

# Church & Village News

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

November 2015



**Autumn Colours at Barningham Hall**

by Ian Summers



## Sky Watch

If you are an early riser, you might have been lucky enough to see Jupiter, Venus and Mars forming a triangle in the eastern pre-dawn sky. Norman Allen took this photograph of them on 22<sup>nd</sup> October in Baconsthorpe.

After the sun and the moon, Venus and Jupiter are the third and fourth-brightest bodies in all the heavens. Mars is 250 times fainter than Venus and 25 times fainter than Jupiter.

Venus takes 225 days to orbit the sun, Mars takes 2 years and Jupiter takes 12.

ãThe next time the three planets will be seen grouped together like this will be in 2021.



## Where Have All The Deer Gone?

In last month's Church & Village News, Plumstead correspondent Mary Lintott asked where all the deer have gone. "I have been here nearly 30 years," she wrote, "and in the past seven years or so these amazing creatures seem to have disappeared. Does anyone have any ideas?"



British Red Deer

Ex-newsletter editor Jayne Cain wrote in to say that when she used to walk several miles around our villages to do her 'nature notes', she would track the red deer. "Then, for some reason, they moved away from the Plumstead area to Baconsthorpe and West Beckham, where there are more copses that are not used for game birds and shooting. I used to see them as I walked my dog on footpaths from Hell Hole at Baconsthorpe to West Beckham.

They occasionally visited my garden and jumped out fairly quickly when my Wolfhound took notice. I spent many hours trying to hang on to a dog lead whilst they jumped a fence to safety. They are still around I am sure, although I have moved out of Baconsthorpe now and don't get to visit as often as I would like. I now live next to Felbrigg - plenty of deer there - and more scrapes with the hound!"

Julian Trott emailed to report a recent sighting of four red deer just outside Corpusty, including a magnificent stag. I live at the back end of Plumstead Green, and, like Mary, I haven't seen any red deer here recently, though I have heard deer barking in the woods below Ralph's. My closest sighting was several years ago, when I looked out of the sitting-room window one evening and saw a dozen standing ten feet from me on the back lawn. I called my wife to come and see them, but they spotted me and immediately fled. Had I imagined it? No. Next morning, there were scores of neat hoof prints in the garden.

I have seen quite a few muntjac in the fields around our house, but I have seen them in all sorts of other places, too. There's a useful little sound clip for identifying deer by their calls on the Daily Telegraph web site. If you Google 'telegraph deer calls', you'll find it. There are several little videos of muntjac calls on YouTube - search for 'muntjac', and you'll soon see (and hear) why they are also known as 'barking deer'.



Muntjac

Michael McMahon

Sue Appleby's Nature Notes returns next month



## What's On

### NOVEMBER

Sun 1	10.00am	Edgefield Strimming & Clearing	Old Church Yard
Sun 1	3.30pm	Hempstead Special Church Service	All Saints Church
Mon 2	7.30pm	Hempstead Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Fri 6	10.30am	Hempstead Coffee & Gossip	Village Hall
Fri 6	7.30pm	Baconsthorpe Fun Quiz Night	Village Hall
Sat 7	6.00pm	Corpusty Bonfire Procession	Village
Sat 7	8.30pm	Corpusty Fireworks	Village
Mon 9	7.30pm	Edgefield Film Night - <i>Even the Rain</i>	Village Hall
Tues 10	7.00pm	Hempstead Illustrated Talk - Papua New Guinea	Village Hall
Thurs 12	7.30pm	Baconsthorpe Village Hall Committee	Village Hall
Sat 14	7.30pm	Itteringham Beetle Drive	Village Hall
Sun 15	10.00am	Edgefield Strimming & Clearing	Old Church Yard
Tue 17	6.30pm	Cromer Free IT Workshop for details see page 9	Merchants' Place
Wed 18	7.30pm	Hempstead Film Club	Village Hall
Thur 19	3.30pm	Corpusty Families Together - Remembering	Village Hall
Sat 21	10.00am	Baconsthorpe Bring & Buy Sale	Village Hall
Sat 21	10.00am	Corpusty Craft Fair - Nepal Fundraiser	Village Hall
Sat 21	10.00am	Wickmere Xmas Fayre	Village Hall
Sun 22	10.30am	Edgefield Historical Talk by David Sharp	Church
Fri 27	6.00pm	Baconsthorpe Pop-Up Bar	Village Hall
Sat 28	10.00am	Little Barningham Table Top Sale	Village Hall
Sun 29	11.00am	Barningham Advent Carols	St Peter's Church
Mon 30	tbc	Plumstead Parish Council Meeting	tbc

### DECEMBER

Thur 3	3.30pm	Corpusty Families Together - Christmas Party	Village Hall
Fri 4	7.30pm	Edgefield Film Night - <i>The Missing Picture</i>	Village Hall
Sat 5	tbc	Edgefield Christmas Festive Evening	Village Hall
Wed 9	7.30pm	Baconsthorpe Christmas Bingo	Village Hall
Fri 11	10.00am	Saxthorpe Christmas Tree Festival	St Andrew's Church
Sat 12	10.00am	Saxthorpe Christmas Tree Festival	St Andrew's Church
Sat 12	4.00pm	Baconsthorpe Village Christmas Party	Village Hall
Sat 12	6.00pm	Baconsthorpe Pop-Up Bar	Village Hall
Sun 13	10.00am	Saxthorpe Christmas Tree Festival	St Andrew's Church
Sun 13	11.00am	Saxthorpe Toys & Tins Service	St Andrew's Church
Fri 18	6.00pm	Plumstead Christmas Drinks	Church

### JANUARY

Thur 21	10.30am	Matlaske PCC	Barningham Hall
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## Regular Events

### Baconsthorpe Village Hall

7.30pm	Line Dancing - 711320	Mondays
10.00am	Diocesan Play Van - 07918 027092	Tuesdays during term time
7.30pm	Carpet Bowls - 711320	Tuesdays during term time

### Corpusty Village Hall

2.00pm - 4.00pm	Bure Valley Quilters & Stitchers	2nd and 4th Mondays
2.00pm - 4.00pm	Short Mat Bowls	Tuesdays
10.00am - 12noon	Norfolk Knitters	2nd Tuesdays
All levels of ability are catered for with an experienced knitting and crochet teacher. Cost is £7 for a 4 week term or £2 per week		
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10.00am - 12noon	Art Group	Thursdays
9.30am - 11.30am	Toddler Group	Fridays during term time

### Edgefield Village Hall

10.30am	Coffee Morning - Jeff Witts 587661	Last Thursday each month
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### Hempstead Village Hall

10.00am	Charcoal Drawing - Mike Thody 711282	Tuesdays
The fee of £4 includes coffee, biscuits and paper		
7.30pm	Film Club - Mike 711282 / Yvette 712460	3rd Wednesdays

## Mobile Library Van

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26 Nov	24 Dec	12 Nov	10 Dec	
Itteringham	11.00 NR11 7AP The Common	Saxthorpe	11.50 NR11 7BL	Old Post Office
	11.15 NR11 7AY The Rectory	Corpusty	12.10 NR11 6QP	School
Lt Barningham	12.05 NR11 7AG The Street		12.40 NR11 7BU	Great Farm Cott's
Matlaske	12.30 NR11 7AQ Old Post Office		2.00 NR11 6QJ	Adams Lane
Plumstead	1.15 NR11 7LG Walnut Farm		2.15 NR11 6QL	3 Council Houses
Baconsthorpe	2.45 NR25 6LJ Council Bungalows		2.30 NR11 6QL	16 Council Houses
	4.10 NR25 6LG Old Post Office	Edgefield	3.15 NR24 2AX	The Street
Hempstead	3.20 NR25 6LE Hare & Hounds		3.40 NR24 2AL	The Memorial
	3.40 NR25 6TL Telephone kiosk			

Calls on Wednesdays normally every 4 weeks

25 Nov	23 Dec
Wolterton	12.45 NR11 7LY Wolterton Hall
Wickmere	1.15 NR11 7ND Village Sign

### Holt Library

9 Church Street, Holt	NR25 6BB	712202
Mon, Wed and Sat	9.30am - 1.00pm	Fri 9.30am - 6.00pm

## Reflections from the Rectory



Marion Harrison

I wonder if like me you have taken the opportunity, made all the more pleasant by the late summer weather, to do some tidying up in the garden before the short days and lengthening, dark winter nights turn our minds to the coming of winter. It's that time of year when weather permitting, we try to cut the grass, hopefully for the last time, gather in the last of the apples, remove dead stems that only a month or so ago held summers promised blooms, and wonder if the last rose buds will get a chance to

flower before the first frost appears. Soon the leaves will turn and fall and the trees that now stand dressed in the last fading greens of summer will appear as bare wood shadows of their former glory, waiting out the winter season.

And as the natural world around us slows down, and dies back, so we turn our thoughts to remembering the men and women that didn't and don't return home from war. We can never repay the families for the death of a son, a brother, a father, a daughter, a sister. But we can show our gratitude for their sacrifice and honour their memory. For it was and is for hope in our future that these brave people gave and give their lives.

As Christians we have an understanding of the relationship between sacrifice and hope in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We also have an understanding of the pain of loss suffered by the families in the example of Mary, who followed her son to Calvary.

And like the turning of the seasons, we know that hope, though at times can seem dormant, springs eternal.

All our Services of Remembrance will held at 10.45am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please do come and join us as we pay homage to those that gave their tomorrows for our todays.

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## Church Services for November

Midweek Service Wednesdays 9.00am: Itteringham

### 1<sup>st</sup> November - All Saints

Wisdom 3:1-9 / Revelation 21:1-6 / John 11:32-44

9.00	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Little Barningham
10.45	Matins	Barningham Winter
11.00	Family Service	Wickmere
3.00	All Souls	Saxthorpe
3.30	All Saints Patronal <i>Evensong</i>	Hempstead

### 8<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance

9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Hempstead
10.45	Remembrance	Edgefield
"	"	Itteringham
"	Remembrance - coffe in the church	Little Barningham
"	"	Plumstead
"	"	Saxthorpe
"	"	Wickmere

### 15<sup>th</sup> November - 2 before Advent

Daniel 12:1-3 / Hebrews 10:11-14,19-25 / Mark 13:1-8

8.00	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Wickmere
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Matlaske
11.00	Morning Prayer	Little Barningham

### 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Christ the King

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 / Revelation 1:4b-8 / John 18:33-37

9.00	Family Service	Edgefield
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Baconsthorpe
10.45	Matins	Hempstead
11.00	Morning Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Itteringham
11.00	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Saxthorpe

### 29<sup>th</sup> November - Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 / 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 / Luke 21:25-36

9.15	Benefice Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Plumstead
11.00	Advent Carols	North Barningham

*CW* = Common Worship    *BCP* = Book of Common Prayer

## Baconsthorpe

Fri 6	7.00pm	<b>Fun Quiz</b> - Village Hall
Thur 12	7.30pm	<b>Village Hall Meeting</b>
Sat 21	10.00am	<b>Bring &amp; Buy Sale</b> - Village Hall
Fri 27	6.00pm	<b>Pop-Up Bar</b> - Village Hall

### 200 Club

£25 Andy Hutchinson, £10 Andrew Rudd, £5 Corinne Youngs, Daphne Allard  
Ro Hardingham 577262



### Floating to the Fringe

Back at the beginning of June, singer/songwriter Paul Thompson left his home in Chapel Yard, to begin an epic journey to the Outer Hebrides in Scotland in his ten-year-old solar powered milk float Bluebell, before finishing in Edinburgh, where he performed at the Fringe Festival in August. Bluebell has a top speed of 15 mph and can only travel between 30 and 50 miles a day, and has to be re-charged for eight hours every night. The most challenging time was when the motor broke at Hadrian's Wall causing a week's delay. This was eventually rectified and the journey continued. After many adventures along the way, Paul and Bluebell arrived home to Baconsthorpe on 20<sup>th</sup> September, having completed a journey of 1,200 - 1,500 miles. Paul is now going to travel closer to home around venues and events in Norfolk, offering the chance for communities and artists to record music. He is also keen to hold more song writing sessions for groups including those with mental health issues. Paul is hoping to write a book about his journey, and set a Guinness World Record for the longest continuous journey by an electric powered milk float. To read more of his adventures visit [www.paulsmusic.co.uk](http://www.paulsmusic.co.uk).

### Departures and Arrivals

Another intrepid traveller - exciting times ahead for Mike Strong of The Old Police House, who has left on a four-year adventure out East. Safe journey Mike, we look forward to hearing of your adventures when you return. Welcome to the new occupants of The Old Police House, Michael and Laura Stephenson and their children Grace, Ryan and Lucy. We trust you will greatly enjoy living amongst us.

### Pop-Up Bar

This event on the 25<sup>th</sup> September was very well attended and £302.05 was donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to all who came and enjoyed the evening.

### Live Music

We had a very enjoyable evening in the company of the NO NAME BAND. The 5 people played a variety of guitars and other instruments, and they sang beautifully. If anyone else is interested in booking them they can call Mike Eldred on 01263 824858.

Don't forget our Fun Quiz on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm £6 per person to include a jacket potato supper with various fillings, a roll tea/coffee. Teams of up to four, but come along if you are on your own and join up with some new friends. BRING YOUR OWN TIPPLE. There will be a raffle.

On Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10am we will be holding a Bring & Buy Sale. We have some lovely bric-a-brac books, tombola, cake stall, nearly new, as well as well as bring and buy stall. Please bring something nice and in good condition and buy something else for yourself. Also a raffle and refreshments on sale.

The next Village Hall Meeting is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. PLEASE come along and show your support for your Village Hall.

Our ever popular Christmas Bingo is on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> December eyes down at 7.30pm. Very good prizes and very good fun. Refreshments on sale, and a very good raffle.

John Cooper

## Barningham Winter

Sun 29 11.00am **Carols at St Peter's**

### Harvest Festival at St Mary's

The little church was full of produce, flowers and congregation for the Harvest Festival which was held on 4<sup>th</sup> October and people kindly donated so many items for the local food bank which were delivered to the distribution centre in Sheringham. After the service there was a lunch in the Stables at Barningham Hall where people enjoyed a delicious casserole made with Barningham Dexter beef and chicken with vegetables followed by an array of puddings made by lots of kind people, all helped down with some very good wine. So many thanks to all those kind people that helped make this a special occasion and HUGE thanks to Thomas and Amelia Courtauld for their wonderful hospitality.



Sara Buxton  
577207

### Advent Carols at St Peter's, North Barningham

A Benefice Advent Carol Service will take place at the redundant church of St Peter, North Barningham, at 11 am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November next. Do come! There is no light and, of course, no heating, so it will probably be rather cold. Dress warmly rather than smartly and join us in celebrating the beginning of Christmastide. It is always a happy occasion and we look forward to seeing you there. Refreshments will be offered at the end of the service.

## Refugee Crisis Appeal

The sale of jams, chutneys, pickles and preserves that many of us have been making to raise funds to help refugees settle in Norfolk and Waveney will take place in Holt High Street on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 9am -1pm. Please contact Eleanor if you have items for sale to be collected, or bring them to Oak Tree Cottage as soon as possible, or by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at the latest. Volunteers to assist on the day would be welcome – contact 577868. There's still time to make some more if you can!

## Free Internet Safety & IT Workshops

Merchants' Place Community Resource and Learning Centre in Cromer is running a free workshop on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 6.30pm – 8pm, covering social media, anti-virus protection, online purchases, internet banking and much more.

Merchants' place also offers a free Flexible IT course on Wednesdays. Morning and afternoon sessions are available every week.

To attend any of the courses or if you would like more information, drop in to Merchants' Place, 16 Church Street, Cromer, or call 01263 519454, or email [info@merchantsplace.co.uk](mailto:info@merchantsplace.co.uk).



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## Edgefield

Sun 1 10.00am **Strimming & Clearing** - Old Church Yard

Mon 9 7.30pm **Film Night - *Even the Rain*** - Village Hall

Sun 15 10.00am **Strimming & Clearing** - Old Church Yard

Sun 22 10.30am **Historical Talk by David Sharp** - Church



Richard Peaver  
587486

## Church News

We had a lovely Harvest Festival; thank you to all who contributed to such a happy occasion. Carol Pennington will take our Remembrance Day service this year. Do come and join us in the Village Hall at 10.45am.

David Sharp has kindly agreed to give us another talk, entitled *Some Aspects of the History of the Church and Village*, which should be of great interest to everyone in Edgefield, especially the many newcomers. He will provide some fascinating facts, from Domesday onwards, of life in our village, which was larger than Holt or Blakeney in earlier days! Do come to the Church at 10.30am on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, and enjoy coffee, tea and cake, and meet our new neighbours, followed by David's talk.

We are making excellent progress in the old churchyard against the jungle of brambles, nettles and endless elder saplings. We aim to continue the strimming, chopping and clearing on 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am. We'd love more help before the snowdrops come up.

A well-attended funeral service for Gerald Gent, from Edgefield Old Hall, was followed by burial at Bodham. On 15<sup>th</sup> October, a large congregation came to celebrate the life of Olive Lovelock. She had planned the service herself, its inspiring mix of hymns, music and readings reflecting her own deep faith, which helped her face her final illness. Olive and Jim moved here from Hertfordshire in 1988 and quickly involved themselves in church and village activities. They were members of the PCC for some years. Olive took on the work of Junior Church and became leader of the Mothers' Union branch. After Jim's death, Olive continued to engage herself in a busy life in the community, most recently with Families Together. She was positive, enthusiastic and encouraging, and especially interested in young children. Always energetic, she enjoyed having visitors and gave them the full tour of North Norfolk – they must have returned home exhausted! But above all, she loved her family and her garden - especially when she could find her secateurs! Her many friends will miss her.

Angela Turner

## Edgefield Fuel Fund

The Christmas distribution of £25 fuel money per household will be made on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December, between 11.00 am and 12.00noon in the Village Hall. No payments will be made outside these hours. Each recipient must have reached the age of 60 years and been resident in the parish for the past five years. Application must be made in person, or by an authorised representative.

## Village Hall News

Our evening with musical trio Something Happened performing their show *A Touch of Class* was a huge success. A sell-out audience was royally entertained by the group and enjoyed an excellent supper. Our Christmas evening, consisting of a festive meal, music and games, will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets at £6 are available from Jim (587110) or Dawn (587379).

Jim Frost



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Mon 2	7.30pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> - Village Hall
Fri 6	10.30am	<b>Coffee &amp; Gossip</b> - Village Hall
Tues 10	7.00pm	<b>Illustrated Talk - details below</b> - Village Hall
Wed 18	7.30pm	<b>Film Club</b> - Village Hall



Sharon Hannah  
711769

### 200 Club

£25 G Matthews £10 R Matthews, £5 P Joseph, K Hurrel, R Culverwell

Good luck to Tilly Owen who has started high school this term.

Hempstead fun quiz was an event enjoyed by all, all tickets sold out and I can understand why! It was quite simply the best supper I have ever experienced at a fun quiz, and I will be definitely attending next year! The lamb curry was amazing (thank you Mike Thody). Thank you to all who made it happen – my family and I really had fun. Well done to winners and losers alike, and a special thank you to Tony and Diane Collier for organising the event!

This is one of my favourite times of the year. The colours of autumn are amazing in this village, and last week we had an Australian friend stay with us who reminded me how wonderful to look at it is. He had taken many photographs which he had emailed to his friends back in Western Australia who thought he was in the tropics because it is still so green when the sun is shining.

### Special Church Service 3.30pm Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Celebrate Hempstead church's place in the community by joining us for choral evensong followed by tea and cake. November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Sunday and the named saint's day for our church. The Benefice choir will be singing for us, and the service will be led by Rev Brian Faulkner. It promises to be a lovely occasion and as we don't often have the evensong service in our Benefice, it is something rather special. Everybody welcome.

Su Summers

### A Visit to Papua New Guinea - an Illustrated Talk

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Village Hall

In August this year, Eleanor and I travelled to Papua New Guinea as part of a church-based group, visiting local people in a society very different from our own. We would like to share our photos and experiences of this memorable trip with you. Light refreshments will be served.

Rev Brian Faulkner

### Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride

This year we raised an astounding sum of approximately £3,300 thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our donors and supporters and to the efforts of our cyclists, walkers and drivers, Robin and Rose Carver, Alison Freegard, Charles Inglis, Marianne Scarfe, Su and Ian Summers and Melissa, Andrew, Jonathan and Ben Weir. A remarkable achievement for a small village. Thank you everyone for your support.

Yvette Gibson

## Itteringham

Sat 14 7.30pm **Beetle Drive** - Village Hall



Eric Goodman  
587278

Mike Jones and his partner Anneka have been delivered of a son and heir, and it is a delight to claim that Itteringham has its own Prince Harry, in a manner of speaking. He was born in June of this year and is well and growing teeth already. Have a very happy life, Harry, and good wishes to Mike and Anneka! Sadly for us this has only been a brief association because they have now moved to their own farm in a village near Yarmouth. Good home to you!

Our venerable vicar Marion Harrison spied a strange animal in her garden last month, and no, not one of our church wardens but a young otter, although it might have been an old specimen because they all have those pronounced whiskers don't they. So we can now boast a host of interesting animals in our parish including mink, red deer, roe and Chinese deer and now otters. Wild boar and lynx soon to appear?

An open meeting took place as advertised to discuss the future of your village shop. The evening was very well attended and enthusiastic but no decisions were taken mainly because there were too many indeterminates. It seems fairly clear though that there is unlikely to be continuing trading from the historic premises because of structural changes the landlords wish to undertake. There was a proposal that the association pursue a tenancy with the National Trust in restored barns at Manor Farmhouse although that would involve long leases and what is likely to be considerably greater rent than present. Another proposal was offered which suggested a new wooden building to be sited on the playing field which would have some advantages over the Wolterton Road site. A detailed plan is being prepared for the latter, which will then be made available to those interested.

The Harvest Festival Service was a happy event and well peopled. Many thanks to all who gave time and gifts for the occasion.

The Matterhorn was not kind. The weather had deteriorated so scaling was not possible. However, not to be wholly deterred the two intrepids decided to find alternative excitement... which they certainly did. In fact the earth moved for them. They were able to make a sharp exit before being totally engulfed by avalanching snow but they were suitably impressed so to reflect on their adventures. Welcome back, Serge and Saul Busby!

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Sun 8 10.45am **Community Sunday** - St Andrew's Church  
Sat 28 10.00am **Table Top Sale** - Village Hall



Derek Wintle  
570097

Again it is 'thank you' time. A good crowd assembled at Laurel Farm for the Harvest Bonfire: there were over 50 adults and children. Ellie, Nicole and Pam provided the food, and Karen Evans was chef for the BBQ toffee apples and toasted marshmallows - what a lovely reminder of childhood days! Donations amounted to £87, thanks to all who contributed.

Remembrance Sunday is the 8<sup>th</sup> November, which coincides with our usual Community Sunday, but at a slightly different time of 10.45am, when the Service of Remembrance will take place around the War Memorial in the Church Yard. This will be followed by our usual get together for food, drinks and chat in the warmth of the church.

Pam Daniels will be bringing round the poppies, which she has done for the past twenty years, for which service she has received the Royal British Legion brooch. Thank you, Pam.

Another thank you to Mike Daniels for taking part in the 48-hour ploughing marathon, which raised £4,500. What would we do without the Daniels?! The sum was divided between the Air Ambulance and Nelson's Journey, a charity offering support for bereaved children.

Harry Fennell is home again after a spell in Benjamin Court. Glad to have you back with us!

Unfortunately, former resident Harold Hooker is still in The N & N. We hope he gets better soon.

There will be a table top sale in the village hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 10am till 2pm. There will be the usual refreshments, tombola and the charity element will be for the Syria Appeal and village funds. Also, delicious home-made Christmas cakes and mince pies will be for sale. If you would like a table please telephone Sue on 570091 or Mike on 570097. Tables cost £5.

The Church Farm development is on the move, and work has commenced. It is estimated that it will take a year at least to complete so it will be interesting to watch the progress of the building work. We look forward to the plans being approved for the redevelopment of the site of Church Cottage - a new lease of life for that part of the village.

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### Matlaske Village Quiz

A big thank you, to all those who donated raffle prizes and especially to Thomas and Amelia Courtauld, for the use of The Stables once more. A fun time was had by all and the 'grey matter' called into action on several occasions.

Thank you, too, to all who continue to use the paper and glass recycling bins at the entrance to the airfield. It may be easier to use our own green bins, but any recycling items placed in the airfield bins earn funds for Matlaske Parish Council. These funds can then be applied to the needs of the village.

Wendy thanks all those who, so generously sponsored her porch-sitting for the Norfolk Churches Cycle ride. The total raised was £75.



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## Plumstead

Mon 30 tbc **Parish Council Meeting - tbc**



Mary Lintott  
577718

This last month gave us a little more sunshine - hardly an Indian Summer, but at least some warmth: but now the grass is finally slowing down and the dulcet sounds of the mowers which pervade the village in summer are reducing. Plumes of smoke emanate from our chimneys, and signs of autumn are around.



On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September PEG organised Tea & Cake, an opportunity to come and have a chat over a cuppa and some delicious cakes. It was a perfect autumn afternoon and 30 of us came together at Acorn and Oak Tree Cottages - thanks to Steve, Carolyn, Brian and Eleanor. It was lovely to see one or two from our nearby villages too - thank you for joining us and making it a very happy occasion.

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October, St Michael's Church Plumstead rang with the glorious sound of Rutter's anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* sung by the senior choir from Gresham's for Harvest Evensong. What a privilege it was to have such an accomplished choir to lead us in worship! The service was followed by tea and cake. The choir is shortly off to warmer climes to sing in the churches of Malta.

Calling all those of a creative nature! Are you interested in helping to make some bunting for the village? There is no need to be able to sew, more important is a willingness to help out and chat over a cuppa. If you have any spare material that has been sitting in a drawer for far too long, let me know. Please ring Mary Lintott 577718 for further details.

It is good to see Jill Fisher back from hospital and looking fit again. Mervyn Gibbons recently had a fall and is slowly coming back to his normal self. Sakia O'Leary Leason passed her GCSEs and is now at City College doing a BTech Level 3 in Fine Art. Her sister Adara passed her A levels and was offered a place at Sheffield Hallam to study journalism. She is now in New Zealand on a Gap Year. Eliza Stimpson held her first solo art exhibition at Wiveton Art Barn after leaving university. It was a great success!

Don't Forget PEG will be hosting its annual Christmas Drinks in the Church on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Put it in the diary... and if you have any news for next month please do get in touch.



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Sat 7	8.30pm	<b>Fireworks</b>
Thur 19	3.30pm	<b>Families Together - Remembering</b> - Village Hall
Sat 21	10.00am	<b>Craft Fair - Nepal Fundraiser</b> - Village Hall



Judith Banks  
587319

Congratulations to Paul Tipple who celebrated 70 years on 13<sup>th</sup> November. Also congratulations to Mrs Audrey Lincoln on the safe arrival of her first great granddaughter.

Thanks to all NSPCC box holders for donations. The Craft Fair at St Andrew's Church in August raised £160 for the church - thanks to all those who supported the event. Similarly, The Sheringham Singers' Concert held in July made £240 for the church, while the raffle made £160 for the Cerebral Palsy Charity. About 30 people visited The Macmillan Coffee Morning (see photo) and enjoyed a warm welcome, some great cakes and scones and raised £212.35.



Welcome back to Shirley Pidgeon who moved from Irmingland Road to Mid Wales and has returned to live in Great Yard.



Corpusty Bonfire Night

St Andrew's Church is organising a Christmas Tree Festival on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December, from 10am until 4pm each day. Groups within the two villages have been asked to decorate a Christmas tree to advertise the activities of their group. Seasonal refreshments available, admission £1, children free. If you would like to know more please phone Heather Monks on 587118 or Judith Banks 587319.

News from Ann and Peter Eglington: "Monies sent to Nepal £2,000 on 5<sup>th</sup> May, and a further £3,585 on 24<sup>th</sup> September. These gifts will be used mainly to rebuild the houses in our host's village. Also £1,204 sent to the two schools we support, which pays the wages of the teachers and buys extras for the children. This amount has come from the sale of vegetables. We hope the government will help repair the school. Thanks to everyone for their support."



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Helen Goulty  
570043

Well the weather certainly has determined that autumn is here. One day we are treated to beautiful blue skies and sunshine, then just as quick, we're dropped into dull and soggy days – I know the ones we prefer! The swifts and swallows have packed their bags and flown south, and we are now almost daily treated to the calls of skeins of geese coming in for the winter.

On the village front, a thank you to Father Brian for his Harvest Service on the 4<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks also to Philida and Tony for their welcome refreshments after the service. Well done to Charlie for his clarinet playing and keeping us all in tune!

Congratulations to Lucy Janet and family on her christening on 11<sup>th</sup> October. The little lady did herself and everyone else proud, I was told. I'm sure it won't be long before she's on horseback with Mum or riding shotgun on Grandad's Fergie... move over a bit Dougal!

Get well wishes are sent to Vic following his operation. Wishing him a speedy recovery, look forward to hearing the familiar sound of the Fergie trundling along in good time.

The saga of the access to footpath seems to have been resolved. NNDC has deemed it is a public right of way. As all will be aware, there is a crop in the field. Please keep to the margins when dog walking, or walking.

George has asked me to put in a reminder for her Xmas Fayre on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov, in the Village Hall 10am - 1pm. There will be the usual array of goodies, from pickles, jams and delicious chutneys, as well as cards and other festive trinkets. Tea and coffee and cake will also be on hand to help with your seasonal purchases.

A big well done to Bob and Edward for their efforts on the Churches Bike Ride. They visited 25 churches together and raised a wonderful £185.

As yet there is no news on any Halloween activities, keep an eye open for posters.

As mentioned in last month's magazine, Jonny has stepped down as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. At the time of writing, there are plans afoot to enrol a new Chairman. All will be revealed next month.

With regards to the Village Hall, there has, over the years, been a lot of effort, money and planning gone into achieving what we are fortunate to have now – a spacious, well-equipped and accessible Village Hall. It would be a shame for all that hard work to go to waste. If you have any need to hire the hall then get in touch with Barbara on 577705...

Half-term will have been and gone by the time you receive this magazine. We will also have put the clocks back, an extra hour in bed for some, but not all! The darker days and evenings will draw in quickly, please take care around school bus times, as those eager for school (!) will be walking on the road, and may not be as visible.

November birthdays: Harley will be five on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Robert Riches will be 16 on 20<sup>th</sup>. Many happy returns to them!





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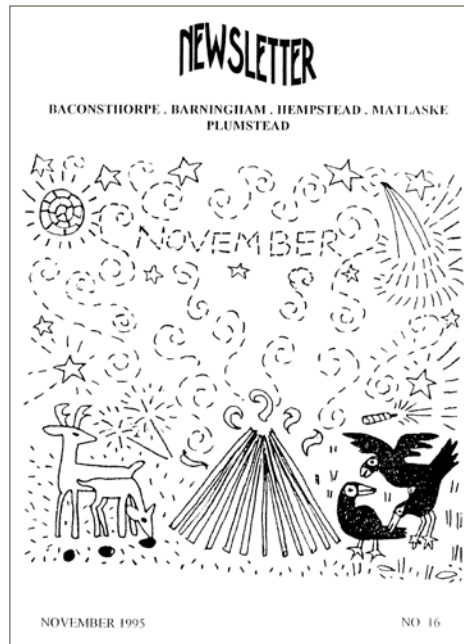
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- paprika - large pinch

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1. Bake potatoes (traditionally in the embers of the bonfire) or in the aga/oven till quite well done.
2. Using oven gloves remove, cut in half lengthways and remove the potato.
3. Place the potato, cheese (save a little to use as a topping), pickled onion and seasoning into a suitable bowl. Mash together with a fork.
4. Replace the mixture in the potato skins, top with cheese and a pinch of paprika.
5. Return to the aga/oven and heat for 8 - 10 mins so that the top just starts to crisp.
6. A dash of chopped parsley to decorate will look lovely.

#### Other fillings

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Finely chopped ham and pineapple.  
Cottage cheese, sweetcorn and chopped chives.  
Onion rings, pan fried with a touch of sugar to caramelise the onion and turn them brown quickly, mixed with diced sausage and bacon then topped with cheese and chives.

Mike Strong

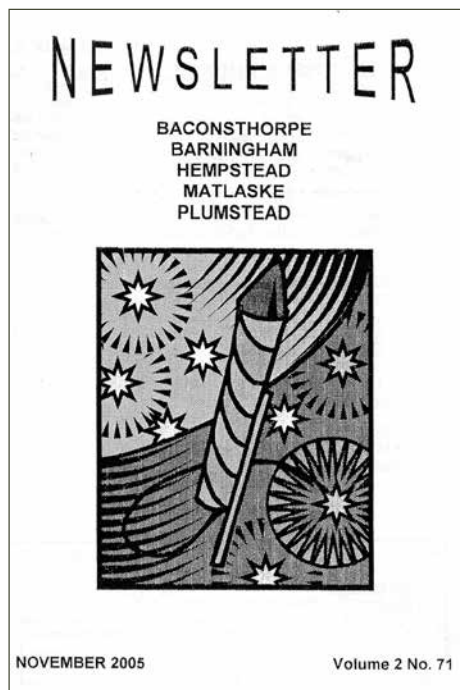
### 'There Are No Strangers'

Plumstead 2000s: latest theatrical extravaganza, starring Hank Wangford, Reg Meuross and Eileen Gibbon's standard lamp, was a resounding success. A capacity audience packed Baconsthorpe Village Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> October to enjoy an evening of Country & Western ballads, with more than a hint of irony thrown in with the classic country spelling l-e-s-s-o-n-s, and amusing Wangford reminiscences.

Our venue had the privilege of being the preferred location for Hank's extended family & many friends who came from far and wide to enjoy the only performance supported by hospitality as outstanding as ours! The show was also a triumph of inter-community co-operation. Contributions of home baking added to our famous interval feast provided by queen of catering - Eileen Gibbons and chocoholics champion Mary Lintott. Ladies from Edgefield slaved in the kitchen fending off the hungry hordes and clearing the decks after the show.

A well deserved Vote of Thanks was pronounced to all concerned by Gerry Eldridge from Baconsthorpe - yet another member of the audience who pitched in to boost the skeleton staff and proved to be a star in his own right. His performance, as show winder-upper and 'thank-yous' manager, was an entertainment in itself. His extravagant flattery was well received and appreciated all round - except by his daughter Alice whose birthday he was AWOL from...thanks Gerry! Huge appreciation too for Rob, who turned out to help and serve drinks despite recent traumas. Also love to Stella who was much missed from the team and best wishes for a full and quick recovery from her op. Best wishes too, to our Chairman who was away celebrating a special birthday.

We look forward to another full house for our next show on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2006, when the 2000 Committee will welcome 'The Upper Octave' to Baconsthorpe Village Hall, for an evening of the best ever show and film songs performed with all the trimmings by this young company of amazing singers. D.L. Plumstead 2000



## Baconsthorpe School 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016



Baconsthorpe School by Adrian Rudd

If you were a pupil, parent or teacher at the school and know other past pupils or teachers, please could you pass the word to them that we are having a celebration on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016, which will include an exhibition of school memorabilia, a fête and a school reunion. Also, if you have any old photos or memorabilia that you would be willing to lend or have copied for the exhibition next year, please could you contact Emma on 570252. There is a Facebook page, 'Baconsthorpe School 200 Year Anniversary 2016', where people are posting pictures and sharing memories.

It would be great to have past copies of newsletters for other villages.

Please get in touch if you have any.

Wordsearch solution from page 23

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## Meet the Neighbours - Widge



Hanging on the wall over the coffee tables at the village café in Itteringham is a drawing by Tony Hall, the Eastern Daily Press cartoonist. It shows a dense crowd of villagers in the shop in 1994. Standing in the back row is a young punk. That punk, then 24, was Eliot Savage, universally known as 'Widge'. Twenty-one years later, he is still a punk - he describes Frank Sinatra and Elvis as punks in their day - and now bestrides the shop from behind the counter, and is much loved by all who meet him. Some shoppers are too polite or reluctant to ask Widge about the studs on his face and his Mohican haircut with red edges - the colour, he says, depends on his mood. But he welcomes questions: his answers enable him to show that he isn't the in-your-face/aggressive type of punk but a decent and peaceable person who enjoys painting, tattooing and fantasy comics and graphic novels - he mentions Judge Dredd and 2000AD and The Walking Dead as his favourites. And the studs were done years ago in Fakenham, and weren't painful.

He has been Widge since the night he was born, when his mother described him as 'fidgetty-widgetty', and he has lived in Itteringham all his life apart from brief spells at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (but he insists that he isn't a frustrated actor), Norwich (where he moved to be with his then girlfriend) and a stint with the stage set designers Hangman and Metalman. His mother, father and hairdresser brother also live in the village.

What he most likes about working in the shop is its role as the social hub of the village - villagers who live alone enjoy a chat with him, he hears all the gossip and village bickering - complaints about bonfires when the washing is hanging out, or hedge cutting. "I'm probably the best informed person in the village", he says. "It's a good job I'm not into blackmail!" As for the future of the shop, he believes it is very important that it should survive, somehow, some way. "Nobody in the village is getting any younger."

Brian MacArthur