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May 2016



Hempstead Church

by Jann Visconti

Nature Watch - The Hedgehog



One morning, during early March, I decided to do a little tidying-up in my garden. Noticing a pile of rotting leaves that lay trapped between a red-hot poker plant and the garden wall, I set about trying to remove them. Imagine my surprise when on removing the last few leaves, I discovered a hibernating hedgehog. Although I have been lucky enough to see hedgehogs in my garden on numerous occasions in the past, I have never

come across one hibernating before. Not wishing to disturb it from its long winter slumber, I quickly covered it up again. All the leaves were absolutely sodden, so I decided to place a small plastic carrier-bag over the top in the hope that its bedding would soon dry out. From what I could see of the hedgehog, for it lay half buried in the soil, it appeared to be quite small, and I took it to be one of last year's young. Hopefully it will survive its hibernation, for I look forward to watching it trundling across my lawn in the coming summer evenings.

Hedgehogs have a surprisingly varied diet. Of course we all know that they are the gardener's friend, eating slugs, worms and other harmful insects, but they will also eat frogs and toads, birds' eggs, carrion, various berries and even mushrooms.

In common with most British wildlife, their numbers are gradually declining. No doubt their biggest threat is from the increasing road traffic, for one often sees them squashed by the roadside. Another threat comes from the use of slug-pellets in the garden. This poison builds up over time in their bodies and they die a slow lingering death. Although they are good swimmers, they have often been known to drown in garden ponds, especially if the pond is steep-sided and they have no way of climbing out.

Hedgehogs roam over quite a large area each night, so please make sure you leave a small gap, either in or under your garden fence if you wish to see this delightful creature bumbling along on his nightly patrol.

March 29th. Good news! On checking on the hedgehog for the first time this morning, I was delighted to find that he had woken from his hibernation.

David Braithwaite



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What's On

MAY

Mon 2	11.00am	Itteringham May Fayre	Playing Field
Wed 4	7.00pm	Hempstead Parish Council AGM	Village Hall
Thur 5	6.30am	Polling Day	Village Halls
Thur 12	7.30pm	Baconsthorpe Village Hall Committee Meeting	Village Hall
Fri 13	10.30am	Hempstead Coffee & Gossip	Village Hall
Fri 13	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Jumble Sale	Village Hall
Fri 13	7.00pm	Edgefield Film Night: TBA	Village Hall
Fri 13	7.00pm	Matlaske Quiz Night	The Old Stables, Barningham Hall
Mon 16	7.00pm	Baconsthorpe Parish Council AGM	Village Hall
Mon 16	7.00pm	Plumstead Annual Parish Meeting	Plumstead Church
Wed 18	2.00pm	Corpusty LinC - An Intro to Clay Modelling	Village Hall
Wed 18	7.30pm	Hempstead Film Club	Village Hall
Thur 19	10.00am	Corpusty Art Group	Village Hall
Thur 19	3.30pm	Corpusty Families Together	Village Hall
Thur 19	7.00pm	Corpusty Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Sat 21	7.00pm	Hempstead May Feast	Village Hall
Fri 27	6.00pm	Baconsthorpe Pop-Up Pub	Village Hall

JUNE

Sun 5	12.00noon	Itteringham Open Garden Day	Throughout the village
Tue 7	10.00am	Plumstead Coffee in the Church	Plumstead Church
		Continues Wed 8 and Thur 9 until noon each day	
Sat 11	5.00pm	Plumstead Queen's 90th Birthday BBQ	Plumstead Church
Sun 19	12.00noon	Hempstead Charity Venda Lunch	Village Hall
Sat 25	2.00pm	Baconsthorpe School 200th Birthday Fete + BBQ	Village Hall
Sat 25	6.00pm	Baconsthorpe Pop-Up Pub	Village Hall

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

Corpusty Village Hall

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

Edgefield Village Hall

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

Hempstead Village Hall

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

Mobile Library Van

12 May / 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

26 May / 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

11 May / 8 June / 6 July / 3 Aug

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

Post Offices

Baconsthorpe Village Hall

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

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All services including Euros	

Itteringham Village Shop

	587325
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Holt Library

	712202
9 Church Street, Holt NR25 6BB	
Mon Wed Sat 9.30am-1.00pm	
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Reflection from the Rectory



The winter is well and truly gone, the spring is firmly here and work for the coming summer is in all our diaries. Many of our church family are in full fund-raising swing. Whether it is making cakes or scones and jam, preparing gardens to be opened and plants to be sold, or working hard on the planning, organising and advertising of the many events to be found in our benefice this summer. Of course all this work is extra to the day-to-day running of our lives. Add to that the many family commitments we

all have, and life is hectic. Time to stop and take a moment or two for ourselves can so easily be lost in the rush.

For many Christians, and especially clergy, a time of prayer first thing in the morning, not only follows the pattern of prayer given to us in the example of Jesus, but makes such a difference to our busy lives. With time and continuity, this practise of centring ourselves each day helps with our focus on the day ahead and gives us the energy we need to accomplish our work. To my mind the poem below sums this up very well.

The Difference

Grace L Naessens

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish, I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me and grew heavier with each task;
Why doesn't God help me, I wondered; He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me - He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock;
God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

And why all this hard work? Just to raise funds? No. To reach out to our friends, our neighbours and our fellow villagers. Offering our time and gifts in fellowship and joy. So, please do come and enjoy our offerings. Who knows, you may find old friends and make new friends joining in the FUN!

There is to be a Church come and share picnic at Baconsthorpe Castle on 17th June starting at 6.30pm. Do come and join in the fun.

Please can anyone give me contact details for James Samuel who used to live in Hempstead? Many thanks.

Rev Marion Harrison

Lent Appeal 2016

Many thanks to those who generously supported this appeal. £285 has been raised locally which, will used to bring much needed support to Christ the King School, Orobada, Papua New Guinea.

Brian and Eleanor Faulkner

Church Services for May

Midweek Service Wednesdays 9.00am Saxthorpe

1st Easter 6 Ezek 37:1-14 / Acts 16:9-15 / John 5:1-9

9.00	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Little Barningham
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Baconsthorpe
10.45	Matins	Hempstead
11.00	Family Service	Wickmere

8th Easter 7 Ezek 36:24-28 / Acts 16:16-34 / John 17:20-end

9.00	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Itteringham
9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Plumstead
10.30	Community Sunday	Little Barningham
10.45	Matins	Barningham Winter
11.00	Morning Praise	Saxthorpe
11.00	Holy Communion <i>CWTL</i>	Edgefield

15th Pentecost Gen 11:1-9 / Acts 2:1-21 / John 14:8-17(25-27)

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

22nd Trinity Sunday Prov 8:1-4,22-31 / Romans 5:1-5 / John 16:12-15

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

29th Trinity 1 1 Kings 8:22-23,41-43 / Galatians 1:1-12 / Luke 7:1-10

9.15	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Barningham Winter
10.30	Benefice Rogation Service	Walpole Arms
		Itteringham

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



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Fri 13 7.00pm **Jumble Sale** - Village Hall
Mon 16 7.00pm **Parish Council AGM** - Village Hall
Fri 27 6.00pm **Pop-Up Pub** - Village Hall

200 Club

£25 Richard Pepper, £10 Peter Cope, £5 Derek England, Pat Abbs

Village Hall News

At the Village Hall AGM on Thursday the 7th of July the Chairman Secretary and Treasurer are standing down from the Committee. We hope some people will come along to take on these posts because if no one takes on these positions, the hall will have to close with effect immediately at that meeting as it cannot operate without them. If anyone wishing to take on these positions could come to our next meeting on Thursday the 12th May at 7.30pm they can see what is involved. We have given you plenty of time to take on the responsibility of running your village hall; the Charity Commission will not allow the hall to operate without a full committee of trustees. We hope to see many of you at the AGM.

We had a well supported evening of fun and laughter and squit with Pat Nearney and Danny. It was lovely to see the hall so full, and £234 was made to continue the upkeep of your hall.

We hope to see a good crowd for our Evening Jumble Sale on Friday 13th May at 7pm. We have a lovely selection of clothes, bric-a-brac and books, refreshments on sale and there will be a raffle.

Pop-Up Pub

Thank you to Karen, Tom and Isabelle for the delicious fish pie in March. The profits from these successful evenings have allowed for a dog waste bin to be purchased that will be situated at the crossing of Long Lane and School Lane. This bin is being donated to the Parish Council following reports from villagers about dog waste being left on Long Lane. The Pop-Up Pub is also donating an oak tree to be planted on the playground in recognition of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday. The next Pop-Up Pub is on Friday 24th June when the Proper Pizza Company will be serving pizza from 6.30pm.

Guinness World Record

Many congratulations to Paul Thompson who has been awarded a Guinness World Record for the Longest Journey by Milk Float. Paul spent over three months travelling from Baconsthorpe to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in his milk float which has a top speed of 15mph!



Church Stall

The church stall is the church's main source of income with all the plants and produce provided by just three of us. It is therefore very sad to have to report that over the past month it has suffered a large amount of theft, mainly plants, but jams as well. Whoever is committing this theft will probably not read this but to steal from the church is shabby, poor behaviour.



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Barningham Winter

Our very best wishes and huge congratulations go to Jody Radley daughter of Mr and Mrs David Radley of Garibaldi Cottage, Barningham who got married to Richard McKenzie on the 7th April at Chaucer Barn, Gresham. They are just back home after a honeymoon in New York. We wish them every happiness.



Sara Buxton
577207

Congratulations to Steve and Julie Reynolds of Courtyard Cottage, Barningham Hall who have a new darling little granddaughter Harriet who was born on the 17th February, a sister to Oliver and Elliott.

Ollie Legge from Wells Farm Cottage flew out to the Falklands at the end of March where he joined the British Antarctic Survey's research ship, James Clark Ross. During April he and other scientists are in the Southern Ocean gathering vital information that will help us to understand more about global climate change. The Southern Ocean is a key player in the global system as it's the only place on earth where the ocean circles the entire globe, and it forms a connection between the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans. Ollie is an oceanographer currently doing a PhD at the UEA and this is his second trip to Antarctica and the Southern Ocean.

Welcome to Daisy Bulwer-Long who has moved into Number 4, Wells Farm Cottage. We do hope she will be happy in her new home.

Edgefield

Church News

Bebe Mason writes: "I would like to thank all my friends and neighbours for all the lovely cards, letters and phone calls and offers of help following the loss of John in February. Thank you to you all for attending his service at St Faith's; we couldn't believe how many people were there. Thanks to Peter Taylor Funeral Services at Holt and Rev Stephen Gregory for being so kind and helpful to make everything go so smoothly. Finally, John's collection for Big C and Epilepsy Action stands at £790.20 at the moment."



Richard Peaver
587486

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

Village Hall News

A reminder that on 2nd July at 6.00pm 'Edgefest' will take place on the Village Green. With music from Norwich band 'Hard Rain', a hog roast from Graves, plus a licensed bar, it will be an evening not to miss. Tickets are now available at £10 per head, available from any committee member. Contact details are on the Village Hall notice board.

Jim Frost

Hempstead

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Fri 13	10.30am	Coffee & Gossip - Village Hall
Wed 18	7.30pm	Film Club - Village Hall
Sat 21	7.00pm	May Feast - Village Hal

200 Club

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A date for your diary: June 19th, Charity Venda Lunch. As usual, representatives of the charity will be with us. Don't forget to use your vote in the election for police commissioner 5th May: Village Hall polling station open 6.30am-10pm.

Sadly we report the news that Dave Smith has passed away, with lots of villagers remembering him fondly for helping out with gardening matters and a kind neighbourly attitude that will sorely be missed by many. Our sincere condolences to his wife Jean and family.

Congratulations to Mick and Glenda Gurney from chapel lane who have become grandparents for the first time, proud grandparents to little Bertie.

Paint a Picture of the Queen

All children are invited to draw or paint a portrait of the Queen for display in the church any children participating will be rewarded for their efforts at our next children's event in June.

A Night to Remember

Jazz lovers met in Hempstead Village Hall on 17th April. Cyan Traces Quintet engaged an appreciative audience with their subtle arrangements of classical jazz numbers with solo slots from all members of the band - fronted by the melodic tones of Holly Graham on vocals. The concert was held in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance and raised the impressive sum of £330. Thanks to all who attended and, especially, Su and Ian Summers and their helpers for organising the entire event.

Hempstead Easter Egg Hunt

Outside the wind blew a gale and the rain lashed down, but inside the church it was a hive of activity! The Easter Egg Hunt had come indoors and the children were exploring every nook and cranny for chocolate eggs. The children's craft table was always busy with Sharon and Marianne in charge, so every child of the 16 who attended went away with a bag of eggs and the items they had made. Meanwhile, mums and dads, grannies and grand-dads, and the wonderful friends from the village and further afield enjoyed coffee or tea, freshly brewed, and an amazing choice of cakes. The prize for the most intrepid goes to Brian and Eleanor Faulkner who walked from Plumstead and back, through the storm! Thank you to all who supported us. Although it was not primarily a fund raising effort, we did raise £117 from the refreshments and book stall. A special thank-you to Marianne Scarfe who initiated the Egg Hunt and all those who helped with refreshments. We will be organising another children's activity day in the summer holidays and hope that we will be welcoming all these children back, and more!

EDP Award

We were awarded £300 from the EDP community fund for the children's event later this year... watch this space! Thank you to all who collected the EDP vouchers. Please continue to collect them as the Village Hall now have plans to apply!



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Itteringham

Mon 2 11.00am **May Day Fayre** - Playing Field

MAYDAY! MAYDAY! MAYDAY!

Don't panic. Don't panic.
FAYRE! FAYRE! FAYRE!



Eric Goodman
587278



Phew! Yes. It's that time again. Actually on Monday 2nd May at 11.00am. The first great event of the year. At Itteringham Playing Field and Community Hall. Lunch and teas. Cake stall. Bizarre assortment of stands offering the most entertaining and irresistible bric-a-brac. Bouncy castle. Fresh, local ice cream. Last year was a record. Bring friends and relations, family and acquaintance and catch up with all the parish's news and gossip. It will be a bumper Monday once more!

The Easter Service at St Marys' had something of the sixteenth or seventeenth centuries about it. There were twenty-eight small people filling the pews and another similar number of not-so-small ones minding them, and of course our Vicar as commanding host together with her supporter, Gill Peat. Your writer found the occasion both charming and somehow very relevant in a kind of timeless way. The egg hunt that followed was so successful that even he took away an egg or two.

The Village Shop is seeking a Post Master or Mistress. Is there anyone out there who might be willing to give it their time? Only two mornings a week. This is a paid position. Enquire at your Village Shop on 01263 587325

Our great majesty, Queen Elizabeth, has just turned 90 years. HURRAH. HURRAH. HURRAH. Longer may she reign over us, in comfort and in good health. We must celebrate. On a chosen day in June, not yet determined, will be held an evening supper to which all of the parish is invited. Details will be revealed in the June issue of this paper. Not to be missed.

Backs have been creaking and cracking, sods have been turned, weeds have been wrestled from the earth, steps have been scrubbed, the air has changed colour but as this correspondent indicated last year, the 'Chelsea lot' will be mingling incognito amongst the regular visitors seeking inspiration for their own small annual event whilst Itteringham shall once more enjoy the oohs and aahs of countless admirers trekking from garden to pretty garden at our OPEN GARDEN DAY ON SUNDAY 5th JUNE from around midday onwards – this year elevated to National status (see National Open Gardens Scheme) which should attract a milieu of fresh faces to our lovely village.

Please note: this is not the Itteringham Gardens Open Day of history raising funds for your Village Shop. The gate money goes to The National Gardens Scheme Charities.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN! GOD SAVE THE QUEEN! GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Little Barningham

Sun 8 10.30am **Community Sunday** - Village Hall
Sat 14 7.00pm **Quiz & Chips Night** - Village Hall

Very little to report this month as things in the village have been very quiet. The Annual Vestry Meeting has taken place, and all the official posts were filled by the present incumbents. This was followed by a PCC meeting. Later in the month the Annual General Meeting for the Village Hall was held, followed by a committee meeting. Officers were elected for the coming year. Future events were discussed, as listed below:

Friday 1st July Pub Night

Sat 16th July Strawberry Teas at Church Farm House

Saturday 6th August Village Barbecue at Laurel Farm

We had our St George's Day Luncheon on the 24th April, enjoying roast beef and all the traditional accompaniments followed by delicious desserts as well as coffee and tea.

Little Barningham Toad Patrol 2016

This year the Toad Patrol moved 804 toads from the lane and counted 58 fatalities. Migration was sporadic and numbers are 300 down on last year. After a false start on Jan 25, the next few weeks of cold, dry conditions meant that toads didn't move again until late March and finished on April 13. Newt numbers are up on last year which is also a tribute to our newt spotting skills!

Roger, Sue, Martin and I welcomed the help of Sharon Buchan and daughters from Wickmere and Tim and Beth Goodwin from Corpusty this year. Anne-Marie, Richard and James joined us too from Little Barningham. Everyone felt that this is a worthwhile way to spend an hour or two a week in the evening to help to sustain our local toad population. Thanks too to all at Green Farm for letting us deliver our bucketfuls directly to the pond.

The important contribution of Norfolk Toad Patrols in helping to preserve this endangered species can be seen at <http://www.toadwatch.org.uk/> New volunteers are always welcome! Contact cleanorburton@totalise.co.uk or phone 01263 577720.

If you wouldn't dream of buying a religious book, I have found one you might find interesting. It has the intriguing title of *How to be a Bad Christian but a Better Human Being* by Dave Tomlinson. A comment on the back cover is how to read the bible without turning off your brain. If you would like to borrow the book I have a spare copy, give me a ring.



Derek Wintle
570097

Matlaske

Fri 13 7.00pm **Quiz Night** - Barningham Hall

100 Club

£25 Jim Shepherd £10 Maurice De Bunsen £5 Wendy Riches

Many thanks from the editor and all of us to Florence Hunt, who has retired as village correspondent. 90th Birthday wishes go to Vera Norman. A belated welcome to Ian and Wendy who have moved into No 2, The Green, and a welcome to Vicci and family who have just moved into Surrey Cottage. We hope they all will be happy in Matlaske.

Thomas Edward Norman, 'Ted', passed away on 27th March, 2016 at Kelling Hospital. He had been seriously ill for some time. Ted and his wife Vera and son Jeremy came to Matlaske in 1961, when they bought the General Stores and Post Office in the village. He was soon known well in the local villages through delivering weekly groceries. He enjoyed playing bowls with Matlaske bowls club and also arranged 'Local Hops' in the village hall, with himself playing drums, and Cliff Reynolds playing piano. He was one of the first members of Holt Rugby Football club. His greatest enjoyment though was fishing. He was a long-standing member of Aylsham Fishing Club, and he regularly fished the Broadland rivers, the River Wensum and up until relatively recently, local lakes. Ted had been disabled for some time, but enjoyed days out with friends, and also, when he could attend, the Matlaske Village Fete. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

St Peter's Church

The repairs to the north roof of St Peter's Church, Matlaske are due to be completed by the middle of May. Our next service should be May 15th. All will be shipshape for a very special wedding in June. Our church dates from Saxon times (AD 900s) and of course has a rare round tower built at the same time. We are grateful for the grants received which means that the entire roof and therefore the building itself is in good order for several more years. WR



Matlaske Parish Council Needs Your Help

The Parish Council is desperately short of funds to carry out small local projects on your behalf. One of the ways in which we ask you to help raise funds is by placing all of your glass and bottles together with papers and magazines (no cardboard) in the recycling bins situated at the east entrance to Matlaske Airfield. Whilst we do understand that it is easier to use your local collection for this recycling, it will really benefit the Parish as a whole if you would kindly use these.

Quiz Night - Friday 13th May

Why not come and join us for a bit of fun with old friends and new? Any donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated please to Marion 577521 or Cherry 577827. Look out for the posters.

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Plumstead

Mon 16 7.00pm **Annual Parish Meeting** - Plumstead Church
Mon 16 7.15pm **Annual Parish Council Meeting** - Plumstead Church

It is the best of English spring days today and as I am writing this. I was lucky enough to see a pair of swallows returning to our barn to nest. I've still to hear the cuckoo though I hear from others it has returned. Spring is truly sprung!



Mary Lintott
577718

Crane Story

Buildings always need repairing and our church roof is no exception. Fortunately there are funding bodies we can apply to but they require us to raise money as a community. You will hear more of this as the year progresses! The first event took place on Tuesday 12th April. Forty of us came together to hear Chris Durdin's wonderful illustrated talk about the return of the Cranes to Norfolk. It was truly uplifting to hear how these graceful birds have made a gradual comeback over the past 40 years to the place where they were last seen some 400 years ago, and gain insight into the patient observation of those who witnessed and protected them in the early days. The church's repair fund benefited by £343 and we thank all those who came, helped and enjoyed a thoroughly good evening.



As if listening to the Crane Story was not enough of a treat that evening we also celebrated John Durdin 90th birthday with a cake and a glass of vino. He has lived in Plumstead since the early 70s and we heard about how much he has given to the community over the years, ranging from Rotary and the Masons to being a Church Warden for nearly 30 years. Not to be forgotten is his beautiful garden which he still lovingly nurtures.

Plumstead Church - Come and see the flowers

The Church on 4th June will host a less common event these days - a village wedding. The family have kindly agreed to leave the flowers to be enjoyed by us all. So come for coffee and cake on June 7-9 10am - 12noon. There will be a plant and cake stall in aid of our Church Roof Repair Fund.

A New Addition

Some years ago our community had very few young children but things change as they do and a new addition to the thriving throng of youngsters means the village will continue to flourish. Welcome to Ida White born on March 23rd, a daughter to proud parents Christian and Rachel and sister to even more proud brothers Aidan, Alex and Bailey. She is the sweetest baby as the photo testifies!



Queen's 90th Birthday BBQ June 11th 5pm

You should all have received your invites to this. Please make sure you give your money and form to Steve and Carolyn at Acorn Cottage by May 15th. We shall need helpers - if anyone is interested please email Mary.

The Parish Council are still looking for volunteers to help with the Speedwatch Scheme. Please contact Carolyn Price, Parish Clerk.

Finally, do visit the Wildflower Meadow: the cowslips are glorious again this year.

Saxthorpe with Corpusty

- Wed 18 2.00pm **LinC - An Intro to Clay Modelling** - Village Hall
Thur 19 10.00am **Art Group** - Village Hall
Thur 19 3.30pm **Families Together** - Village Hall
Thur 19 7.00pm **Village Hall AGM** - Village Hall

Please also see Regular Events page 5



Judith Banks
587319



A sensitive service for Betty Page at St Faith's Crematorium on 31st March was taken by Rev'd Marion Harrison, which combined sadness at the passing of Betty but happiness in the memories recalled in the eulogy. Betty's teaching and sewing skills were remembered. Also her travels with Lesley in their caravan through Great Britain, followed by visits to more distance places, including Australia twice in one year. They travelled to most parts of Europe as well as China and India, which is why these words from one of Betty's chosen hymns sum her up succinctly:

'I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun'; and 'in that Light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done'.

It is with sincere regret that the passing of John Sanderson, suddenly last November, was not recorded earlier in the newsletter. John had been a long standing and active member of the community, including being secretary of the village hall committee and parish councillor. The large gathering at his funeral showed that he had been very well thought of. Sincere apologies to his widow, Sally.

It was with much sadness that the news of Vic Palmer's death was announced. Sincere condolences to Rosemary and her family. Also, it is sad to report that Miss Hannah Williamson of Post Office Lane died in early April. May she rest in peace.

Eleven LinC members and visitors enjoyed a blustery afternoon at Cley Marshes. Sightings included a magnificent starling murmuration, and a hovering Marsh Harrier.

Congratulations to Liz and David Potter for becoming grandparents for the first time.

Families Together celebrated their 5th Birthday on 21st April, when a happy time was had by all.

Frederick High, 90, of 4, The Street, Little London, one of the original families of the two villages, has moved to sheltered housing in Holt. Fred's knowledge of everything to do with the villages was legendary; ask him and he would know. We wish him well in his new home.

Don't forget the Village Hall AGM on 19th May at 7.00pm.

Corpusty & Saxthorpe Art Group now have the services of a professional art tutor on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Non-members £10 for each 2 hour session. First session 19th May.

Parish Council Notice

At the March Parish Council meeting dog fouling on the new children's play area was discussed. Many villagers have complained about this and there is a health hazard to children and adults. The offending dogs appear to be let out to foul on the green without their keepers being present. We ask members of the public to take photos of these dogs if they are in the area, so that we can identify the owners and take appropriate action. It is an offense to let your dog foul on a public area without clearing up the mess.

Suffolk Field Hedge Renovation Project – We've Done It!

On the Saturday before Easter we planted all of the 1050 mixed species hedge plants - the final one went in at about 5pm!

We have now spent five Saturday mornings, one Saturday full day, and several evenings converting the wild, rotted, unstable and unsightly incomplete boundary with the beginnings of a new, mixed species hedge which will provide everyone with a pleasant pathway, complete with clearly marked gaps to allow access to and from the field, and abounding with wildlife and birdlife.

This is only the start – the next step is to shred/chip all the old useless scrub that was removed before planting could start, and we are aiming to complete this in the next couple of weeks. The woodchips will be used to cover the path, thus preventing it from becoming a muddy overgrown passageway



that it used to be, in addition to providing better grip when descending to, or ascending from, Horseshoe Lane.

It is thanks to a small group of volunteers who have worked nearly every weekend that we have succeeded with this important project so many thanks are due to all who helped make it a success.

In view of all the hard work put into this, I trust that everyone who uses the path will take great care not to disturb the plants and use only the clearly marked gaps for access to and from the field.

We'll be updating everyone on progress as the hedge takes shape, so watch this space.

Thanks for your help and understanding

We have already had good feedback on the re-decoration of the cafeteria area in the Village Hall, and have started an ongoing improvement programme concerning many other aspects which we hope will benefit more and more users in the future – we also have plans to renovate the platform and woodland area beside the old station building, so once again we would love to hear from anyone who can offer their services/help for a time on Saturday mornings. Once we know how many people can help, we will finalise our plans.

If you would like to help in any way at all with any of these projects - even for just an hour, please email me at dpal@easynet.co.uk or call/text me on 07900 695 645

David Potter

Saxthorpe & Corpusty Village Hall Committee

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Fri 22 7.00pm **Social Evening** - Village Hall

Sat 30 10.00am **Plant Sale** - Village Hall



Helen Gouly
570043

I cannot believe we are in MAY! The fields are looking full of colour. We are still waiting for the village barometer to don his shorts that will herald the onset of good weather. It has been great to hear the chug-chug of the Fergie and to see Vic behind the controls, and we look forward to seeing this more often now.

Quiz & Chips night was held on Friday 18th, and was well attended. Well done to Richard for setting the quiz. It was also an opportunity for those present to say a fond farewell to Gill and Dom, who were leaving to start their new life on the Isle of Wight.

Welcome to Louise and Ted, who are taking over the reins at Church Farm Barns. We wish them good luck in their new venture, and hope they enjoy living in our lovely village.



On 20th March the Palm Sunday service was well attended. The weather was kind. Many thanks to Marion for leading a wonderful service, ably assisted by Gill, Michael and Brian. The readings and communion all led to it being a very moving service. A BIG thank you to Philida for leading a well behaved pony, (once again, no bucket required inside the church!) and well done to Jemima for riding so well. Wishing her a speedy recovery after her visit to Great Ormond St, hoping she will soon be back on horseback with her family.

Sending Paddy many get well wishes, hoping she makes a full recovery very soon.

Many thanks to Richard and Terry for laying the grass mats at the Village Hall. These will help withstand the use of cars parking when the hall is in use.

May birthdays are: Miss Lucy Janet who will be ONE on 4th (Star Wars day), and Edward who will be 16 on 15th. Many happy returns to both of them.

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See page 24 for solution

Heydon Hall & Village Open Gardens Day

Between 2.00 and 5.00pm on Sunday 19 June 2016, the gardens of Heydon Hall, The Grange, The Old Rectory, The Old Cottage, Poppyland and others will be open to visitors, and there will be a display by North Norfolk Classic Vehicle Club, entertainment by Holt Ridge Morris Dancers, a plant stall and refreshments on the village green.

Admission to the Heydon Hall gardens costs £3 per person, and entry to the Heydon village gardens costs an additional £3 per person – however, there is no admission charge for children 14 years and under. Car parking is also free. Dogs on leads are welcome in Heydon Hall park.

Admission tickets can be purchased on the day at the main gates to Heydon Hall and on Heydon village green.

Proceeds to help fund the restoration of the historic organ in St Peter and St Paul church.

Roman Coin

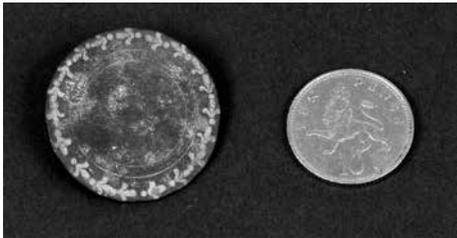


Found in Hempstead: a copper alloy coin minted in Trier (modern day Germany) of the Emperor Flavius Valerius Constantinus, c. 300-305 AD.

Emperor Constantine was the first Christian Roman Emperor.

The coin has been recorded by the team at Norwich castle museum.

Cloak Button



This item is quite large compared to a standard button size (it is about the size of a ten pence piece) The date is uncertain but is probably c.1700-1800. The button itself is beautiful with fleur de lis pattern surrounding the edge and is my most favourite button I have found to date. (My button collection finds are around 75!). This was found within one metre of the Roman coin above.

Sharon Hannah

Wordsearch solution from page 23

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Our own land meanwhile, under the gentle rule of a sceptre swayed by the hand of a woman, has known none of these evils, and has been affected by them only from a distance.

Who shall estimate the value of this peaceful state, and who shall worthily set forth the thanks we owe as a whole nation, Queen and subjects alike, to Him Who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, by Whom alone Kings and Queens reign and Princes decree justice, for our exemption from those trials and anxieties which have come upon the rulers and people of other lands, and how gladly ought we, all alike, from the Queen upon her throne to the meanest of her subjects, on this most auspicious occasion, to offer thanks and praise to Him Who, by His watchful providence over all, has granted us this present happy consummation of a long and glorious reign.

God save the Queen! long may He preserve her, and may He still be pleased to grant us peace in our time, and may He also grant to Queen and nation the blessing of handing on to those that come after those great advantages we have so long and so happily enjoyed, for which we thank God humbly and heartily. G. M. J.

Baconsthorpe.

—ENTERTAINMENT.—On Tuesday, May 10th, a very successful entertainment was given in the School by the School Children. A capital idea, the suggestion of which we owe to Miss Price. Every piece was so well done that we cannot particularise, though no doubt the song of the evening was "Darby and Joan," sung by Emma Hazlewood and Henry Skillings, dressed in character. "Birdie's Ball" too was charming; the little Woodpecker (Edith Burton) being specially appreciated. Since Miss Price has been with us there can be no doubt that the children have wonderfully improved in singing as well as in other attainments, and the success of the concert must have been very gratifying. The Fairy Play at the end of the programme was very simple and pretty. The entertainment was repeated the next evening to a crowded house, and during the interval the prizes were given to those children who had passed in all three subjects and to those who had made over 400 attendances. The total amount taken was £4 8s. 6d.; after deducting expenses the remainder (£3) has been added to the School Funds. The following is the programme:—

PART I.

- Pianoforte Duet—"Boccaccio"—Mrs. H. Upcher and Miss Fielder
- Song—"Some Folks"—Children
- Character Song—"Darby and Joan"—E. Hazlewood and H. Skillings
- Character Song—"Birdie's Ball"—Little Ones
- Round—"Strawberries"—Children
- Pianoforte Solo—"Beatrice Gavotte"—Miss P. Fielder
- Song—"The Fox and the Grapes"—M. Middleton and E. Riseborough

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CREAMED FRESH ASPARAGUS SOUP WITH LEMON CIABBATA BREAD

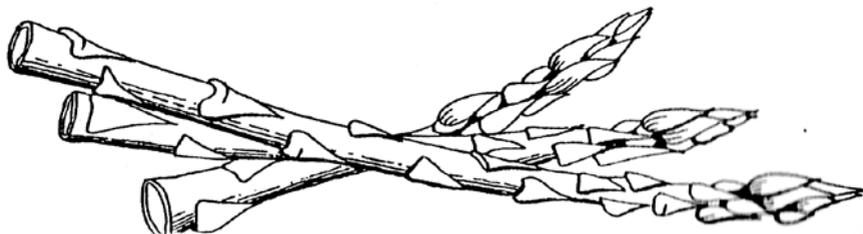
A delicious, economical way of using seasonal asparagus

1½lb asparagus
2 onions - sliced
1 oz butter
2½ pts vegetable stock
5 fl oz single cream
salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 whole ciabatta loaf (sliced)
1 lemon
3 oz butter - soft

Serves 6

Method

1. Cut the tender tips of the asparagus and simmer in a little boiling water for four minutes. Drain and set aside for garnishing.
2. Cut up the stalks into even sized bits.
3. Fry the onion in the 1 oz of butter in a covered pan for five minutes without browning. Then add the asparagus and cook for a further five - ten minutes till soft.
4. Stir in the stock and simmer for thirty minutes until the asparagus and onion are very tender.
5. Liquidise the soup, add the cream, season to taste and garnish with the reheated asparagus tips, and perhaps a swirl of cream.
6. For the bread, finely grate the lemon zest and mix with the butter, now spread onto the bread slices, heat in the oven/aga (like garlic bread) and serve alongside the soup.



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Meet the Neighbours - Paddy Seligman



OBE, JP, DL - the letters after her name tell only a fraction of what Paddy Seligman does for good causes. JP because she was a magistrate in London and Norfolk for 31 years, only retiring in 2011; DL because she has been a Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk since 2003 and, among the other duties of the post assisting the Lord-Lieutenant, taken charge during visits to Norfolk by the Princess Royal and Prince Andrew; OBE in recognition of so much voluntary work and public service. Yet as she approaches 75 Mrs Seligman, who lives in Wolterton with her husband Anthony and black labrador Tipple, is still working as hard as ever.

She is a Mental Health Hospital Manager at the secure hospitals at Cawston Park, Huntercombe and Mundesley, where she helps to decide whether mental health patients who don't wish to be detained should be discharged. She was a visitor at four prisons. She is chairman of the Ecumenical Criminal Justice Forum, a network set up by the Bishop of Lynn to engage with criminal justice issues from a Christian perspective. She is a lay canon of Norwich Cathedral, where she enjoys meeting newly ordained priests, and is on the PCC at Wolterton. She is an ambassador for the Girl Guides.

Her main activity now is as chairman of the Eastern Daily Press We Care 2000 Appeal set up in 1998. It has now raised nearly £2 million and the interest has allowed £750,000 to be given to help people caring for sick or disabled relatives - short respite breaks or a washing machine, for instance, or a laptop, hairdresser, bicycle or swimming pool membership. She finds it humbling when she talks to the carers - there are about 100,000 in Norfolk. They are heroic people with modest requests, she says. Applicants are referred by doctors or social workers. She is always happy to give talks to help raise funds.

If all this suggests a rather earnest, goody-goody person, nothing could be further from the truth. Mrs Seligman radiates good humour and our interview was punctuated by laughter - her favourite film is Mamma Mia. Google Paddy Seligman and all the pictures show her with a smile on her face. She even has time for a recreation: duplicate bridge.

Brian MacArthur