

Church & Village News

Nº 4 May 2015



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

Nature Notes



Sue Appleby

I seem to have a certain affinity with water. Since childhood nothing has quite “rocked my boat” as much as, well, rocking about in boats! And certainly, for me, no picnic site is complete without

some watery backdrop, whether it be a windswept clifftop in January, or a sleepy millpond in August. Every time I travel over a nearby ford, this magnetic attraction compels me to linger and watch the light dance on the rippling water and scour the banks for signs of life.

A recent visit there paid dividends in the form of two Grey Wagtails. At one time these “Water Wagtails” would have been a rare sight here, preferring the fast flowing streams and rivers of upland areas, only taking shelter at lower levels during winter before returning to the hills to breed. Whilst still preferring higher altitudes, the species has gradually increased its range over the last 150 years, nesting within old bridges, culverts and derelict mills.

A vast array of hungry predators make dents in numbers, so a long breeding season allows more than one brood to be produced annually, and it is not uncommon for the

care of fledglings to fall to the male whilst the female turns her attention to the next clutch of eggs.

The name suggests a rather underwhelming bird - no allusion to the striking yellow breast, or yellow-green rump; no hint of the white eyebrow, or the black bib and white moustache of the male; no suggestion of the smooth slate coloured upper parts, or black wings. Of course, the bird’s tail, longer than that of other wagtails, does get a mention. It helps provide stability as the bird dips about in the shallows looking for tadpoles, insects or minnows. It also increases aerial agility, both whilst the bird catches flying insects, and again during courtship where the male performs fluttering dances, leaping from nearby trees, rump feathers puffed out, wings and tail spread and lowered.

What really makes the tail noteworthy is its constant motion, which, some suggest, is part of an elaborate warning system, moving faster when threats are detected. Others think it a territorial display or even a means of flushing out insects. Personally, I’m undecided, but just quite like the fact that there are still some things in the world that perhaps we will never really know the answer to!

What’s On in May

1 Fri	7.30pm	Baconsthorpe Chandler Green	Village Hall
Chandler Green make a return visit to Baconsthorpe. Tickets include refreshments, tea and coffee; there will also be a raffle. Do come, they are very entertaining with songs from 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. Tickets £6 per person are on sale now ring John 711320.			
4 Mon	10.00am	Hempstead Church Stalls & Refreshments	Church
	11.00am	Itteringham May Fair	
8 Fri	7.00pm	Matlaske Quiz	Barningham Hall
10 Sun	10.00am	Wickmere Spring Plant Sale	Village Hall
	2.00pm	Little Barningham Gift Day & Tea	Church
11 Mon	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Parish Council AGM	Village Hall
	7.00pm	Edgefield Film Night - <i>Wings of Desire</i>	Village Hall
13 Wed	7.30pm	Matlaske St Peter’s PC Meeting	Church
14 Thurs	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Village Hall & Fête Committee Meeting	Village Hall
	7.00pm	Hempstead May Feast	Village Hall
£9 adults and £5 for under 13s for this superb event featuring Graves’ gammon and lamb roast, home-made salads and desserts. To make sure of your places for this ever-popular event, contact Paul Loach 711561 or Tim Scarff 711657. Please ask about vegetarian and other special requirements when booking.			
19 Tues	7.30pm	Corpusty & Saxthorpe PC Meeting	Village Hall
20 Wed	10.30am	Matlaske St Peter’s PCC Meeting	Hall Farm Cottage
	1.30pm	Corpusty LinC Minaturist Exhibition Visit	Wroxham
	7.30pm	Hempstead Film Club	Village Hall
21 Thurs	3.30pm	Corpusty Families Together	Healing Bartimaeus Church Hall
23 Sat	11.00am	Corpusty Art Exhibition until Monday 25	Corbett Gallery
29 Fri	11.00am	Corpusty Art Exhibition until Sunday 31	Corbett Gallery
30 Sat	8.00pm	Edgefield Dance	Village Hall
By popular demand we have booked the band DNA and tickets, at £5 per head, are available from committee members. Licensed bar.			

Next Two Months

June

7 Sun	All day	Itteringham Open Gardens Day
14 Sun	11.00am	Plumstead Open Gardens
20 Sat	2.00pm	Edgefield Open Gardens Weekend (continues on Sunday 21)
21 Sun	3.00pm	Baconsthorpe Mid-Summer Fête & BBQ
27 Sat	2.00pm	Itteringham Cream Tea
28 Sun	3.00pm	St Peter’s North Barningham Patronal Festival

July

4 Sat	12.30pm	Plumstead Picnic
11 Sat	tbc	Edgefield Village Fête
19 Tues	7.30pm	Corpusty & Saxthorpe PC Meeting
25 Sat	2.30pm	Matlaske Village Fête

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7.30pm

Line Dancing - 711320

Mondays

Diocesan Play Van - 07918 027092

Tuesdays during term time

Carpet Bowls - 711320

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Hempstead Village Hall

10.00am

Charcoal Drawing - Mike Thody 711282

Tuesdays

The fee of £4 includes coffee, biscuits and paper

General News

Thank You Ian Summers

Ian, who for a number of years single-handedly ran the *Barningham Newsletter* and website, has decided to step down from the *Church & Village News* team. We would like to publicly record our gratitude for Ian's selfless dedication and generosity with his time in helping to bring the *Seven Churches Benefice Magazine* and the *Barningham Newsletter* together to create the *Church & Village News*. It is true to say it really could not have happened so smoothly and completely without Ian's intelligent and caring input. We wish him well – but, knowing Ian, how long he stays retired will be a moot point!

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Likewise, if you can make a donation of money or food, they'd be delighted to receive your gift. Please contact the email address or phone number above.

Website Manager Needed

You will work with the newsletter team to develop a new website for the newsletter. Some experience of html, css and Wordpress would be ideal. If you are interested contact Karen Hall karen@karenhall.co.uk

Reflection from the Rectory



Marion Harrison

As I sit and listen to the birds sing their evening salute to the setting sun, I feel that spring is well under way.

This is confirmed in the fresh green leaves that are beginning to colour our hedgerows and the primroses growing on the banks surrounding the fields. Birds are no longer visiting our bird tables as frequently as in the winter months but are busy preparing nests for this year's crop of fledglings. I feel the urge to leave my winter's den, the warmth and dryness provided through the cold and dark days of winter by my home, and stretch my arms and legs in joyful anticipation of a long dry and warm summer.

Is the winter really over? Or has the wonderful and welcomed warm weather of the last month and a half lulled us into a false sense of winter being over. How do we know?

We can decide that winter is over. Put away our thick winter clothing, pull out our summer best from the back of the

wardrobe and greet the sun with confidence in its continuing journey to our northern hemisphere. If we are wrong, well what harm is done? We can always pop on another jumper to keep us warm.

I wonder if this is what we do with Faith. We know that the historical Jesus lived in the Holy Lands around 2015-2020 years ago. He was a worker of miracles and was crucified by the Romans. All this is fact. But do we believe that this Jesus was the Son of God who was raised from the dead to save us from our sinful nature by forgiving us our wrongdoings and offering us eternal life through our faith in Christ.

And of course we have the right to believe or not in a God who may or may not be the creator of all things (however he did it!).

How can we believe in a God who seems to have no bearing on our daily lives? Or is that the lie? Does God have a hand on our shoulder; is He there beside us when things seem to unravel? Can life be better than the struggle we find ourselves in.

All I can say is that I believe. And I know that my life is better for believing in God than living and facing the darkness in a life alone.



Collecting Eggs at Itteringham Church - Photograph by Eric Goodman

Church Services for May

Midweek Communion: Saxthorpe		
3	8.00	Holy Communion Saxthorpe
	9.00	Holy Communion Lt Barningham
	9.15	Holy Communion Matlaske
	10.45	Matins + Baptism Baconsthorpe
	11.00	Family Service Wickmere
		Community Weekend Edgefield
9	11.00	Bells will be rung to commemorate 70 th VE Day All Churches
10	9.00	Holy Communion Itteringham
	9.15	Holy Communion Barningham Winter
	10.45	Matins Hempstead
	11.00	Holy Communion Edgefield
	11.00	Morning Praise Saxthorpe
		Community Weekend Lt Barningham
17	8.00	Holy Communion BCP Wickmere
	9.15	Holy Communion Plumstead
	9.30	Morning Prayer BCP Edgefield
	10.45	Matins Matlaske
	11.00	Family Service + Baptism Lt Barningham
		Community Weekend Saxthorpe
24	8.00	Holy Communion BCP Lt Barningham
	9.00	Family Service Edgefield
	9.15	Holy Communion Baconsthorpe
	10.45	Matins Barningham Winter
	11.00	Holy Communion Saxthorpe
	11.00	Morning Prayer BCP Itteringham
31	9.15	Holy Communion Hempstead
	10.45	Matins Plumstead
	10.30	BENEFICE ROGATION SERVICE Walpole Arms Itteringham
		Coffee from 10am

BCP = Book of Common Prayer



Holy Week - Saxthorpe Church - Photograph by Judith Banks

Village News

Baconsthorpe

1 Fri 7.30pm **Chandler Green**
 11 Mon 7.00pm **PC AGM**
 14 Thur 7.00pm **Village Hall Meeting**

Baconsthorpe 200 Club

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Welcome

Welcome to Richard & Zoe Pepper and their children, Jess 9 and Sam 7, along with Gracie the labrador and Diesel the cat, who have come to live at Thorpecote, Long Lane. Also welcome to Laura Duffield and her children Michael 10 and Abigail 9 who have moved into No 3 The Street. We wish all, and any others who have moved to the village unnoticed these past few months, many happy years amongst us.



Ro Hardingham

Alice Remembers

Once or maybe twice a year whilst at Baconsthorpe School in the late 1920s, Alice would sit in trepidation at her desk, waiting to be called for a visit to the dentist. He would arrive in his van, park at the side of the road next to Mr Hall's barn, get his instruments ready for the children to arrive one by one for their treatment. No anaesthetic for the extractions, just a pair of what looked like pliers, and brute force. How painful that must have been, but Alice reckons he must have done a good job as she still has most of her own teeth. It was then back to the classroom to continue with the day's lessons!

Thank you so much for sharing with us Alice. We look forward to hearing more of your tales from yesteryear, at a later date.

Village Hall

The evening Jumble Sale in the Village Hall was a great success! The committee has now purchased a PA System for the Hall to help with all announcements including at Bingo and for our Quizzes.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 14th when we'll first be discussing the Fete on 21st June. Do come along!

Barningham Winter

Invitation to St Peter's North Barningham Patronal Festival

In the 1960s, the church of St.Peter, North Barningham had fallen into disuse and disrepair and had been made redundant. It was unfurnished, neglected and under threat of having its fine memorials sent to the Victoria & Albert Museum and its roof removed, to leave it merely a gaunt relic on the skyline.

Thanks to Derek Palgrave and his wife Pamela, who, with the help of the late Lady Harrod persuaded The Churches Conservation Trust to take on the care of the church, we are still able to enjoy it and its memorials today.

Whilst the counter-attractions of a fine June summer day are persuasive, we hope that at least some of you from further away may chose to join us on June 28th at 3pm for a Patronal Evensong Festival to give thanks for the fact that the church still stands as it always did, serene on the skyline with its former glebeland, an open and well cultivated field, spread out before it. Do join us if you can!

It's nice to hear that George Seaman of Dairy Farm, Barningham Winter is back safe and sound from his travels. George visited western Australia working on farms and then explored both Western Australia and New Zealand. George is off to



Sara Buxton

Newcastle University to study Agriculture in the autumn. We wish him well.

Edgefield

Church News

On 16th March, a service of thanksgiving for the life of Ann Brooks took place, conducted by Canon Stephen Gregory (formerly Rector of Holt) assisted by the Bishop of Lynn, Rev Marion Harrison, and Rev Michael Banks. Over 400 people were present, quite possibly a record congregation at any event in our church, and a striking testimony to the esteem and affection in which Ann was held, both by residents of the village as well as by a great number of people beyond. A further service was held in Herefordshire the following week. Together, they were a fitting tribute to a person who did so much for our community.

At the recent Quiz Night, just over £400 was made for church funds. Our thanks go to everyone who helped to organise this very enjoyable event, and we are particularly grateful to Stuart Ross for acting, with his customary skill, as quizmaster for the evening.

The porch kneeler stone has been replaced. At present, it looks rather like new cement! However, it is in fact top-quality Clipsham stone, and should weather well in time. (NB For those unfamiliar with building terms, a "kneeler" in this context is not a hassock, but "a stone that supports inclined coping on the slope of a gable"!)

Village Hall News

from Jim Frost

At our AGM in March our Chairwoman, Dawn Hulbert, resigned her post and for my sins I have taken over the mantle - large shoes to fill, I feel! We all owe Dawn a big thank you for her amazing work over the last few years. Our next major event

is on 30th May at 8.00pm, when we will be hosting local band DNA. There will be a licensed bar and entry is by ticket only at £5 per head, available from me on 587312, Sally Glasspoole on 587312, or any other member of the committee. Please make a note in your diary for our village fête, which will take place on Saturday afternoon, 11th July. Further details to follow.



Richard Peaver

Village Hall Committee Changes

Following the recent Annual General Meeting there has been a change of office holders. The team is now as follows:

Chair: Jim Frost

Vice-chair: Dawn Hulbert

Secretary: Jeff Witts

Treasurer: Catherine Witts

Other trustees:

Tom Fox, Sally Glasspoole,
 Margaret Hindson &
 Ghislaine Kinsley

Lettings will in future be handled by the secretary, so please use the contact details below when making bookings.

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Rookery Pit Toad Patrol

Although a few toads are still moving
at night on their way home, we are no
longer patrolling in the village. Thank you
to everyone for driving carefully on that
stretch during toad migration. 3,179 toads
were moved to safety and we thank all
volunteers for their commitment over the
last few weeks.

Birdwatching News



A pair of
Greylag geese
have been
sighted many
times in the
village, they
were quite a
presence as

they visited my meadow last week much to
the disgust of my chickens, who were very
vocal for 20 minutes or so. In fact, both
parties were engrossed in a
shouting match which, after a
while, ended with the Greylag
geese deciding it was time to
fly off to pastures new. I was
left thinking that Spartacus,
my Bantam cockerel, is quite a
good guard dog, although I am
not sure I want him scaring off any beautiful
birds that might be in the area!



Sharon Hannah

Film Club

Last Wednesday night's showing was
Billy Wilder's *Sabrina*. A chauffeur's
daughter (Audrey Hepburn) is loved by
both a playboy (William Holden) and his
workaholic brother (Humphrey Bogart).

"A superior comedy" according to
Halliwell's film guide and very well received
by Hempstead Film Club members, Audrey
Hepburn is always a joy to behold.

This was our season's penultimate film,
our final film *Il Postino* will be shown on
Wednesday 20th May.

The past season's film showings included,
Adams Rib, It Should Happen to You, High Noon,
The Wrong Arm of the Law, The Third Man,
Fitzcarraldo and *Monsieur Hulot's Holiday*.

Now that the Village Newsletter has a
much larger circulation Hempstead Film
Club would welcome new members from
our extended area, if you are interested
please contact Yvette Gibson 01263
712460 or Mike Thody 01263 711282

The new season's listing will be
circulated soon and we would welcome
suggestions for inclusion.

Happy 6th birthday Sammy Mitchell
from The Knoll!

Itteringham

Mon 4 11.00am **May Fair**

It was a week or two before he died. A
man called at the door. He was delivering
equipment to attach to the telephone.
By this time the patient was having great
difficulty in climbing the stairs and so he
asked of the van driver, "Would you mind
giving me a hand to get upstairs because
I need to change my bed and I don't want
to bother the nurses to come all the way
out here?" "Don't worry. I'll do that for
you. Where do you keep the
sheets?" The bed was changed
and the man came back
downstairs. "That's all done",
he said. "That's really kind of
you. Can I give you a drink
or something?" "No, but I'm
getting married in a couple of
months. Please don't say anything to my
wife because I don't want her to know that I
can make a bed!" With that he went and left
Jim with a refreshed and refreshing view of
human nature.



Eric Goodman

Jim Buxton drew down the blinds on
Tuesday 31st March. A service was held
on 21st April. It was very well attended and

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afterwards removed to the Walpole Arms where glasses were raised in praise for his life.

The photograph is of a sunflower at dusk in an Itteringham garden. There

is a bunch of delights to be had in the village from 12.30pm – 5.30pm on Sunday 7th June when the gardens



will be open for your pleasure. Backs have been bent and knees have been knobbled in a quest for tidiness, colour and design. Hedges are trimmed and grass will be shorn. As part of the Open Gardens day there will also be an auction of promises in the Village Hall. You are invited.

The May Fair is here. Don't miss it. The weather is ordered for Monday 4th May. Come at eleven and stay till four. Lunch is from twelve onwards and tea at two and later. The times may be flexible. There will be the famous cake stall at around midday and an exciting assortment of stalls on which there will be amazing bargains to be had. Buy it when you see it! Make this a bumper year. You will meet old friends once more and catch up on what you didn't know and what you didn't know you didn't know!

Little Barningham

Sun 10 2.00pm **Church Gift Day & Tea**

Fri 23 11.00am **Art Exhibition**

See main listing for more dates

Whoops, mea culpa! I mixed up the dates for Little Barningham St Andrew's Church Gift Day and Tea which next month replaces our Community Sunday. It is in the Village Hall from 2 until 4pm on Sunday 10th May, not in April as I announced last month! A contribution to the Church and

grounds would be good but most important is your presence, not your presents! All are welcome (not just Little Barningham dwellers!) for a chat and chomp. The usual array of goodies will be available.

Belinda Sharples and Hannah and Chris Hann are holding an Art Exhibition in the Village Hall and the Old Mission Room next door as part of the Open Studios of Norfolk and Norwich. Dates are Saturday 23rd May until Monday 25th and Friday 29th until Sunday 31st from 11am until 5pm.



Derek Wintle

We are being taken over! Well, the



garage at the Deepings is. The photograph shows one of the many loads to be sent from our Syria Appeal by Sharon Buchan and Mike Gandy. Please

keep on giving clothes, blankets etc and also things that can be sold in a table top sale – the money raised buys other essential items.

St George's Sunday Lunch. A convivial group of 34 residents enjoyed a splendid meal - a great success. Thanks to all who helped make it go so well.

This year the Little Barningham Toad Patrol moved 1,148 grateful toads from the road to the registered breeding pond at Green Farm. In fact, thanks to these measures toad fatalities numbered just 60. So we helped maintain the local population and also contributed to its long-term survival. Toad Patrol numbers are submitted nationally to monitor the health of this endangered species. Why not join us next year?

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Heydon Tug of War is on Sunday 24th May, go and watch to spy out the



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opposition. Hope our mens' team are
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Matlaske

13 Wed 7.30pm **St Peter's PC**

20 Wed 10.30am **St Peter's PCC**

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£25 J Allen, £10 L Williams, £5 J Reynolds

Matlaske PCC received the very welcome
news just after Easter that they have
received a grant from English Heritage
under the listed place of worship roof
repair scheme. The grant availability was
announced at Christmas and
was aimed at listed places of
worship with urgent roof
repair requirements. The
application time frame was
very short, and the grant was
heavily oversubscribed so we
feel very fortunate to have been successful.
The Diocese has also kindly offered £1,000
to top the grant up. Hopefully the work will
commence later in the year and will mean
that this precious building will be safe and
sound for another generation.



Florence Hunt

Thomas Courtauld

Vera Norman would like to thank everyone
for their kind thoughts and offers of help
while Ted is in Kelling Hospital. Good
wishes to both.

Plumstead

14 Sun 11.00am **Village Gardens Open**

April has been a busy month - so many
things to report on but more village stories
would be wonderful!

Jimmy, Summer and their mum Mandy
Dagless helped in the making of an Easter
Garden on the font step. Six twigs tied to



Summer & Jimmy Dagless with their beautiful
Easter Garden at the font

make three crosses, half a flower pot and
a cardboard disc for the tomb and stone, a
piece of turf and fine gravel for the grass
and paths came together to create a visual
reminder of the Easter Story. We decorated
the scene with small vases and pots of
spring flowers.

At the PCC AGM in March, John
Durdin retired as Churchwarden. He was
thanked for such a long and faithful period
of service to the church and presented with
a gift of appreciation. For 28 years John
shared the responsibilities with Thomas
Wormauld, who retired the previous year.
The congregation of Plumstead church are
extremely grateful to them for all they have
done over the years.

From the Parish Council

A special thanks to the Plumstead 2000
Fund, led by Cllr David Ramsbotham. The
defibrillator is the latest benefit to the village
of the hard work of the fundraising team.

We will be grateful for your views on
how the wildflower meadow could be used
and managed. Please kindly respond to the
inserted short questionnaire.

Do visit the wildflower meadow, there
is an ever growing abundance of cowslips.
They look wonderful - keep an eye out for
the next batch of wildflowers.

Albert "Sailor" Chestney the oldest
"true" Norfolk resident in the village
recently passed away at the age of 88. In
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a home in Costessey to be with his wife
Edie. He was known for his
beautiful garden and in years
gone by for his pigeons
which generally after release
arrived home before he did!



Mary Lintott

Book Sale

On Saturday 18th April - the
weather was glorious and the sun shone
through the Church windows to illuminate
the displays of books for PEG's third
annual Book Sale. £450 was raised for
village funds but more importantly it was a
time to meet up with friends and muddle over
some delicious refreshments in the sunshine.

Saxthorpe with Corpusty

12 Tues 10.00am **North Norfolk Knitters**

19 Tues 7.30pm **PC Meeting**

20 Wed 1.30pm **LinC Visit to Wroxham**

21 Thurs 3.30pm **Families Together**

Diane Oliver, chair of Village Hall
Committee, writes: "We were very sad to
hear of Lynn Norrington's death. Lynn
served for many years on the Village Hall
Committee. Also, Ann Brewster has retired
from the VH Committee after many years.
Many thanks Ann for all your work".

LinC members were entranced by
Wendy Burrows' talk on being an evacuee
in WWII. Without a note, Wendy described
her unhappy first billet, moving from Dover
to a small South Wales village, and then
being moved onto a second and slightly
happier situation. She had little to eat and
no encouragement at the village school as
all evacuees were treated as 'foreigners'.
Wendy described being lonely, unhappy, and
isolated but, stoically, she said "we just had to get
on with things". Thank you, Wendy, not many
dry eyes at the end of your reminiscences.

Similarly, Ann and Peter Eglington
gave a passionate, illustrated talk on their

involvement with two schools in Nepal.
They showed poverty in its barest form,
but generosity by the Nepalese who gave
of their meagre rations to Ann and Peter.
They will continue to grow vegetables at
Wheatshaf Nurseries, with the proceeds
funding school necessities. More next month.

Toby Snelling, 5, with the help of his
mother, Lauren, created a beautiful Easter
Garden, which added to the floral decora-
tions in St Andrew's Church. Thank you to
all who were involved.

Easter Saturday was
marked in St Andrew's by
a series of prayer stations,
laid out by Rev'd Marion
Harrison, to depict the
events of Holy Week.



Judith Banks

There was a turned over table, coins and
feathers, to represent Monday when Jesus
said that the temple was a house of prayer,
not a trading place. Wednesday was shown
by a blue shawl of Mary Magdalene and a
pot of perfume, which told of Jesus being
criticised for accepting rich perfume which
could have been sold to benefit the poor.
A hammer and some 6 inch nails marked
Good Friday. Thank you Marion.

Wickmere with Wolterton

10 Sun 10.00am **Plant & Craft Sale**

May already!! My these months are flying
past! At the point of writing, even though
we have had such lovely weather, the village
barometer is STILL not in his shorts, so
don't pack away your woollies just yet.

We had a lovely Palm Sunday service.
The church was wonderfully full. Sadly
there was no pony this year, this might have
been lucky, as pony, rider and Phillida would
have been soaked due to the inclement
weather. Many thanks to Marion, Michael
and Gill for a very moving service. The

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refreshments after the service were much appreciated, and gave everyone time to have a chat before venturing out into the rain. Thank you to Kevin Hall and Charlie for their musical encouragement.

Don't forget that Sunday 10th May is the Plant & Craft Sale 10 - 1pm in the Village Hall. George has said there will be a lovely mix of craft stalls, as well as seedlings and plants available. She has been busy making her delicious jams and chutneys and also relishes for BBQs. Tea and coffees will also be on hand to refresh your retail therapy.

Thank you to Fred and Terry who have made a lovely job of starting the re-decorating inside the church. Sharon Buchan has offered some scaffolding to help the guys to reach the higher parts, so they can finish and finally make the inside look as good as the outside.

We are entering Exam Time!! Good luck to all those who are suffering at the moment with the stress of revising! Take a deep breath, stay calm and do your best. Summer Hols will soon be here....

The PCC AGM was held in the church on 14th April. Sharon Buchan was welcomed onto the PCC. Phillida is celebrating her 20th year as treasurer. Marion thanked both Tony and Scott for their hard work as

churchwardens over the last year. It was mentioned that the organ had had a service, and the motor was in need of a rewind. The cost of this has been estimated at £400, a donation of £150 has been received, but more fundraising will be needed to raise the remainder.



Helen Goulty

Many thanks from Lesley Ash for those who attended her film night on Friday 17th April. Donations of £20 will be sent to the East Anglian Film Archive for possible future loans. Lesley said it was fascinating to see footage of women helping with haymaking in long skirts and bonnets, all from 100 years ago!

I have to apologise for omitting April village birthdays. Belated birthday greetings to George Goulty 17 on 15th, Scott McKenzie (21??) on 18th, Emma Riches 14 on 24th and the bubbly Eleanor Bray, was 13 on the 7th. May birthdays are Edward Goulty 15 on 15th.

As we are now enjoying the lighter evenings, once again, could I please ask that you drive slowly through the village, as the youngsters are out playing, riding bikes or playing tennis in the street.

Name that Church: Results

We had seven entrants to the competition but only one winner. He is Peter Beeson of Corpusty and he has asked us to donate his winning £5 to church funds, which our treasurer has done. The Editor also apologises for the mistake which led to us picturing the tower of St Andrew, Hempstead which is near Eccles rather than that of All Saints, Hempstead which is in our Benefice. (Thank you, Google, thanks a lot!) However Peter is such a talented church spotter he – quite amazingly – still got them all absolutely correct! Well done to him and thank you indeed to all the entrants. The pictured church towers were:

A = Barningham Winter - St Mary

F = Itteringham - St Mary

B = Wickmere & Wolterton - St Andrew

G = Baconsthorpe - St Mary

C = Plumstead - St Michael

H = Little Barningham - St Andrew

D = Saxthorpe & Corpusty - St Andrew

I = Matlaske - St Peter

E = Hempstead (not in the Benefice but near Eccles) - St Andrew

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Village Gardeners



As I am writing this, we are having some lovely warm sunny days and, more importantly, fewer cold nights. It is the perfect time to keep on top of the weeds. Spring bulbs have been a picture this year so try and leave them as long as possible before cutting them back so that they can make and store energy for next year's display.

These are good growing conditions for plants especially the tomatoes and cucumbers that have just been planted in the greenhouse. When the plants are young it is best to water in the morning. I like to keep the soil just moist so that it encourages

the roots to search for water and thus make a good root system. Until cucumbers are well established, never leave the plants wet around the roots at night as this may cause the plant to collapse.

For a continuous supply of young plants like carrots, lettuce, radish, spring onions, and beetroot, make small sowings spaced over several weeks. Frosts should have finished so runner beans can be planted. They love a rich moisture-holding soil. Dig a good deep trench and incorporate plenty of well-rotted compost and some general fertiliser. This will provide the nutrients they need and help hold moisture in the soil over the dry summer months.

This is the time of the year when there will be plenty of material for the compost heap. As you add grass clippings etc. keep the heap level and gently firm down the surface. A proprietary composting chemical can be added. Woody stems will not rot so do not put them on the heap but burn or dispose of in another way.

Annuals are now appearing in shops and garden centres. There are plenty of colourful plants available for baskets and tubs, but choose carefully, selecting healthy strong plants and plant in good quality new compost. Moisture retaining gel can be added in to the compost. The gel expands by taking up the water which is then released as the compost dries out. A word of warning if you do use it, make sure you mix it well into the compost because if left on the surface it will look like frog spawn when it expands and be of little use to the plant.

Beware of the late frost.

Happy Gardening!

Peter Eglington



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Plumstead	1.15	NR11 7LG	Walnut Farm
Baconthorpe	2.45	NR25 6LJ	Council Bungalows
	4.10	NR25 6LG	Old Post Office
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	3.40	NR25 6TL	Telephone kiosk

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The Corbetts have been in Corpusty since 1964 when Rob Corbett opened his first furniture workshop at the rear of his house in The Street. The Old Workshop Gallery opened in 1983 and was run by his wife Mary and daughter, textile artist Jill. Some of Jill's exquisite dresses are exhibited at the Gallery. Kay Corbett, Rob's other daughter, has followed in her father's footsteps as a master carpenter working from Corbetts Workshop further east along The Street, overlooking the River Bure and with an acre of wildflower garden which includes a beehive. One day, she hopes, it will produce beeswax.

She works with John Sizeland and they specialize in quality furniture, joinery, fitting, lettering and relief carving using English hardwoods – oak, ash, sycamore, cherry, elm. She tries to avoid using rainforest wood but sometimes needs must if she is to earn a living. Earning a living has meant that she now makes less quality furniture since most people can buy what they want off-the-peg. That's a pity given the quality, beauty and sheer presence of her work.

Kay is photographed here at work on a cherry and walnut wardrobe and drawers

for a customer in Reepham. Nearby is another project, a corner desk with shelving and room for a computer. She has had commissions from as far away as Scotland but mostly prefers to work within an area of 50 miles. The job which made her proudest was walnut library fittings for a family who had moved from Norfolk to Cheshire. It was a long distance commission but fitted to the inch. Most of her business, she says, comes from her ad in this magazine: at the moment there is a run on gates and she has three on the go.

Kay has mostly lived in Corpusty since she was four, although her home is now in Norwich. She always wanted to follow her father into carpentry and studied for her City & Guilds at Norwich City Technical College. She started in his first furniture workshop. To savour her craftsmanship, which includes an ingenious flat-pack table, a New Columbine chair with a taller back and larger seat than the original, and a commemorative millennium chest, Google Kay Corbett/woodworker, or better still visit the gallery or workshop.

Brian MacArthur