

# Church & Village News

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June 2016



**The Bure from Corpusty Bridge**

by Judith Banks

## Nature Watch - Blue Tits



One of the first jobs I did in my garden when I moved in six years ago was to put up a nest box. Although north-facing and away from direct sunlight is the ideal position for a nest box, I placed mine on an east-facing wall so as to be able to see it from my conservatory. Although it was still early winter, within ten minutes of fixing it to the wall, a blue tit flew over to it investigate. Thankfully, it met with its approval, and for the next two years tits bred there successfully.

However, over the last few years they have been rather hit and miss. Last year they began nest-building, but for some reason they suddenly deserted. This year it's much better news, for as I write this in early May, they have nested once again and are busy flying back and forth feeding their young. With an average clutch size of around seven or eight, the parents have definitely got their work cut out. Now, with the cold weather behind us, there should be plenty of insects for them to feed on. I did have a scare, though, a couple of weeks ago when a few seconds after I saw one of the tits leave the nest box a sparrowhawk flew over the conservatory leaving a trail of tiny feathers in its wake. Fearing the worst, I was convinced that that was the end of the breeding attempt once again. Luckily, my fears were unfounded, for later that day I counted both parents entering the nest hole.

One thing I pride myself on is that even as a child I never went looking for birds' eggs. Well, that's not strictly true. One day, when walking out of school, one of my friends approached me carefully clutching an egg in his hand. Knowing that I was interested in birds, he told me he had taken it from a nest that was in a bush in a nearby front garden. Intrigued, I spent a good hour searching every inch of the bush, but was unable to find any sign of the nest. The following day, my friend asked me if I had managed to find it. When I told him I hadn't, he burst out laughing. The egg he had had in his hand wasn't a real egg at all. It was a sweet he had bought from the local tuck-shop. I'm ashamed to say I'm still quite gullible to this day.

David Braithwaite

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## What's On

### JUNE

Thur 2	7.00pm	<b>Plumstead Litter Picking</b>	Throughout the village
Sun 5	12.00noon	<b>Itteringham Open Gardens Day</b>	Throughout the village
Tue 7	10.00am	<b>Plumstead Come and see the Flowers</b>	Plumstead Church
		Continues Wed 8 and Thur 9 until noon each day	
Tue 7	2.00pm	<b>Barningham Winter PCC St Mary's</b>	North Baringham House
Sat 11	10.30am	<b>Hempstead Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>	All Saints Church
Sat 11	5.00pm	<b>Plumstead Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday BBQ</b>	Church Farmhouse
Sun 12	2.30pm	<b>Little Barningham Celebratory Tea</b>	Village Hall
Wed 15	6.30pm	<b>Corpusty LinC Summer Buffet</b>	Bure Cottage
Thur 16	3.30pm	<b>Corpusty Families Together</b>	Village Hall
Fri 17	6.30pm	<b>Benefice Picnic</b>	Baconsthorpe Castle
Sat 18	1.00pm	<b>Edgefield Kinsfield Open Garden</b> until 5pm	Barningham Road
Sun 19	12.00noon	<b>Hempstead Charity Venda Lunch</b>	Village Hall
Sun 19	1.00pm	<b>Edgefield Kinsfield Open Garden</b> until 5pm	Barningham Road
Sun 19	2.00pm	<b>Heydon Hall and Others Open Gardens</b>	Heydon Hall
Thur 23	6.00am	<b>EU Referendum Voting</b> until 10pm	All Villages
Sat 25	2.00pm	<b>Baconsthorpe Traditional Village Fête</b>	Village Hall
Sat 25	4.00pm	<b>Baconsthorpe School 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday Reunion</b>	Village Hall
Sat 25	6.00pm	<b>Baconsthorpe Pop-Up Pub &amp; Hog Roast</b>	Village Hall
Sun 26	10.00am	<b>Corpusty Sponsored Bike Ride &amp; BBQ</b>	Duke's Head
Sun 26	3.00pm	<b>Corpusty Tea at Three</b>	Weatsheaf House
Sun 26	3.00pm	<b>Barningham Winter Patronal Evensong</b>	St Peter's Church

### JULY

Fri 1	7.00pm	<b>Little Barningham Pub Night</b>	Village Hall
Sat 2	7.30pm	<b>Edgefield Edgefest</b>	Village Hall
Mon 4	7.30pm	<b>Hempstead Parish Council Meeting</b>	Village Hall
Wed 6	10.00am	<b>Matlaske Coffee Morning</b>	Blacksmith's Cottage
Thur 7	7.30pm	<b>Baconsthorpe Village Hall AGM</b>	Village Hall
Sat 16	2.00pm	<b>Plumstead Gift Day</b>	Plumstead Church
Sat 16	2.00pm	<b>Little Barningham Strawberry Tea</b>	Village Hall
Sun 24	3.00pm	<b>Edgefield Pets' Service &amp; Tea</b>	Edgefield Church

### North Norfolk Choral

Brahms' *German Requiem* (sung in English) *Four Last Songs* by Richard Strauss

**Jayne May-Sysum** Soprano **Gavin Horsley** Bass

**St Peter & St Paul Church, Salle, nr Reepham NR10 4LT**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7.30 pm**

**Tickets £15 on the door or £12.50 in advance**

This concert marks the retirement of the present musical director, Mrs Rosemary Kimmins, after 14 years

## Regular Events

### Baconsthorpe Village Hall

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

### Corpusty Village Hall

2.00pm - 4.00pm	<b>Bure Valley Quilters &amp; Stitchers</b>	Second and fourth Mondays
10.00am - 12noon	<b>Norfolk Knitters</b> £7 for a 4 week term or £2 per week	Second Tuesday
	Rita Taylor 587507 K2togp1@btinternet.com	
10.00am - 12noon	<b>Art Group</b> £10 a session	Third Thursday
9.30am - 11.30am	<b>Toddler Group</b>	Fridays during term time

### Edgefield Village Hall

7.00pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	Third Monday
2.00pm	<b>Tuesday Club</b>	First Tuesday
2.00pm	<b>Ladies Club</b>	Second Wednesday
10.30am	<b>Coffee Morning</b> - Jeff Witts 587661	Last Thursday

### Hempstead Village Hall

10.00am	<b>Charcoal Drawing</b> £4 includes coffee, biscuits and paper	Tuesdays
	Mike Thody 711282	
7.30pm	<b>Film Club</b> - Mike 711282 / Yvette 712460	Third Wednesday

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### 9 June / 7 July / 4 Aug

Itteringham	11.00	NR11 7AP	The Common
	11.15	NR11 7AY	The Rectory
Lt Barningham	12.05	NR11 7AG	The Street
Matlaske	12.30	NR11 7AQ	Old Post Office
Plumstead	1.15	NR11 7LG	Walnut Farm
Baconsthorpe	2.45	NR25 6LJ	Council Bungalows
	4.10	NR25 6LG	Old Post Office
Hempstead	3.20	NR25 6LE	Hare & Hounds
	3.40	NR25 6TL	Telephone kiosk

### 23 June / 21 July / 18 Aug

Saxthorpe	11.50	NR11 7BL	Old Post Office
Corpusty	12.10	NR11 6QP	School
	12.40	NR11 7BU	Great Farm Cott's
	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

### 8 June / 6 July / 3 Aug

Wolterton	12.45	NR11 7LY	Wolterton Hall
Wickmere	1.15	NR11 7ND	Village Sign

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### Baconsthorpe Village Hall

Tuesdays	12.30pm – 4.00pm
Fridays	9.30am – 12.30pm
All services	

### Corpusty Stores

	587202
Monday-Saturday	9.00am – 12.00noon
All services including Euros	

### Itteringham Village Shop

	587325
Monday-Saturday	9.00am – 5.00pm
Sunday	9.00am – 12.00noon
All services including Euros	

### Holt Library

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

## Reflection from the Rectory



At last, after the unsettled weather of spring, the summer is here with its promise (we all hope) of warmer days. So we can all look forward to the air being filled with the heady sent of honeysuckle and roses, the buzz of bees and a gentle breeze to cool us while we cut the grass, weed the beds and dead head as we move around our gardens. And, of course, we are fast approaching the longest day of the year.

But this month also holds the promise of celebration, as we wish Happy Birthday to HM Queen Elizabeth II. Our celebrations within our villages can be found in 'What's On', and you are invited to join us as we wish Her Majesty a happy birthday and continued wellbeing for many years to come. Maybe you are doing something else to celebrate this great achievement of our Queen. Perhaps you have planned to go out for the day or are going to join in the celebrations in London. However you are planning to celebrate, I wish you good weather and a joyous time.

Of course, our Queen has the constitutional title of Supreme Governor of the Church of England, and holds the title 'Defender of the Faith', a title handed down from the Reign of Henry VIII. Henry was given the title by Pope Leo X on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 1521 for his defence of the Catholic faith in answer to the augments of Martin Luther. When Henry broke with the papacy, Pope Paul III deprived him of his designation, but the title was restored to the king by Parliament in 1544. Since then each reigning monarch has carried the title.

I wonder what the title means to our Queen? She is a devout Christian and has led a faithful life, giving herself in service to God and this country. I and many others have known only one sovereign, Elizabeth II, and while you may or may not agree with all that the Royal Family do and/or stand for, I think she upholds the title very well. And so it is with God's grace, that I pray she may continue to reign as our Queen.

I would like to thank everyone involved in helping to make this years Itteringham May Fayre such a success. Thank you all for your donations, time and heard work.

Rev Marion Harrison

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## Church Services for June

Midweek Service Wednesdays 9.00am Little Barningham

5 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 2 1 Kings 17:17-end / Galatians 1:11-end / Luke 7:11-17		
9.00	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Little Barningham
9.15	Holy Communion <i>CWTL</i>	Hempstead
10.45	Matins	Baconsthorpe
11.00	Family Service	Wickmere

12 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 3 2 Sam 11:26-12:10,13-15 / Galatians 2:15-end / Luke 7:36-8:3		
9.00	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Itteringham
9.15	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Plumstead
10.45	Matins	Barningham Winter
11.00	Morning Praise	Saxthorpe
11.00	Holy Communion <i>TL</i>	Edgefield

19 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 4 Isaiah 65:1-9 / Galatians 3:23-end / Luke 8:25-39		
8.00	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Wickmere
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Baconsthorpe
11.00	Morning Prayer (Venda)	Hempstead
11.00	Morning Prayer	Little Barningham

26 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 5 1 Kings 19:15,16,19-end / Galatians 5:1,13-25 / Luke 9:51-end		
9.00	Family Service	Edgefield
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Matlaske
11.00	Morning Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Itteringham
11.00	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Saxthorpe
3.00	Patronal Evensong	North Barningham

3 <sup>rd</sup> Trinity 6 Isaiah 66:10-14 / Galatians 6:1-16 / Luke 10:1-11,16-20		
9.00	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Little Barningham
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Barningham Winter
10.45	Morning Prayer	Plumstead
11.00	Family Service	Wickmere

*CW* = Common Worship    *BCP* = Book of Common Prayer    *TL* = Traditional Language



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## Baconsthorpe

Thur 23	6.00am	<b>EU Referendum Voting</b> - Village Hall until 10pm
Sat 25	2.00pm	<b>Village Fête</b> - Village Hall
	4.00pm	<b>Baconsthorpe School 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Re-Union</b>
	6.00pm	<b>Pub &amp; Hog Roast</b> - Village Hall

### 200 Club

£25 Will Peck, £10 David Youngs, £5 Mr Lubbock, Pauline Fuller

Congratulations to Joy and Brian Thurtell on the birth of another granddaughter.  
Freya Joy was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> May to Vanessa and Matthew.



Corinne Youngs  
577263

### Village Hall News

Thank you to all who came to our Village Hall Meeting to show their support for the hall, and we hope they will think about joining the committee to fill the vacant posts of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. These positions have to be filled at the AGM on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. Any nominations can be given ahead of time by contacting John on 711320 so we can have a chance to collect names for proposing election of officers and committee at the meeting, when we look forward to handing over the running of the village hall to some new and some old hands.

The jumble sale on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May was a success with £197 being raised towards Village Hall Funds.

The next big event in the Village Hall is the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of the school.

The Pop-up Pub was again well attended in April when Karen and Jane provided a supper of jacket potatoes and a great selection of fillings. Thank you both very much.

### Parish Council

After more than 30 years as Parish Clerk, Pat Chapman is retiring. We would like to thank Pat for her years of dedicated service to the Parish Council. The Parish Council is now recruiting for a new Parish Clerk. Enquiries to Jonathon Cooper (Chairman) 577527 or 07767 494369 email joncooper6aga@hotmail.com

### PCC AGM

The PCC would like to record their thanks to those who work so hard to support the church: Will Peck, who climbs the ladder and winds the clock every week. Rita Gallon, who keeps the church clean, despite the bats! Andrew Rudd, who cuts the burial ground hedge every year, and again Andrew, who with brother Adrian cleaned all the church gutters. Thank you all so much.

### Baconsthorpe School 200 year Anniversary Celebrations 1816-2016

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at Baconsthorpe Village Hall

**2pm-4pm Village Fête**

Traditional stalls and side shows

**4pm onwards School Reunion & Pop-Up Pub with Hog Roast**

Exhibition of school history and presentations

Donations of cakes, produce, jams, preserves and plants all gratefully received on the morning of June 25<sup>th</sup>

Any photographs or documents to put in the school exhibition are welcomed please contact:

Tom and Karen Warboys 577 706



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## Barningham Winter

Tue 7 2.00pm **PCC St Mary's** - North Barningham House  
 Sun 26 3.00pm **Patronal Evensong** - St Peter's Church

Maurice Parker of Common Farm, Barningham Winter sadly passed away on the 30<sup>th</sup> April.

The Parker family came to Common Farm in the early 70s, firstly as a holiday home, and after Maurice had retired they made it into their permanent home, moving from Leicester where he had run a successful textile business. Maurice and his wife Dottie enjoyed life to the full at Common Farm but were never happier than when their family came to visit them. Maurice's funeral took place at St Mary's, Barningham Winter on the 12<sup>th</sup> May where family and friends filled the church. The service was officiated by the Reverend Michael Cartwright. Maurice will be greatly missed and we send our condolences to all of Maurice's family.

The next meeting of the PCC of St Mary's, Barningham Winter, will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm at North Barningham House. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

### Patronal Evensong At St Peter's, North Barningham

Patronal Evensong will be celebrated in St Peter's Church, North Barningham on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm. Do come and join us if you can! This is a Benefice-wide event and is a chance to see the old building at its best, clean and decked out with flowers and reasonably warm. The grass will be newly cut, the floors washed, the cobwebs removed and the pews polished. The choir are all lined up, the Rev Michael Banks will be waiting for you, and your presence will help to make the event a special one.



Sara Buxton  
577207

## Edgefield

Fri 17 6.30pm **Benefice Picnic** - Baconsthorpe Castle  
 Sat 18 1.00pm **Open Garden** - Kinsfield, Barningham Road until 5pm  
 Sun 19 1.00pm **Open Garden** - Kinsfield, Barningham Road until 5pm  
 Thur 23 6.00am **EU Referendum Voting** - Village Hall until 10pm



Richard Peaver  
587486

### Church News

At the Vestry Meeting in April, the churchwardens were re-appointed, as were the members of the PCC at the subsequent Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

The legal process of joining our benefice to that of Barningham, Matlaske, Hempstead, Plumstead and Baconsthorpe has taken a big step forward, and now is the last chance for anyone who seriously has a good reason to object to do so. Our Archdeacon's papers now go up to Lambeth, prior to final approval by the Queen. It is a very long process! We may be known as The Upper Bure Benefice, but that has yet to be decided.

It would be lovely to see a good turnout for our 11am service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, to celebrate the Queen's official birthday. Do come and join us!

On Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, at 6.30pm we are having a Bring & Share Picnic at Baconsthorpe Castle. Marion hopes many people from all the ten parishes will come and enjoy the chance to get to know each other better, in such a lovely spot. (If it rains, there is a barn to which we can retreat.) Please bring your own chairs. Could you let Amelia Courtauld (577250) or Angela (587292) know what food you plan to bring, so we do not all end up with the same thing? If you need a lift, please let me know.

Don't forget to book the Pets' Service on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July! It begins at 3pm and there will be tea afterwards. Would anyone like to offer to make a cake for the humans? Or perhaps something suitable for the pets?! It should be fun, and perhaps a bit noisy.

Mrs Dorothy Clark, who lived for many years in Rectory Road, has died, aged 93, in a Sheringham nursing home. She was a great cook, and her house always seemed to smell of freshly cooked bread! Our sympathy goes to Frank and Margaret.

John Cotton died very suddenly after an unfortunate fall in Ramsgate Street. Many years ago he did a lovely watercolour of the church for us to give to a retiring rector. Much sympathy goes to Hazel and all her family.

It's not too late to see the amazing show of primroses in the churchyard. They have been really good this year.

Angela Turner

### Edgefield Cottage Trust

The Trust will shortly have a bungalow available to rent. Under the terms of the Trust, preference is to be given to elderly residents of Edgefield, or those with a connection to Edgefield or the neighbouring villages. All enquiries and applications should be sent in writing to the Secretary, Mrs C W Humphreys, Melbourne House, Norwich Road, Edgefield, Melton Constable, NR24 2RL as soon as possible.

Carol Humphreys

### Village Hall News

Two dates for your diary from Edgefield Village Hall: *Edgefest* on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - £10 per ticket, to include a hog roast and live music. Contact me on 587110. On the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June, from 1-5 pm each day, John and Joyce Kinsley have kindly offered to open their beautiful garden at Kinsfield, Barningham Road, Edgefield, to help raise money for the hall. Entry will be £2 per head to include tea and cake. Please also look out for our regular film nights.

Jim Frost



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## Hempstead

Sat 11 10.30am **Queen's Official Birthday** - All Saints Church  
 Sun 19 11.00am **Charity Service for Venda** - All Saints Church  
 Sun 19 12.00noon **Charity Lunch for Venda** - Village Hall



Sharon Hannah  
711769

### 200 Club

£25 T Geens £10 A Tyabji £5 M Harrison, J Morter, C Sewell

### Queen's Official Birthday - Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>

Come and help celebrate The Queen's Official 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by visiting the church between 10.30am and 12noon and enjoying a piece of birthday cake and coffee, tea or squash together. Children are invited to bring pictures they have drawn or painted to add to our notice board and they will receive a Queen's Birthday Goody Bag for doing so. (Well done to those who have already pinned their pictures up in church!) Marianne will also be offering face-painting, and a drawing table for those children who would prefer to do their pictures on the day. We hope to see you all...

### Charity Lunch in aid of Norfolk Venda Educational Trust

On Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> the church service at 11am will celebrate the work of Venda in schools in one of the poorest areas of South Africa. All Saints has supported this Norfolk based charity for some years now, and Michele and Ceri will be there to report on current projects. After the service, lunch will follow in the village hall. All are welcome from any village to have a really good meal in return for a donation to Venda. You can join us for the service beforehand, or just meet us at 12noon in the hall. It would help enormously for catering purposes if you could let Su know you are coming (710702). Thank you.

### Toad Patrol 2016

A rather late report that we moved 2,710 toads during the migration season at Rookery Pit, which is slightly down from last year. We had a brilliant team of toaders from Hempstead, Holt, Corpusty and Hunworth. Thank you all very much. Also thank you to all the drivers who were so considerate of both toaders and toads.

### EU Referendum 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Don't forget to use your vote! The Village Hall is open for voting till 10pm.

### Village Stall

The stall on The Street near the Village Hall needs plants and produce to sell for Village Hall and Church funds. Please price the items you leave there, and name the plants if possible. Many thanks.

### Hempstead Summer Fête - 7<sup>th</sup> August

The Village Fête will soon be upon us again and the Fête Committee would like to take this opportunity to register our thanks to Rose Carver. Rose retired last year after running the Cake Stall for over 15 years. This often involved her baking 35/40 cakes in her own kitchen before each event. A big Thank You from all of us. We would be grateful to anyone who can provide help on the day, or bake a cake, donate prizes for the tombola, books, plants and produce stalls or items for the bric-a-brac. Please contact Liz Buxton (714082), Tony Collier (713004), Tim Scarff (711657) or Peter Quin (712831).

## Itteringham

Sun 5 12.00noon **National Open Gardens Scheme** - six village gardens

Speak now or forever hold your peace. Seven will shortly become ten. Our much burdened vicar would be well advised to 'fit the kit'; leathers and helmet and mount a Kawasaki 750 to speed about the parishes. The calls on her will be considerable but she must be made aware that there is lots of support out there which she can call on in times of need. The change will be made, to ten that is, unless very sound reasons for not are presented to the Church Commissioners within the next week or three.



Eric Goodman  
587278



Major Skinner (or is it Captain Robert Skinner) was on parade with his Aylsham Troop of re-enactors at the May Fayre this year once again. The picture is from the archive so Sergeant Coe may well not have been there but he makes for a good portrait. Hang on to the uniforms boys because one ex-general at least is predicting that you may well be required to wear them more formally next year.

Thanks are due to many and various too numerous to mention but all help was willingly and cheerfully given and the upbeat atmosphere created went most of the way to achieving the success that was enjoyed. A very substantial sum was raised and mention must be made of Sandra Walker's invaluable contribution to the overall organisation of the event. In addition there were some extremely generous gift/donations of prizes for the raffle. The voucher given by The Walpole Arms is very well received. They are now widely known for the quality of their fare. Give it a go.....soon.

Will KAY COOPER – raffle ticket numbers 226 to 230 please contact Ray Covell on 01263 587659 to claim your prize. You didn't put a phone number on the tickets. The writer will enjoy your prize unless.....!

The AGM of the Parish Council was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Report next month.

The celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday will be held in June but we have been unable to persuade the Parish Council to reveal the date, which, at the time of writing has still, allegedly, not been determined. We wonder quite what the difficulty over dates is/has been. What we do know is that Her Majesty is definitely ninety years old!

There are to be six gardens open under the National Open Gardens Scheme on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Food/refreshments available from noon onwards. Lunch/tea/snacks.

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## Little Barningham

Sun 12 2.30pm **Celebratory Tea** - Village Hall

Those who missed the St George's Day luncheon missed a superb meal, thanks mainly to Ellie Betts who cooked the beef to perfection, and to Sue Pollard for the vegetables plus the delightful desserts. Not forgetting Pam Daniels' lovely pavlova. Thanks too to those who decorated the tables, cleared away, washed and dried the pots. A community effort for a community event.

The Community Sunday was as usual a good spread of goodies, lots of chatter (some serious) and laughter.

### Future Events

June 12<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm onwards a celebratory tea in the Village Hall - terribly posh, fine china and silver, lots of sandwiches and cakes. This incorporates the Queen's Birthday Celebration and Church Gift Day. Envelopes are in the magazine for people to give a gift for the upkeep of the church buildings. There will not be a charge for the afternoon tea but a plate will be available for donations. We have a lovely church and wish to keep it so. Please be generous to enable us to hand it on to future generations.

July 1<sup>st</sup> Pub night in the Village Hall

July 16<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Tea at Church Farm House. Stalls include tombola, cakes, bric-a-brac; also tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and scones for refreshments.

Details for our summer barbecue will appear in next month's magazine.

There was a break-in at Church Cottage: if you see anything suspicious give the police a ring



Derek Wintle  
570097

## Matlaske

### 100 Club

£25 James Cox, £10 Jemma Carr, £5 Leo Palmer



### Charity Cycle Ride

Well done to Guy Wickham-Brown who took part in the Brighton to Paris Charity Cycle Ride to raise money for Blind Veterans UK. He writes: "30 riders left Brighton at 6 am on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May with three of the blind veterans on tandems. We rode along the coast to the ferry and arrived in Dieppe that evening for a reception given by the Mayor. Next day, with the Mayor of Dieppe, we laid wreaths at the War Memorial and then embarked on a 52-mile ride. Day 2 was completed after 68 miles and Day 3 finished under the Eiffel Tower, having ridden a further 35 miles that morning. At the last count this Charity Ride had raised



Marion Shepherd  
577521



£25,000. If anyone would like to donate please do so through [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Guy-Wickham-Brown2](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Guy-Wickham-Brown2). The picture shows Guy (in the middle) at the end of the ride.

## Quiz Night

Matlaske Quiz Night was again successful and well supported by local residents and people from further afield. Many thanks to Thomas and Amelia for their continued support in letting us use The Stables for this popular event. Thanks also to our team of invaluable helpers. If you weren't able to attend, you are very welcome at our next light-hearted quiz which is on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Get Well

Get well wishes go to Pauline Wooff who has been poorly. We wish her a speedy recovery.

## Coffee Morning

A coffee morning is to be held on Weds July 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am at the rear of Blacksmith's Cottage, Matlaske. Please come along for a cuppa and a chat. There will be a raffle and a cake sale. Anyone willing to donate a cake or scones please contact Marion on 577521 or Cherry on 577827.

## Matlaske Fête

This great event will be held Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm, more details next month.

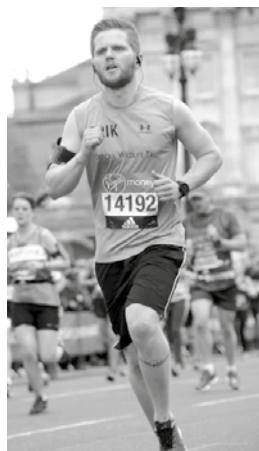
### Plumstead

Thur 2 7.00pm **Litter Picking** - Throughout the village  
Wed 7-9 10.00am **Come and see the Flowers** - Plumstead Church until 12noon  
Sat 11 5.00pm **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday BBQ** - Church Farmhouse



Mary Lintott  
577718

A big Thank You to Alastair Brown, Chairman of our Parish Council, for our new village sign, which is large, easily visible - and when I see it I know that I am not far from home!



We have a marathon runner in our midst. In the lead up to the day some of us may have seen Erik Gibbons running and Libby (on the bike) on our country lanes. In his words "The atmosphere was amazing and the crowds definitely kept me going. I had hoped for a time of 4hrs 30 but beat it by 36 mins clocking in with a time of 3hrs 54. Despite being the hardest thing I have ever completed I have already put my name forward for the next year's ballot! I ran for Norfolk Wildlife Trust and raised £396." Next year perhaps we can all sponsor him.

This year the church building had its 5 year survey - the result of which is that there are some works to be done in order to keep the building safe and water tight. Consequently there is pressing need for fund raising. Please support Eleanor (our Church Warden) by coming to these events planned for June and July and giving as generously as you are able.

## Come and see the Flowers

Come for coffee and cake in the Church on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 12noon. There will be a plant and cake stall.

## Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday BBQ - June 11<sup>th</sup>

We have plenty of takers for this village event. For those of you who have not replied yet, it is not too late. We shall need some help with salads and puddings - if anyone is able and willing to cook something please email Mary.

## Gift Day Saturday - July 16<sup>th</sup>

Our Church is holding a Gift Day on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> to help raise funds for the roof and drain repairs scheduled for this autumn. The church will be open from 2-4.30pm for the receipt of gifts. There will be refreshments, photographs of the work that needs to be done and, we hope, some historical documents from the Norwich Record Office. All who help in any way with caring for the church building and churchyard are invited to join us for a drink from 6pm.

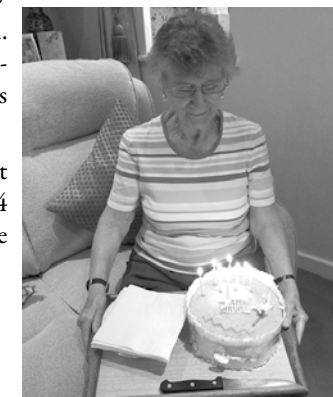
## Parish Council Business

The Parish Council have arranged for a new Community Notice Board with information about the village that will be situated in the Flagpole Garden. It was kindly funded by the Plumstead 2000 Fund - thank you to David Ramsbotham and John Lintott. The plan is to have photos. If any of you have historic photos of the village please do pass them on to Carolyn. If anyone has any other ideas please come forward they would love to hear them.

Do you remember the questionnaire about the Wildflower Meadow that you all kindly completed about a year ago now? There is a full report on our village website ([plumsteadparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://plumsteadparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)). Click on General Information and follow the link. The Parish Council are in discussion with Norfolk Wildlife Trust as to the best way forward.

There will be a litter picking working party on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. Meet at Alastair Brown's on Cherry Tree Road. After the clean-up in March it feels important to keep our village as tidy as possible: no more tyres cluttering up our verges please!

Finally, a very Happy Birthday to Jill Fisher. 80 years young, but who is counting?! She and Fred have lived in the village for 24 years. They have always taken part in our community and we hope will continue to do so for many years to come.



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Thur 16	3.30pm	<b>Families Together</b> - Village Hall
Fri 17	6.30pm	<b>Benefice Picnic</b> - Baconsthorpe Castle
Fri 19	2.00pm	<b>Open Gardens</b> - Heydon Hall and others
Sun 26	10.00am	<b>Sponsored Bike Ride &amp; BBQ</b> - Duke's Head
Sun 26	3.00pm	<b>Tea at Three</b> - Wheatsheaf House, Corpusty



Judith Banks  
587319

It was with further sadness that the news of Lesley Page's death was received. He and Betty had been a close couple and so it was in death, only separated by a few weeks. May he rest in peace. There are many unsung heroes in our two villages, they know who they are, for going that extra mile, caring for their neighbours, looking out for curtains to be drawn back and the like. In this regard we are very fortunate in having Johnny as our postman. He has very sensitive eyes and ears and recognises if anything is amiss.

At St Andrew's AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> April, Heather Monks and Merlin Waterson were re-elected as church wardens, Anne Humphrey as secretary, Brian Monks as fabric officer and Richard Day as treasurer. Thanks were given to all of the above for their tireless work to keep St Andrew's Church as a well cared for and vibrant part of the villages. If there any new members of St Andrew's Church who would be willing to take on these roles, please speak to either Heather or Merlin. All good wishes to Liz Potter as and when she goes into hospital. The LinC Summer Buffet planned for June 15<sup>th</sup> will be held at the home of Heather and Brian Monks, starting at 6.30pm. If you have a piece of information you would like aired on these pages please email me. I try to keep my ear to the ground but some news items are missed.

### Tea at Three - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 3pm Wheatsheaf House, Corpusty

Tea, cakes, and hand bell music by The Marsham Belles. All money raised will be sent to Nepal. Latest news from Nepal in next month's Church and Village Newsletter.

### Suffolk Field Renovation Project – the green shoots of recovery!

The new hedge has been planted, the field and hedge borders have been cleared, and chips made from the cleared brush and old wood have been laid down to improve the path. The saplings are looking healthy with no damage, thanks to your help, and growth has started! Please do continue to take great care not to disturb the plants and use only the clearly marked gaps for access to, and from, the field. Once again many thanks are due to the tireless bunch of volunteers without whom we could never have done this.

The bench has been replaced, and the cafeteria roof has been repaired. We are now prioritising, together with your suggestions, other work needed to continue our improvement programme.

We have already started to source suppliers to repair the Old Station Building and we intend to start renovating this autumn.

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Wow!! What a difference a month makes! Last month was a little nippy! So far we have been spoiled with some lovely days. The fields are filling up, the cows and calves are now out in the pasture, and even the swifts and swallows have made their return, swooping over the fields filling up on flies. It's just another gentle reminder of how the wheel of the year slowly turns forwards.

Future social evenings are planned for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August - watch for posters for more info.

At the recent village hall meeting it was discussed that we hope to celebrate the Queen's birthday with a village picnic on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>. Watch out for posters/flyers to confirm details. Let's hope the sun will shine and a good time can be had by all.



On 14<sup>th</sup> May it was the 5k Pretty Muddy Race for Cancer Research. Well done to Jane Amis, Gay and Kim Stanbury who took part. Gay is making cards to raise funds for Cancer Research, anyone interested in them get in touch at No 3.

Finally, the memorial bench is in place. Hopefully we will continue to get the good weather in which to make use of it.

Sadly the plant sale had to be postponed - due to the cold and damp weather, George said the plants and seedlings were too small to be sold. She hopes, maybe, to hold a late summer plant sale.

We are now entering EXAM season!! Good luck to all those students both college and school who are about sit exams. Hopefully all the revision and nagging from 'well meaning' parents/teachers will pay dividends. Must stay calm and do the best you can. Good Luck!

Prom Nite will be held at Mannington Hall this year on June 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be the chance for our young school leavers to don their finery and dance the night away. Many thanks to Lord and Lady Walpole for their hospitality again.

On May 5<sup>th</sup> the village hall was, again, used for voting. The polling officers were impressed with the comfort of the facilities on offer. Don't forget another chance to vote will be on June 23<sup>rd</sup> - EU In or Out Vote.

Many thanks to Vic and Linda for making the grounds surrounding the village hall look so smart. Thanks also to Lucy who was 'foreman' and kept Nanny and Granddad in order. With the summer coming up and hopefully good weather it will be lovely for the open space to be used, so please do not allow any dog fouling to spoil this.

At the PCC meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May, Marion voiced all our thoughts, when she said how lovely it was to see both Paddy and Tony at the meeting, in returning good health, following their brief stays in hospital. May they continue on the road to recovery.



Helen Goulty  
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Congratulations to Lesley, who has agreed to take on the mantle of Churchwarden, which was left vacant by Scott. Good luck to her. Marion also thanked Tony for his continuing hard work as Church Warden. He has agreed to stay on for another year. Good luck to the both of them.

Apologies to Paddy for missing her birthday from the list last month.

Sadly, following the unprovoked dog attack recently, could we ask that ALL dogs that are walked are on LEADS. This will prevent the risk of this happening again.

Get well wishes to honorary Wickmere resident, Teddy Amis, home now after another short stay in the N&N. Keep getting better!

## Heroes & Heroines Wordsearch

See how many you can find in the grid

Words can go forwards, backwards, up, down, across or diagonally.

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## History Watch



### The Shadwell Shams

William Smith (Billy) and Charles Eaton (Charley) worked in the 1850s on the Thames foreshore, and while excavating a basin for a neck dock at Gravel Lane, Shadwell, they turned up a few Pilgrim badges. Realising their value, the pair hatched a scheme to counterfeit them in lead or lead-copper alloy. The first customer to purchase their fakes was William Edwards, a well known London dealer, who paid them £400. They were revealed to be counterfeit when it was pointed out that they depicted dress and armour inaccurate of the supposed period, that their 'Latin'

inscriptions were indecipherable, and their dates appeared in Arabic numerals, when they should have been Roman. However, today, the Shadwell shams are quite sought after, and this one, found in Sheringham, was given to me by my father-in-law.



### Medieval Jetton

This is a jetton which was used as a money substitute in games across Europe and Britain. I found it in Hempstead. It has the inscription 'HEIT ROTT MORGEN DOTT', literally 'Red today, dead tomorrow', or as we would now say, 'Here today, gone tomorrow'. It was inscribed by Hans Krauwinckel II. There is a small rose orb design on the reverse.



### Pot Mend

This is used to fix a vessel that has a hole or break. The metal is lead. It is dated by the team in Norwich as between 1100 AD and 1400 AD. What makes this special is that there is an engraving on the outer face of the mend - a few lines and perhaps a signature. This is also a Hempstead find.

Sharon Hannah

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## Mike Strong's Recipe of the Month

From *Recipes from the Baconsthorpe Newsletter* published in the year 2000

Illustrated by Yvonne Law

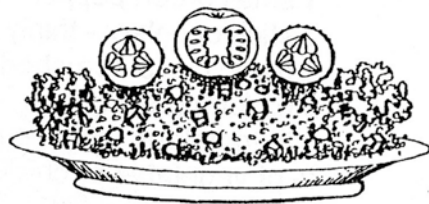
Mike Strong is currently in New Zealand

### TABBOULEH

This is a Lebanese dish of bulgar wheat, really delicious for a summer evening, inexpensive and easy to prepare.

Serves 6

7 oz bulgar wheat  
1 tsp salt  
12 fl oz boiling water



#### For the dressing

2 fl oz olive oil  
2 fl oz lemon juice  
2 tablespoons of fresh mint - finely chopped  
2 cloves of garlic - crushed  
6 tablespoons of fresh parsley - finely chopped

1 lb tomatoes - chopped  
½ cucumber - small dice

#### Method

1. Mix the bulgar wheat with the salt, pour over the boiling water and leave to soak 15 - 20 minutes
2. Mix the dressing ingredients together (without the tomato and cucumber). Combine with the now swollen bulgar wheat. (If possible leave overnight, as this will enhance the flavours) Place in a refrigerator or cool place.
3. Fold in the tomato and cucumber.

This is lovely served with natural yoghurt as a side dish with barbecue foods.



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## Meet the Neighbours - Jan Brookes-Bullen



Jan Brookes-Bullen is one of the most cheerful women I've ever met. Which is not surprising when you realise that she is House and Collections Manager at Blickling Hall where she works in the west wing from an office cluttered with piles of books on glass and interior design. It overlooks the west garden and there is a distant view of the lake. When on night duty, she has the use of an upstairs flat and can sit in the bath and look at the swans. Working under Blickling's general manager, Jan, who lives in Edgefield with her husband David, is responsible for the entire care and safety of the hall, especially the collection but also dealing with complaints and staff training. She is accompanied everywhere by Charlie, her yellow Labrador, who is a great friend of Blickling's volunteers.

Jan rose through the ranks. She trained as a secretary in Grantham, worked as a dental nurse, travelled with her first husband in France, Switzerland and Germany, brought up two boys, now 30 and 37, and once she'd done the 'mummy thing' became a volunteer at Belton House, the National Trust property in Lincolnshire. She went on to read for a new degree focusing on the conservation of cultural heritage. She then worked at Kelham Hall and Southwell Workhouse before moving to Blickling, initially for a year's maternity cover.

Ten years later she says - and it is so obvious as she walks the hall - that she is now enjoying the fruits of her passions and desires.

One of her big successes has been the development of the volunteer teams. Altogether there are an amazing 450 volunteers, including 200 who work in 18 different teams in the house, concentrating, for instance, on the library, the collection or tours. Another has been in developing the house and the collection. Extra rooms have been opened, including those used by the Marquess of Lothian, who bequeathed Blickling to the Trust, and yet another the presentation of the collection to the media.

When she is back in 'so welcoming' Edgefield, Jan enjoys gardening and reading, but would love to start horse riding again.

Brian MacArthur