Hall 10.30am to noon Friday 7 October.

### Congratulations

Many congratulations to Glenda and Mick Gurney who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Enjoy Choral Music?

Jo Hurrell and Diane Collier are members of the Sheringham & Cromer Choral Society, which is now entering its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. During these many decades the Society has provided opportunities for people in the two towns and surrounding areas to enjoy a wide variety of music styles from the Baroque through contemporary classical to jazz, whether as singers or as part of an audience. We will shortly distribute leaflets, which describe the programme for the 22/23 season, to those friends and neighbours who we think might enjoy listening to the works the Society performs - but we don't know everyone in the village. If you think you might like to sing with the Society, membership of which costs £120 per annum, with all music provided for a very small additional charge (usually in the order of £5 or so) - or secure tickets for forthcoming concerts, we would love to hear from you. Tickets are currently priced at £15 if bought in advance, or £18 at the door and can be purchased at The Little Theatre in Sheringham or from either of us. If you would like more information, do please contact Diane on 713004.

### Hempstead Arts

A very big, in fact a HUGE thank you to everyone, from both within and without the village, who put in what must be, collectively, hundreds of hours to bring off another successful weekend. Planning necessarily begins with establishing which artists would like to continue exhibiting their work in the village and inviting new people to show so as to refresh the work on offer. Close liaison with artists continues throughout to ensure that advertising material is produced on time - and then distributed; that work to be sold is delivered on time; and unsold work taken away - yes, on, but not before, time. Advertising boards are put out on the main approaches to the village and during the week before the show, the boards on which paintings are to be displayed are brought out of storage, given a fresh coat of paint and then erected anew so that the work selected can be hung - and then taken down at close of business on the Sunday such that the village hall can be cleaned



Diana Spalton  
711117

thoroughly and made ready for the next user. Details of every single item for sale are logged onto electronic records to facilitate card payments; gazebos and bunting erected, and tables and chairs set up to facilitate fine-weather consumption of the most delicious food - cake-baking goes on for weeks in advance! Cool heads are a must - and thanks go to the valiant input of so many, although we can always do with more to spread the load. And the final thank you, and really the most important one, goes to everyone who came and spent their hard-earned cash: the total raised after known expenses currently stands at £2,168. It was a really wonderful village and community event and the Church is so grateful for this contribution to its yearly fundraising target.

## Matlaske

**100 Club** £25 C Courtauld, £10 C Shepherd, £ 5 M Amis

### Welcome!

A very warm "hello" to James, Jinny, Olivia and Serena who are the new people at The Cottage, where Trudi used to live. We hope you will enjoy life in Matlaske and its beautiful surroundings.

### Quiz Night

The return of the Matlaske Quiz, after an enforced period of postponement due to Covid, was a fun filled, thoroughly enjoyable event. The Old Stables at Barningham Hall echoed with communal laughter and conversation together with a little head scratching and the stretching of grey matter! Thanks to Thomas and Amelia Courtauld for their ongoing support, our trusty organisers and workers, Cherry and Marion and our unsung band of catering helpers. All profits made from this and The Matlaske Coffee Morning are used to provide the free Christmas Party so your support and attendance at these events is greatly appreciated.

### Christmas Party

The invites for this year's Christmas party will be delivered at the end of October; places will be limited this year so it will be on a first come first served basis.



Duncan Wood  
570293

## Plumstead

### Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Farewell, your Majesty and thank you for all your years of loving and dutiful service. As the nation watched the televised funeral service I am sure we all took a moment to reflect on times gone by and times to come. In times of great national and international turbulence our Queen was always a steadfast and steady figure who will be greatly missed. On the morning of the Queen's Funeral the church bell of St Michael & All Angels was rung 96 times between 10am and 11am by Keith Harding and Nick Fulford under the essential guidance of Jonathan Pilbrow, who was also keeping the candles burning. Thank you to you all for this.



Harriet Rossi  
577239

### Church Path Blessing and Memorial Service for Thomas Wormald

This was a lovely service and much enjoyed by all who attended. On a personal note my family and I would like to thank those who came and those who helped organise this event. My father would have greatly appreciated the presence of everyone there.

## Welcome to the Village

Sophie and James Buck with three-year-old Phoebe and one-year-old Maggie have moved into The Heathers in Cherry Tree Road. We wish them a very warm welcome to Plumstead and look forward to meeting them soon.

## Pumpkins & Dahlias in the Church - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October

Plans are being drawn-up and hedgerows and gardens being closely observed in readiness for the Plumstead church display. We are hoping that the weather will be kinder to us this year. Once again, remembering your generosity in past years, donations of dahlias and pumpkins to add to the display would be most welcome.

Children and adults from all parishes are invited to bring carved pumpkins to be shown - anytime from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> onwards. Don't forget to label them! (Pumpkins will be provided to families in Plumstead as last year.) The competition winners will be announced at a special afternoon pumpkin tea on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm to which all are invited, to be followed by Songs of Praise.

**Pumpkins & Dahlias**  
A Celebration of Autumn

St Michael's & All Angels Church, Plumstead  
Midday Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Pumpkin Tea - Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30pm**  
Pie, cake, drinks and awards of prizes for the best carved pumpkins followed by Songs of Praise



Contributions to this event are most welcome  
Contact Catharine McMahon on: 07799 422840  
if you would like to join in

## Saxthorpe with Corpusty

### Going for Silver - Church Eco-Award

After being granted a Bronze Eco-Award last year, St Andrew's Church is looking to go one better by aiming to achieve the standards for a silver award. Achieving this involves reviewing energy consumption and provision, encouraging more biodiversity in the graveyard, planting native trees, and ensuring that those areas already adversely affected by climate change are held in our prayers. While there are many constraints as we care for a medieval building, the PCC is committed to do all it can to care for God's creation.



John Birchall  
584290

### Invitation to the Bishop

The Bishop of Norwich has been invited to preside and preach at St Andrew's, Saxthorpe, for the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Saxthorpe has also been earmarked for the Benefice Christmas Day Service.

### JPW Educational Fund Grants

The John Perry-Warnes Educational Fund Committee met in September 2022 and made grants of around £1,000 to applicants within the Matlaske Benefice. The Committee wishes to stress that applications to the funds are welcome; as are donations to the fund so that more grants can be made. The next round of grants will be made in September 2023, and all applications should be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> September. Applicants must be resident within the Matlaske Benefice and either in education or about to start a course (those educating young people at home, are also welcome to apply). To submit a grant and for any other information please contact: The Revd David Longe on rector@matlaske.org.uk or 01263 577 252.

### Sizzling Success for Hog Roast!



Summer and the school holidays came to a sizzling end in Corpusty where a Hog Roast brought families flocking to the Village Green for fun and games, as well as scrumptious slices of pork in rolls. The event proved that even on a Monday the lure of roasting pork is irresistible, helping to bring people out of their homes for a hugely successful community gathering. Children of all ages took up the challenge of traditional races, such as egg-and-spoon, three-legged race, and adults joined in the keenly-contested tug-of-war pulls. The Rev Canon David Longe

marshalled - and sometimes assisted - the competitors. Many people contributed time and equipment to make it all possible - everything from eggs and spoons to tables and straw bales. The star of the show arrived ready roasted, courtesy of Graves, and Jill Perry-Warnes led the carving team. Well over 100 rolls were filled and quickly disappeared. Thanks also to the Dukes Head, who opened specially on a Monday, helping to make it a community event for all. Those who enjoyed the evening included some of the Ukrainian guests staying locally. As the event drew to a close the crowd gave its full support to a repeat next year. Donations at this year's event will go towards St Andrew's Church and the Village Hall.

### Bike Ride Fund-Raisers

Many thanks to all who rode or strode to raise money on the Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride day. Those supporting St Andrew's Saxthorpe, should collect your sponsorship with the yellow form and arrange to hand the money to Charles Tyndall. Do remember to get the gift aid details so we can increase the amount your legs have raised! Please contact charlestyndall@btinternet.com to arrange the hand over.

### The Village Gardener

To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow



Hurrah for Autumn! It is with a big sense of relief that I can write October's article, with this season feeling so much more normal. There have been some beautiful misty mornings followed by some glorious proper Autumnal days.... the water butts and water troughs are all full. The lawn has been cut for the first time in weeks and after some really good overnight rainfalls the garden is looking far less sorry for itself. Thank goodness!

Now for the humongous to-do list that is October! First up is bulb planting, not I hasten to add tulip

bulb planting, you need to hold fire on those until the temperatures have dropped and there is a proper nip in the air, tulips are so susceptible to diseases and funguses that thrive in warmer weather, so the best plan is to be patient then you 'should' avoid those hazards. The bulbs I am thinking about are alliums that can give your border some good vertical interest, these need a warmer start so to speak, so October is a good month to get them in the ground whilst there is still some warmth in the soil. The other bulbs to consider are narcissi. It's worth going through last spring's photos of your garden and looking at what areas would benefit from a bit of early spring sparkle, remembering that those first spring shoots are always so encouraging when the winter months seem to be never ending.

At present we are taking lots of photos of our large border because it needs a big autumnal overhaul, so they are not 'Oh, look how lovely' photos but more to highlight what we need to work on. It is a beautiful spring border with a lovely soft fresh palette that moves into a good summer border with our roses but then it completely loses its way in autumn. It suddenly struck me the other day that the look I am actually after are within the bunches of flowers I have been picking from our walled garden. So I am talking far richer colours with good pops of orange and rich yellows. I have really loved the combination of rich dark velvet like dahlias with French marigolds and the wonderful orange of *Tithonia rotundifolia* 'Torch' and the mixed colours of the sunflowers in our kitchen garden. It feels like the right way forward but will require a fair amount of planting and upheaval but that's the best bit about gardening and gardens, they are not set in stone but can change and evolve.

Now back to the to-do list! I would still keep going with the dead heading, although certain flowers I am letting go so I can collect the seed from them. I am also being mindful of not clearing away everything but leaving some seed heads for the birds too. I would also recommend keeping on top of the perennial weeds. You don't want those ones to seed and to then get even more

established. Once plants you have supported have died down, it's a good moment to take the plant supports in to clean them up and leave them in a good orderly fashion so when you come to find them out in late spring, they are all set to go and not in a hideous 'Jenga' like muddle. Another big project this month is to get all your climbing and rambling roses pruned and tied in, this is a good job to get under your belt before the Autumn winds get going and cause any damage. Try to also clear away any dead rose leaves underneath the plants so they don't harbour diseases, I would also give some serious thought to under planting your roses with salvias to help keep your roses healthy. Now for a quick word about dahlias! Depending on where your dahlias are located by the end of October early November could be either the right time to either lift them (if they are in a cold and exposed spot) or cover them (if they are sheltered and in a warm spot). If you are lifting them, they need to be firstly kept somewhere warm and dry so they don't get packed away damp, then pack them in dry compost in boxes lined with newspaper. I would keep them somewhere that doesn't get cold and damp over winter. If you're happy to leave your dahlia tubers in situ then I would still cover them with a mushroom compost/ leaf mould or some spent potting compost just to protect them from the worst of the frost and damp.

Now for the veg plot! If you have any pea or bean plants left that you are just about to clear away, remember to leave the roots in the ground. The legume family have nitrogen fixing nodules in their roots that if left to break down in situ will give your soil a nitrogen boost. Remember to plant your winter lettuces, chicories and mustard leaves if you haven't done so already. Admittedly they are a bit of a fass as you will need to protect them a bit, but they have so much more flavour than supermarket leaves and they (obviously) will be so much fresher. If you are in the mind for keeping some winter lettuces ticking over during the winter months then spare a thought for herbs too, the ones from the supermarket are mere shadows of the home-grown varieties and they come swathed in plastic. I appreciate they are convenient but that's about it, every herb you can grow yourself will have way more flavour and you can just pick exactly as much as you need, no more sadly decomposing sad bundles in the fridge door. All it takes is a bit of time and thought and maybe acceptance that basil should be saved for the warmer months and then it will be that much more appreciated. I am going to try and keep a supply of coriander and parsley going the former under a bit of cover. I am also going to cover some of my thyme/sage and rosemary plants to see if they benefit from a bit of extra TLC too.

Now to this month's question which is from Linda Davies from Corpusty, who, whilst rejoicing at the lighter soils at her new home since moving from a heavy clay soil garden, is struggling with ants. That's a tricky one Linda, you also mentioned how dry your soil is too so I would suggest working on building up the structure of the soil with garden compost and after a good rain I would recommend mulching your garden well too, this I feel would help discourage the ants. I would also try planting some lavender near any particularly infested areas or vulnerable plants. Ants don't like strong smells so I would also try growing plenty of garlic, mint and chives in a hope of putting them off. If your also getting stung I would try wearing lavender essential oil yourself too when you're in the garden too. Hope that helps and thanks very much for your email.

Last month I mentioned I would be sharing my recipe for Green Tomato chutney, as I am all out of room this month if anyone would like the recipe, please drop us a line at our email address below and we will happily send you a copy.

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

Michelle & Mick McCarter

## Nature Watch – Wild Plums

Arthur Pentney



"I know a wood where the wild plum grows." Not exactly Shakespeare, I know, but still its veracity is clear. Take the road from Tuppenny Grove toward Barningham Winter and check out the spinney on the left. Here, the wild plum growing there was a magnet for the youngsters of the day, and its abundance of fruit quickly devoured by any of those kids knowing of its whereabouts.

Our friendly gardeners Michelle and Mick @redmaple tell me that the species' correct name is Cherry Plum *Prunus cerasifera*. They also have a similar tree, and advise that its fruit is indeed edible, can be made into jams and wines, and at one time was used as a remedy for bad behaviour!

Another specimen could be found in the boundary hedge joining Baconsthorpe with Hempstead, a sure sign that the tree was very old. It bore a few fruits until a few years ago.

For me, the tree's real beauty is early in the year when its tiny white blossom is in profusion despite frosts and snow still being prevalent, a real harbinger of spring, signalling better weather to come.

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