

Church & Village News

Nº 3 April 2015



Baconsthorpe Barningham Winter Edgefield Hempstead
Itteringham Little Barningham Matlaske Plumstead
Saxthorpe with Corpusty Wickmere with Wolterton

Nature Notes



Sue Appleby

Though fluctuations in the weather can sometimes have us doubting, it cannot be denied that spring has most certainly sprung. In addition to emerging shoots, swelling buds and courting birds, normally nocturnal hares are gathering in the fields, performing what was once seen as a fertility dance, wakening the world from its deep winter slumber. However, rather than being part of some graceful ballet, these furry chases and boxing matches are actually a show of muscle, determination and intolerance. The scuffles are not, as one would expect, between competing males, but are instigated by a female seeing off unwanted advances, whilst at the same time getting a chance to test the mettle of her suitors. One by one, her pursuers will give up the ghost and fall by the wayside, until only one remains, proving he has greatest stamina and what it takes to be her mate.

Whilst at their most fertile in springtime, bucks will in fact mate anytime from January through to August. Remarkably, does can become pregnant again before giving birth to the fruits of a previous mating, so simultaneously carrying young of different ages in their wombs. Generally, three litters are produced annually, though the numbers in these litters tend to decrease as the breeding season draws to a close.

The young are born in individual shallow depressions dug into the open ground, and placed apart from each other, so that should one be predated, the whole litter will not be lost. Not being afforded



the protection of an underground burrow, the leverets are born fully furred and with eyes open, ready to flee should the need occur. Until they are weaned at four weeks old, the mother will visit and feed each for only a brief few minutes every day, lessening the chance of betraying her young's location to hungry predators.

When threatened, a hare's first line of defence is to flatten its body into the earth, mottled fur offering an effective camouflage, whilst lowering its black tipped ears and grinding its teeth transmits an alarm call to others. Should ducking and diving prove to no avail, then a 45mph supercharge packed into its long hind legs, combined with an ability to twist and turn at speed certainly makes the Hare the Ferrari of the British countryside and owner of the title of UK's fastest wild land mammal!

What's On in April

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| Until 19 Sun | Exhibition - Children of The Moon | Corpusty |
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| 1 Wed 2.00pm | Plumstead Church Spring Clean | Church |
| 4 Sat 10.00am | Plumstead Easter Garden Making | Church |
| 5 Sun 11.00am | Itteringham Easter Service & Egg Hunt | St Mary's Church |
| | Easter Day – There will be an Easter family service and an exciting (and rewarding) egg hunt afterwards, mostly for the young, through the churchyard. Don't step on any graves – you might be surprised!!! | |
| 8 Wed 7.30pm | Hempstead Play Reading Group | Village Hall |
| | Refreshments from 7pm. April's play is <i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i> .
Anyone wishing to join us, please contact 710702 su@linaria.co.uk | |
| 10 Fri 10.30am | Hempstead Coffee & Gossip | Village Hall |
| | 7.00pm Baconsthorpe Jumble Sale | Village Hall |
| 14 Tues 10.00am | Corpusty North Norfolk Knitters | Village Hall |
| | 6.30pm Wickmere Parish Church AGM | St Andrew's Church |
| 15 Wed 2.00pm | Corpusty LinC - Nepal | Village Hall |
| | 7.30pm Hempstead Film Club | Village Hall |
| 16 Thur 3.30pm | Corpusty Families Together 4th Birthday Party | Village Hall |
| | 7.00pm Hempstead Annual Parochial Church Meeting | Village Hall |
| 18 Sat 11.00am | Plumstead Book Sale | Church |
| | Please look out any unwanted books and either ring Mary Lintott 577718 to arrange collection or take them to the Church where there will be a box for storage. | |
| 19 Sun 12.45pm | Little Barningham St George's Day Lunch | Village Hall |
| 22 Wed 7.30pm | Hempstead Village Hall AGM | Village Hall |
| 25 Sat 10.30am | Corpusty LinC Spring Fayre | Village Hall |
| | Until 3.00pm. Raffle, games, stalls, lots of fun for all the family – refreshments too! All proceeds to Tapping House Hospice
Please call Liz on 07900 694964 if you would like a stall | |
| 27 Mon 7.30pm | Edgefield Annual PC Meeting | Village Hall |
| 28 Tue 10.00am | Baconsthorpe Plant Swap & Sale | The Old Rectory |
| | Do you fancy some new plants in your garden or have some you would like to pass on? If so, come along. There will also be a raffle, produce and cakes. Entrance £2.50 to include coffee and biscuits. Always a popular event and well worth a visit so we hope to see you there! | |

Next Three Months

May

- 1 Fri 7.30pm **Baconsthorpe Chandler Green**
Looking further ahead we have Chandler Green making a return visit to our hall. Admission is £6 per person to include refreshments Tea/coffee; there will also be a raffle. If you missed them last time please make the effort to come they are very entertaining with songs from 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s plus some humour.
Tickets are on sale now ring John 711320.
- 4 Mon 3.00pm **Hempstead Church Stalls & Refreshments**
11.00am **Itteringham Spring Fayre**
- 8 Fri 7.00pm **Matlaske Quiz - Barningham Hall**
- 10 Sun 10.00am **Wickmere Spring Plant Sale**
- 11 Mon 7.00pm **Baconsthorpe Parish Council AGM**
7.00pm **Edgefield Film Night - *Wings of Desire***
- 16 Sat 7.00pm **Hempstead May Feast**
- 18 Mon 7.00pm **Baconsthorpe Village Hall & Fête Committee Meeting**
- 20 Wed 10.30am **St Peter's PCC Meeting Hall Farm Cottage**
7.30pm **Hempstead Film Club**
- 30 Sat 8.00pm **Edgefield Dance**
By popular demand we have booked a local band called DNA and tickets, at £5 per head, are available from committee members.
Licensed bar.

June

- 7 Sun All day **Itteringham Open Gardens Day**
- 14 Sun 1.30am **Plumstead Open Gardens**
- 20 Sat 2.00pm **Edgefield Open Gardens Weekend**
Open gardens in Edgefield from 2 pm – 6 pm on Saturday/Sunday, 20th/21st June. All welcome.
- 21 Sun 3.00pm **Baconsthorpe Mid-Summer Fête & BBQ**
- 27 Sat 2.00pm **Itteringham Cream Tea**

July

- 4 Sat 12.30pm **Plumstead Picnic**
- 11 Sat tbc **Edgefield Village Fête**

Regular Events

Corpusty - Village Hall

- 2.00pm - 4.00pm **Bure Valley Quilters & Stitchers**
First and third Mondays
- 2.00pm - 4.00pm **Short Mat Bowls**
Every Tuesday
- 10.00am - 12.00noon **Art Group**
Every Thursday

Baconsthorpe - Village Hall

- 7.30pm **Line Dancing** 711320
Every Monday - not bank holidayss
- 10.00am **Diocesan Play Van** 07918 027092
Every Tuesday during term time
- 7.30pm **Indoor Bowls** 711320
Every Tuesday during term time

Hempstead - Village Hall

- 10.00am **Charcoal Drawing** 711282



February Issue's Mystery Object was a peal of eight tubular bells, costing £180, replacing a single bell and dedicated in Baconsthorpe Church on 8th December 1892. Why not go and have a look at them?



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From the Rectory

Easter Reflection



Marion Harrison

In obedience to their laws, Jews have spilled into the city from all over Israel and still more, entering by

every gate. People packed into the narrow streets. Walking under rows of washing hanging high across the streets to dry in the heat of the day and breathing in the smells wafting out from the open doorways as they pass. Women trying to keep hold of excited children. The elderly looking to see if old friends or family have arrived yet. Men at all the city gates, conducting business. Herdsmen bring in the lambs for slaughter. The temple full of the comings and goings of priests, Pharisees, Sadducees, temple guards and men, conducting business. Traders everywhere selling their wares, eager to cash in on so vast a crowd. And the roman soldiers looking on. Watching, waiting, ready to stop trouble before it can escalate into something more.

Installation of Brian and Marion



Led by Jonathan, Bishop of Lynn, our two newly licensed clerics, Revd Marion Harrison, Priest-In-Charge and Revd

Brian Faulkener Honorary Assistant Curate are greeted by a large congregation in St Mary's Baconsthorpe.

The licensing of Brian and Marion and the Installation of Marion as Priest in Charge on 24th February was necessary

And in to this heady mix of excitement and tension underlined with the fear of an occupied country, come the cries of children's voices calling Hosanna. The voices become louder and men and women join in, "Hosanna to the son of David" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" and "Hosanna in the highest".

Now you can see the crowd, some running ahead, some waving branches, some spreading their cloaks on the ground before.... before what? Then you see him, the rabbi, the one everyone has been talking about for the last year or so. This gentle and humble man, riding into Jerusalem on a donkey.

Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week. A week when Christians everywhere re-enact, read about and reflect on the events of the last week in the life of Jesus. It starts with a celebration and ends with another celebration one on Easter Day. But in between is a roller-coaster of emotions waiting to carry us all the way to the foot of the Cross and the heart wrenching death of Jesus. BUT on Easter Day, that very first Easter Day, the whole world was given the hope of a new life.

to enable them both to officiate in all the new, ten parish Benefice consisting of the parishes of Baconsthorpe, Barningham including Barningham Winter, Edgefield, Hempstead, Itteringham, Little Barningham, Matlaske, Plumstead, Saxthorpe with Corpusty and Wickmere with Wolterton.

We wish them both a long and happy association with the Benefice. In fact, the traditional test of how many years an incumbent will stay is the number of times they ring the bell at the end of the service. Marion rang it eight times!

Church Services for April

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays 9.00am Itteringham

29	Palm Sunday	9.15am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i> with Reading of the Passion	Hempstead
		10.30am	Holy Communion	Wickmere
		10.45am	Matins	Barningham Winter
1	Wed of Holy Week	9.00am	Holy Communion	Little Barningham
2	Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Holy Communion	Plumstead
3	Good Friday	2.00pm		Edgefield
		2.00pm		Hempstead
4	Holy Saturday	10.30am	Drop-in Prayer stations based on Holy Week	Saxthorpe
5	Easter Sunday	9.00am	Holy Communion	Edgefield
		9.00am	Holy Communion	Little Barningham
		9.00am	Holy Communion	Saxthorpe
		10.45am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Baconsthorpe
		11.00am	Family Service	Wickmere
		11.00am	Family Service with Egg Hunt	Itteringham
12	Easter 2	9.00am	Holy Communion	Itteringham
		9.15am	Holy Communion	Plumstead
		10.45am	Matins	Matlaske
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Edgefield
		11.00am	Morning Praise	Saxthorpe
			Community Weekend	Little Barningham
19	Easter 3	8.00am	Holy Communion	Wickmere
		9.15am	Holy Communion	Barningham Winter
		9.30am	Morning Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Edgefield
		10.45am	Matins	Baconsthorpe
		11.00am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Little Barningham
			Community Weekend	Saxthorpe
26	Easter 4	8.00am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Little Barningham
		9.00am	Family Service	Edgefield
		9.15am	Holy Communion	Hempstead
		9.30am	Morning Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Itteringham
		10.45am	Matins	Plumstead
3	Easter 5	8.00am	Holy Communion	Saxthorpe
		9.00am	Holy Communion	Little Barningham
		9.15am	Holy Communion	Matlaske
		10.45am	Matins	Baconsthorpe
		11.00am	Family Service	Wickmere
			Community Weekend	Edgefield

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General News

Vic Crocker's 90th Birthday



Congratulations to Hempstead's Vic Crocker who attended a concert at the local Village Hall on the date of his 90th birthday – 5th March – and was surprised

to be asked to blow out the candles on a huge cake specially made for the occasion. He enjoyed having his family with him, his sister-in-law Lily from Edgware and his niece and nephew, Christine and Terry from Aylesbury, who all spent 3 days celebrating this momentous birthday!

HMP Bure needs Prison Visitors

Prison Visitors are volunteers who visit prisoners here at Her Majesty's Prison: Bure. This valuable work is vital and demand for visitors is steadily increasing.

Part of our role as both a Chaplaincy and a prison is to challenge and support those placed in our care. Reducing a person's likelihood of offending on release requires a wide variety of measures and mechanisms. Prison Visitors play a crucial part in supporting prisoners and helping them maintain a positive contact with normality and the world beyond the fence.

At present we have a dedicated and highly motivated team of people from all backgrounds, all ages, some of faith, some of none. What they share is a desire to make a difference. We still have a large waiting list of prisoners who would like to have visits from a prison visitor. We offer training and support to equip new Visitors to work in the prison environment. Travel expenses are paid.

For more information or to arrange an informal chat with no strings attached, please call me. Anne Hedges, Managing Chaplain, Prison Visitor Liaison Officer. HMP.Bure. Telephone 01603 326180

A Broad Look at Norfolk's Wildlife Habitats

On Saturday 18th April expert tutor David Horsley will help you find out more about Norfolk's varied habitats: their history, ecology and conservation. The morning talk is followed by an afternoon field trip to Buxton Heath. The cost for the full day is £15, lunch extra, morning-only £10. The course starts at 10am at the Friendship Hall, Mill Road, Aylsham NR11 6DS and ends at 4pm. For more information and booking contact Glenys Thorneycroft on 01263 733334 or via website weaaylsham@gmail.com

The Great Easter Egg Hunt

The Great Easter Egg Hunt is on now! Once again the Diocese of Norwich is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt during the school holidays. From Saturday 28th March to Sunday 12th April, eggs will be hidden in churches throughout the Diocese for you to find. In fact two of our Benefice's churches feature this year, both Plumstead and Baconsthorpe have an egg for you to locate. So why not head out on a day trip as a family in search of eggs? A bicycle ride could include a visit to nearby churches, or even take a short walk to your local church.

This year there's no competition to find the most eggs, but for every egg you do find you'll also receive a little treat. So why not see how many churches you can visit, collect a treat and find out about the church the eggs are hidden in? To see which churches are hiding eggs, go to www.dioceseofnorwich.org/easteregg

Village News

Baconsthorpe

10 Apr	7.00pm	Jumble Sale
1 May	7.30pm	Chandler Green
11 Mon	7.00pm	PC AGM
18 May	7.00pm	Village Hall Meeting

Baconsthorpe 200 Club

£25 A Cook, £10 A Rudd, £5 J Thurtel and P Youngs

Why are so many pigs gathering at Ash Tree Farm? They will all be prizes on the tombola at Baconsthorpe Village Fête on Sunday 21st June from 3pm at the Village Hall.



Village Hall News

Our Quiz last month was well supported and we raised over £220 to go towards the upkeep of your Village Hall. It's getting to the stage now where repairs and renovations are having to be done more often to maintain your hall.

On Friday the 1st of May at 7.30pm please come along and enjoy our very entertaining and humorous duo Chandler Green as they sing 50s 60s 70s and 80s songs you can sing along with if you wish. Tickets cost £6 including refreshments and are available now. Call John on 711320 or Evelyn on 577315.

There is to be a Grand Jumble Sale in the Village Hall on Friday the 10th of April at 7pm. There are various stalls, a raffle and refreshments on sale. Admission is free.

Our next Meeting is on Thursday 16th of May at 7pm. The Fete Committee will also

be there so please come long with ideas and offers of help for all of us.

Bishop's Blessing

The Bishop of Lynn came to bless the repairs to the chancel and vestry of St Mary's Church. The well attended service was the first event which included all ten churches in the benefice. This was followed by a shared lunch in the Village Hall.



Ro Hardingham

Parish Council AGM

Monday 11th May in the Village Hall. Please note the time is 7.00pm and NOT the usual 7.30pm All are welcome to attend

Elfie's Adventure

Eleven year old Elfie Galpin, was eager to share with me her exciting day out in London. As a member of Gresham's Prep-School Chapel Choir, she competed in The Barnardo's National Choir Competition held in The Royal Festival Hall on 9th March. They sang three pieces in front of four judges. Competition was fierce, but much to their delight they achieved a magnificent second place. Congratulations to all concerned. Alongside the general excitement of the day, Elfie's other memories of the day were the vastness of The Royal Festival Hall, and the splendour of the Royal Box! Thank you Elfie for sharing your special day with us.

Barningham Winter

There won't be an Easter Egg hunt this year at Barningham Hall but it will be bigger and better in 2016!!

Huge thanks to Amelia Courtauld and John Perks to all the time and effort they have put in on writing the HLF application for St. Mary's



Sara Buxton

church, Barningham Winter. Fingers crossed that we are successful with this application.

We do hope that Free White from No 4 Wells Farm Cottage feels better soon. Free has recently been in the Norfolk and Norwich University hospital and is now at Kelling Hospital, we hope to see him back home soon.

Please support both the bottle bank and the paper bank on Matlaske airfield.

Thomas and Amelia Courtauld have created a holiday apartment in the stable yard of Barningham Hall. It sleeps six and would be ideal for friends or family who would like to come and stay near you but who like to be independent. Relaxed and quiet surroundings.

More details from Amelia Courtauld on 01263 577250.

We were all very saddened that Mrs Margaret Medway has died in a nursing home in Honiton. Mr and Mrs Medway had lived at Manor Farm, North Barningham from the late 70s until 1995 and then went on to live at West Beckham. They were both huge supporters of the church and the community and they gave to St Mary's, Barningham Winter and to St Peter's, North Barningham the lovely blue runners that are in these churches. They also had restored the candelabra which now hangs in St Mary's. It was found in a dreadful state in the vault of the church and now looks so beautiful when it is lit. We send our condolences to all of Margaret's family.

Edgefield

Mon 27 7.30pm **Annual PC Meeting**

Church News - Angela Turner

We had a splendid Group Service in Baconsthorpe with Bishop Jonathan on March 8th followed by a Bring & Share Lunch.

He was with us again for a Celebration Service for the life of Annie Brooks, a very fitting tribute to her, and a beautiful service. There were about 400 people filling the church to capacity and in the marquee at Church Farm, with a video link. Annie was involved in so many aspects of local life, and will be much missed.

The church flower list is up at last, but with some gaps which need filling. It would be a huge help to have some new flower arrangers?

It is still possible to join the Open Gardens weekend by opening your garden for us on 20th & 21st June. Thank you to those who have offered to help. We still need more.

It's wonderful to see the village bursting into spring, now with daffodils coming into flower. See our services for Easter and come and join us!

Our Annual Vestry Meeting is in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 27th April. Anyone whose name is on the civil local government electoral register, regardless of whether or not they are a church member, is entitled to attend this very brief meeting, at which churchwardens are chosen. This will be followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), where only those on the church parish electoral roll may vote.

Village Hall News - Jim Frost



Janet Keymer asks the questions while Stuart Ross refreshes his grey cells

Following a hugely successful Irish Night, our next big bash will be on Saturday, 30th May, at 8.00 p.m. Local band DNA will

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forget our next film night, which is at 7.00
p.m. on Monday, 11th May, when we will be
showing "Wings of Desire". Look out for
forthcoming details on our Village Fête on
Saturday, 11th July.

Hempstead

8 Wed 7.30pm **PlayReading Group**
10 Fri 10.30am **Coffee & Gossip**
15 Wed 7.30pm **Film Club**
16 Thur 7.00pm **Annual PC Meeting**
22 Wed 7.30pm **Village Hall AGM**

Hempstead 200 Club

£25 R West; £10 K Hurrell £5 D Smith,
S Thurlow and J Roy.

Bishop of Lynn

Thank you to all involved with the afternoon
tea for the visiting Bishop of Lynn, it was
a jolly occasion enjoyed by young and old,
a special treat; I told my children it's not



Hempstead's magnificent Afternoon Tea ladies!

everyday you get to meet a Bishop! It was also
good to see so many villagers had turned out
for the event.

The Mothering Sunday service was
enjoyed by both young and old, with readings
from two children from the village, Ivo
Inglis and Silvie Inglis were both fantastic, I
especially liked the happy atmosphere which
I found very inviting and has reminded me
of how special the church is, as our busy lives
almost take over us I felt happy and refreshed
on leaving All Saints on Sunday. And thank
you to all the posy-makers!

The Saxophone Quartet



The Saxophone Quartet concert was well
attended and a happy village occasion
especially for Vic Crocker who
just turned 90 (see page 9), who
had "Happy Birthday To You"
performed for him by the quartet
as the audience sang along,
Happy Birthday Vic!



The parish council has received Sharon Hannah
a complaint concerning dog fouling on some
of the public footpaths, dog walkers are
reminded they are legally bound to clear up
after their dog on roads and footpaths.

This month's birdwatching news is that
a rough legged buzzard has been spotted
at Mannington Hall. In Hempstead a
Mediterranean gull has also been sighted.



The photo above shows some Hempstead
children dressed up for comic relief and
helped raise £195 for Holt Primary School,
the children are from left to right, Kaylum,
Jenna, Beau, Delilah, Sammy, Kobe, Matilda,
Lydia and Hollie well done kids!

The usual Easter Monday refreshments
and stalls at the Church are this year
postponed to Bank Holiday Monday May
4th. We hope that you will join us then,

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Itteringham

Sun 5 10.30am Easter Egg Hunt



Catherine Rolfe

Stepmother is the title of the winning entry in the *Magic Oxygen Literary Prize* for 2015 and was won by Catherine Rolfe. It is powerful and revealing. It

was judged the best of hundreds of entries from around the globe. Below is a sample. Catherine was born and brought up on The Common, studied herbal medicine at Middlesex and now at thirty-two is a project manager at Cardiff University

She lives with her partner and stepchildren. Her parents, Dennis and Eve have been on The Common for centuries and are familiar to almost everyone. They are, only naturally, delighted with Catherine's success and they have agreed to a copy being exhibited at the Village Shop for you to critique.

Stepmother - verses 5 and 6

I have heard you,
other-child
stamping feet, angry child
red-eyed tears, streaming nose
slammed doors and stabbing words.

"Yes"

I know I am not your mother"

I am step-mother

Step-away. Step-Apart. Step-removed.

I shed my tears in secret.

Walpole Window Blessing



Bishopian robes swayed and swung at St Mary's in mid-March as the repaired Walpole window was blessed by Jonathan, Bishop of Lynn. Now a familiar figure in these parts, he was made most welcome.

Bank Holiday, Monday 4th May is the Spring Fayre of the year. At the Itteringham Field/Community Centre. Those wishing to take a stall should call Sandra Walker on 01263 587137 asap.

Remember, remember
the 5th of April.....

Hang on. That somehow

isn't right. Remember,

remember.....errr. How

about; Lest we forget. Egg

hunt at St Mary's, Easter

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Eric Goodman

Little Barningham

Sun 19 12.45pm St George's Day Lunch

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always good and the one at
Little Barningham was a great
success. The Church table
made £200, The Syria Appeal
£65 and the Village Hall table
£32. The Event was so well
supported there were times when
it was difficult to get through the door!



Derek Wintle

Do not forget the St George's Day
Celebration lunch on Sunday 19th April at
12.45PM. Roast beef plus all the trimmings,
an alternative main course and a dessert Price
£7.50, booking essential Debbie 577430

Men get training for the tug of war
especially Little Barningham men, we want
you to retain the title so well won last year.

A moveable move should take place any
time soon, so hopes Fiona, and when it does
happen you can count on your many friends
to help. GOOD LUCK.

It is so easy, a tasty quick tomato soup.
One tin of tomatoes, one tin of baked
beans, salt and pepper to taste. Place in a
food processor or blender mix to a smooth
consistency, heat and serve with a dessert



spoon of cream.
For a greater
depth of flavour
add a medium
onion and
four rashers of
cooked smoked
streaky bacon
plus a dessert
spoonful of
fresh basil or
a heaped tea
spoon of dried
basil. Place in
processor, as
above. If you
have any quick

and easy recipes let me know for the next
magazine which will include quick and easy
dips. To slightly alter a "Brucey" phrase "keep
on cooking!"

Is the photograph a work of art, or
an abstract arrangement. It is the brain-
child of a local man who could "see" what
ordinary prosaic objects could become.
With imagination, ingenuity and skill these
planters became a beautiful water-feature
and fountain in the garden of Roy and Joy
Dykes in Little Barningham. Tate Modern
you should get out and about more, on this
occasion you have missed out!

The defibrillator is now in situ at the
Village Hall - keep well until training takes
place! Community Sunday on the 12th April
will be at 2pm to incorporate St Andrew's
Gift Day with afternoon tea in the village
hall. A happy and Joyous Easter to all"

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Quiz Night

Our first Quiz for 2015 is on
Friday 8th May, at 7pm for
7.30pm at The Old Stables,
Barningham Hall. The £5
entrance includes a jacket
potato supper and a free drink
from a good selection. A raffle will be
held and if you could donate any prizes it
would be greatly appreciated; please give to
Marion or Cherry. Many thanks to Thomas
and Amelia for their continued support in
letting us use this venue.
Marion Shepherd



Florence Hunt

Congratulations to Keith and Jenny
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in January and is still enjoying life in Field
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Farewell to Dennis Whalley who
leaves Church Cottage this month after
many years in Matlaske. Originally it was
a holiday home for Dennis, Pam and the
family but on retirement they moved from
Great Samford in Essex and it became their
permanent home. For many years Dennis
was churchwarden at St Peter's church and
was also on the Parish Council. We wish
Dennis and Jenny, his faithful dog, a happy
time in their new home in Martham where
they will be nearer to Dennis's daughter
Christina and the family.

David Wooff

We were very sad to hear that Mrs. Gillian
Fuller from the Green had died suddenly
at home on Saturday 21st February. She
will be remembered as the lady who had
the three big dogs, which she walked in the
village, but of late she only had one black
Newfoundland left.

Freda England

Plumstead

1 Wed	2.00pm	Spring Clean
4 Sat	10.00am	Garden Making
18 Sat	11.00am	Book Sale

Book Sale

Books are trickling in for
the Book Sale which is on
Saturday April. When you've
looked out any you can
donate, ring Mary on 577718
to arrange collection. Or
simply put them in the box in the Church.

The Parish Council report that the
Defibrillator is installed and ready for use. A
training course will be arranged in due course.

Four members of our community have
been in the wars recently. Mervyn Gibbons
was whisked off to hospital and back to

home comforts after a couple of days.
Fred Fisher after a longer stay is home
after an operation. Bob Strutt's health has
deteriorated to the point where he is having
his care needs assessed. Very many thanks
to Thomas and Amelia Courtauld who gave
him invaluable support prior to his transfer
to hospital. Finally Irene Ramsbotham has
recently broken her arm while in the Lakes.
We wish them all well.

Congratulations to John and Mary
Lintott who have become Grandparents for
the first time. Jack was born on Tuesday
3rd March in London to Rory and Sophie.

Church News

Calling Plumstead's children! Come and
help make an Easter Garden. Bring a few
small flowers and vases/pots and meet, in
church, at 10am on Sat April 4th.

Volunteers welcome to come and help
spring clean our Church on Wed 1st April 2pm.

It is with great sadness that Mary
Kealsey tells us that her sister Pam Kerrell
died on 1st March 2015 after a short
illness. Their Father Frank Kerrell lived in
Plumstead and she is known to us through
her care of him. The funeral is on 2nd April
at St Faiths Crematorium at 12.30pm.
Anyone attending is welcome to join us at
the wake in North Walsham.

Saxthorpe with Corpusty

14 Tues 10.00am **North Norfolk Knitters**
15 Wed 2.00pm **LinC - Talk about Nepal**
16 Thurs 3.30pm **Families Together Party**
25 Sat 10.30am **LinC Spring Fair**

Corpusty Primary School has taken up the
2015 Rice Challenge! It sold rice grown
by farmers in Malawi. Four massive boxes
containing 90 X 1kg bags, were delivered to
school and each bag sold for £3.00. £270.00
was raised. This will help to send a child
to high school for a year. If every school



Mary Lintott

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In both Cross Country and Tag Rugby, Corpusty School has fared very well in County fixtures, only narrowly missing the top prizes. Well done, a great effort by all athletes.

Sue Wylie's legacy of superbly intricate miniature scenes lives on as Ian and Sue's sister, Linda, have recreated her craft room at Wroxham Miniature Worlds, Hoveton. Scenes including a genteel couple of ladies taking afternoon tea, one with a beautifully crafted parasol; and a beach hut, with inflated sun-bed, and folding chair. Sue's skills for such delicate, scaled-down items were refined as she became older. Thank you Ian and Linda for enabling many visitors to see such a collection. For details of opening hours at Wroxham Miniature Worlds visit www.wroxhamminiatureworlds.co.uk

LinC is holding a Spring Fair in Corpusty Village Hall, on 25th April, 10.30 until 3.30pm. Stalls already booked include jewellery; sweets; handmade plaques; toys; cards; jams, preserves and cakes; haberdashery; knitted goods; art work; tombola, a cake stall, and refreshments. To book a craft table @ £10.00 call Liz Potter 01263 584196. Proceeds will go to The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House. NB. It was decided at the AGM that all LinC meetings will be at 2.00pm throughout the year.

Why not continue to make Corpusty and Saxthorpe the best place to live? By furthering neighbourliness, helpfulness, caring for others and our environment.

Lynn Norrington: It is with a great deal of sadness that we report the death of Corpusty's Lynn Norrington. Lynn was a stalwart and dedicated village member, running the Youth Group and devoting her time to the Corpusty Community Hall



Judith Banks

including creating legendary lunches for the Tuesday Club. She will be missed terribly by her many village friends as well as her family.

Families Together celebrate their 4th Birthday on 16th April, Corpusty Village Hall 3.30 - 5.30pm. Any child in the benefice aged 5 - 11 accompanied by a parent, grandparent or guardian is very welcome.

A belated Happy Birthday to Corpusty's Anne Humphrey who celebrated her 80th birthday in March, and congratulations to Saxthorpe's Michael and Judith Banks on their Golden Wedding

Wickmere with Wolterton

14 Tues 6.30pm **Parish Church AGM**

I must start by apologising to Jane Amis for missing her birthday, she thought she'd sneaked under the radar, not so.

Congratulations to Tom Riches on passing his driving test, first time, well done Tom.

The Quiz & Grub evening was held on 6th March. Lesley has asked me to thank Jonny Pratt and Sharon Savory for a very enjoyable evening. Jonny's quiz included Norfolk dialect and identifying pictures of all churches in the new Benefice. There was lovely food too. Well done all.

Lesley will be showing a film of Norfolk in World War 1 from the Norfolk Film Archive, this will be on 17th April at 7.30 in the village hall. This will be free to view, but donations to NFA would ensure that more films could be loaned at future dates.

There seems to be a bit of a keep-fit regime going on quietly in the village. Well done to those taking part, and even if, at times, you feel "this is MAD!!", keep it up its doing you good.

There is an advance notice for your diaries. Sunday 10th May - 10.00 - 1.00pm



Helen Goulty

there will be a Spring Plant Sale at the village hall. Following on from the successful Christmas Fayre, George has agreed to run a plant sale. If you have any extra seedlings (flowers or veg), cakes or crafts these would be greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to run a craft or produce stall please contact George on 577546 to book £5 per table. There will be refreshments on sale.

Paddy has asked me to mention the Annual Parish Church Meeting on 14th April at 6.30pm in the church - everyone welcome. Well done to Robert Riches and Charlie Goulty who played rugby for Holt U15's on 8th March at North Walsham, this was the Final of the Norfolk Plate, a hard fought match, with North Walsham being the victors. Well done for getting in the final Holt. We'll beat them next year!

A Long Lost Family

A chance letter enquiring if anyone knew if Frank Wiltshire was buried in Plumstead Churchyard has led to a meeting with a cousin I had long forgotten existed.

My Mother Dora was married first to Frank - he had fallen in love with her beautiful voice. They were the Landlords of the Cherry Tree Pub in Plumstead (how many newcomers know there was a pub in Plumstead?). Incidentally, she was a teetotaler; a bottle of cold tea masquerading as sherry enabled her to "have one on me". Secretly she did have one glass of sherry at Christmas though!

Frank and she moved to Church Farmhouse where he died in 1927. After my Mother married my Father stories were passed down of Frank but the years passed and I thought nothing more of them.

So enter Val Cole and her letter. She was searching for her Grandfather Frank's grave. Their journey began in deepest Wales and

ended in the house where he died.

Piecing together the puzzle late into the night a glass in hand, photos, papers, newspaper cuttings were pored over and I began to connect with a part of my Mother's past.

Val even had a letter in my Mother's handwriting. I remember lying in Frank's hammock aged 7 while I recovered from pneumonia.

Sadly Frank's grave was not located but the memory has been awoken thanks to the power of the internet and the persistence of one person's desire for connection to her past.

Mervyn Gibbons



Village Gardeners - The Best Time of Year



While plants are young and tender keep them moist and protected

I was in my greenhouse last week on a rather cold and bright day but it was warm and cosy inside and the plants were looking happy and growing well. There are a few important points to follow if you want success in your greenhouse. Plants need light, moisture, warmth, food, air and a nice clean home, rather like ourselves.

Firstly, if the glass is green and dirty this will reduce the light, so clean it!! I use a cleaning mop on a handle to reach the very top of the greenhouse. The inside also needs to be clean and free from weeds and dead plant material as these harbour pests and diseases. It is a good idea to use a 'smoke bomb' to kill spores and fungus. Smoking must only be done when the greenhouse is empty of plants.

In the spring, while the plants are young and tender, keep the soil moist but not wet. If the soil is too wet the plants will not make good roots. If it is a very sunny day the young plants will benefit from light shading to stop any burning. After about four weeks growing, the plants can have a weak liquid feed. Too strong a feed will

kill them but feeding every two weeks will ensure a strong healthy plant. Plants must also have plenty of fresh air so open the doors and windows of the greenhouse as much as possible, especially in the warmer weather. In the summer I do not close the greenhouse completely at night as it is a good idea to have movement of air around the plants at all times, as this discourages the development of disease and grey mould.

Some plants will develop problems as they grow and the important thing is to spot that problem early. So as the plants grow, inspect them regularly. Deal with any problem promptly - sometimes it is better to remove the plant.

It is still early to put small plants directly into the ground. They should be hardened off outside gradually. Start by putting them outside during the day and return to the greenhouse at night. As the nights warm they can be left outside.

Happy Gardening!

Peter Eglington

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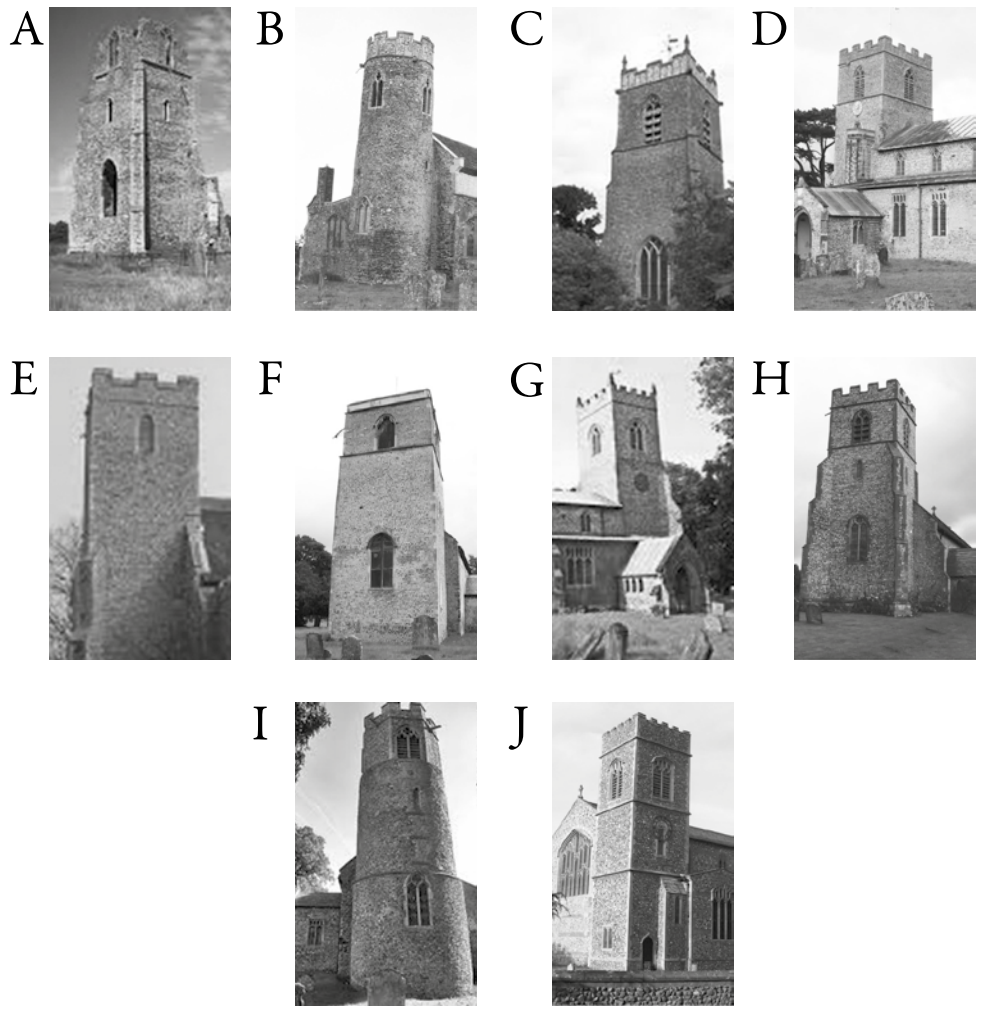
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	11.15	NR11 7AY	The Rectory
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	2.00	NR11 6QJ	Adams Lane
	2.15	NR11 6QL	3 Council Houses
	2.30	NR11 6QL	16 Council Houses
Edgefield	3.15	NR24 2AX	The Street
	3.40	NR24 2AL	The Memorial
Wickmere	15th April	2.45pm	Wolterton Hal
		1.15pm	Village Signs

Holt Library

9 Church Street, Holt NR25 6BB 712202

Mon–Wed and Sat 9.30am – 1.00pm

Fri 9.30am – 6.00pm

Books can be dropped off out of hours in the letterbox labelled *bookdrop* in the blue door.

www.libraries.norfolk.gov.uk

Norfolk Constabulary



Non-urgent calls: 101

Holt Safer Neighbourhood Team

e-mail: sntholt@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

Police Community Support Officers:

Baconsthorpe & Matlaske PCSO Keith Clarke
Hempstead & Plumstead PCSO Stacey Barnetson

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Meet the Neighbours



Few objects are more pleasing than a book that has been bound in leather by a craftsman. I have two on my desk and I treasure them: they look handsome and they even smell good.

A craftsman restorer and bookbinder will soon be returning to live in Hempstead. Clive Rammell was once clerk of the parish council and an enthusiastic helper at the village fete. He is also the advertising manager for this magazine - a post he took up at the recent Benefice merger. Clive, 55, and his wife Chris bought their house in Hempstead as a second home in 2001, but are moving in full-time later this year.

After a career running his own IT business, seven years ago Clive decided to become a bookbinder, after learning his craft from Clive Boville, a bookbinder living near Dereham and from courses in London, including at the City Lit, the jobs switch has been a success. He advertises

on the Internet and has had several repeat customers including one gentleman with an important library of books on Bees.

Most of his work is in antiquarian book restoration using cloth and calf leather. His two nipping presses (which help to get books flat), his blocking press which imprints gold letters on the spines of books, and his hand tools for gold lettering will be housed in the bindery that he is building in Hempstead.

Clive's is a rewarding and fulfilling craft. One of his proudest achievements was his restoration of an early nineteenth-century elephant folio of prints by James Gillray which lampooned 18th-century establishment figures. The best thing of all is seeing the happiness of his customers when he has restored a book that was falling into disrepair and made it whole again.

Brian MacArthur