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Springtime in Hempstead

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What's On

APRIL

April 3	3.45 pm	Music in Hempstead	Village Hall
April 6		Baconsthorpe churchyard tidy day	
April 6	7pm	Corpusty Film Night – <i>One Life</i>	Village Hall
April 8	2–4pm	Hempstead Crafty Creations	Village Hall
April 13	2–4pm	Hempstead Crafty Creations – Poppy Making	Village Hall
April 18	10am–12.00	Hempstead Crafty Creations	Village Hall
April 26	6pm	Pop-up Pub	Baconsthorpe Village Hall
April 27	7pm for 7.30pm	Folk Concert	Edgefield Village Hall

Further afield

20 April	7 pm	Fakenham Choral Society Verdi <i>Requiem</i>	Fakenham Parish Church
27 April	4pm	Sheringham and Cromer Choral Society concert	St Peter's Church, Sheringham

Clash Diary

May 9	Hempstead Crafty Creations	July 20	Edgefield Disco + BBQ
May 9	Hempstead Village Hall AGM	Sept 22	The Samphires concert Edgefield church
May 25	Hempstead Crafty Creations		
June 12	Baconsthorpe Village Hall AGM	Oct 16	Baconsthorpe Murder Mystery
July 6	Hempstead Open Gardens	Nov 16	Baconsthorpe Craft Fair
July 7	Hempstead Open Gardens	Dec 6	Baconsthorpe Quiz Night
July 13	Baconsthorpe Fete		

Post Offices

Baconsthorpe Mobile Post Office Van

Wednesdays 10.45am – 11.30am Village Hall

Corpusty Stores 587726

Monday-Friday 9.00am – 12.00noon

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Monday + Thursday 9.00am-1.00pm

Local MP

Duncan Baker MP

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County Councillor

Steffan Aquarone

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Mobile Library Van

11 April

Matlaske	12:40	NR11 7AQ	Old Post Office
Plumstead	13:00	NR11 7LG	Walnut Farm
Baconsthorpe	14:30	NR25 6LJ	Council Bungalows
	14:55	NR25 6LE	Hare & Hounds
Hempstead	15:05	NR25 6TL	Telephone kiosk
Edgefield	15:45	NR24 2AL	The Memorial
	16:10	NR24 2AX	The Street
Corpusty	16:35	NR11 7BU	Great Farm Cottis

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Holt Library

9 Church Street, Holt NR25 6BB 712202

Tues 10am-7pm / Wed 2pm-7pm

Fri 10am-7pm / Sat 1pm-4pm

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Letter from the Rector–Reverend Canon David Longe

577252 / 07881 950294 / rector@matlaske.org.uk

Dear All,

What is hope?

During Lent, a group of us watched *The Old Oak* directed by Ken Loach, over 3 sessions of 30 mins, followed by a lively discussion. The film, as some may know, depicts a group of Syrian refugees arriving into a deprived mining town near Durham. They are met with hostility. Yet the publican, TJ, reaches out to them, making friends with Yara a young Syrian woman. He offers the back room for a meal for the community. The locals, many his friends, are furious as before he had refused their access to the room for an anti-immigrant meeting. They plot their revenge.



The Old Oak

We learn that TJ has been through difficulty – he was an alcoholic whose wife left him and had contemplated taking his own life, only to be rescued by a puppy whom he adores and then loses in devastating circumstances. As he grieves the loss of his dog, the Syrian family console him returning his friendship.

At one point TJ takes Yara to Durham Cathedral, they sit in the light and Yara speaks:

Such a beautiful place . . . makes me want to hope again. When they torture, when they target hospitals, when they murder doctors, when they use chlorine gas, when the world stands by and does nothing, that's when the regime lives. When the world does nothing. That's what they do to break us. It takes strength to hope, but they want to smash it.

It takes faith to hope.

Yet even knowing this, TJ falls into deep despair when disaster befalls the pub, and his friends taunt him. He has had enough. He has been betrayed.

On Good Friday Jesus cries from the cross: "My God my God why have you forsaken me". He has been betrayed, his friends have abandoned him and he is taunted. TJ's hope appears to be killed; he too feels forsaken.

Unexpectedly the film climaxes with an outpouring of compassion from all the community (contrasting their hostility at the beginning of the film) to Yara's family when they learn of her father's death in Syria. More than they realised, TJ and Yara's community meals have sown a sense of solidarity between the two cultures. The film concludes with a procession of the old miners' clubs in Durham to a blessing at the Cathedral, with TJ and a Syrian Refugee holding a banner depicting an Oak Tree with the words Strength, Solidarity and Resistance written in Arabic and English.

Had the communities found hope?

Good Friday cannot not be understood without Easter Day – the pain of Good Friday demonstrates Christ's solidarity with our own suffering, and his resurrection on Easter Day demonstrates that with God there is always hope: nothing is impossible. In the Old Oak, TJ found his Easter through unexpected kindness from strangers, it gave him hope when all seemed impossible.

May the hope of Easter inspire us to reach out with kindness and compassion to all we meet,

David



The Benefice of Matlaske Church Services for April

7th Apr	Easter II	
10.30am	Eucharist	Hempstead
14th	Easter III	
8:30am	Eucharist	Edgefield
10:30am	Eucharist	Matlaske
21st	Easter IV	
8:30am	Eucharist	Hempstead
10:30am	Eucharist	Plumstead
28th	Easter V	
8:30am	Eucharist	Matlaske
10:30am	Eucharist	Saxthorpe
4:00pm	Family Service	Edgefield
5th May	Rogation Sunday	
8:30am	Eucharist	Plumstead
10:30am	Eucharist	Barningham Winter
9th	Ascension Day	
9:00am	Eucharist	Matlaske
<p>Coffee, Plumstead Church, 10.30, every Monday Morning Coffee Cake and Chat: Saxthorpe Church, every Wednesdays 10-11am Children's Activity Morning Edgefield Church, Tuesday 9th April 10:30</p>		

Baptism and Confirmation

The Revd David Longe will be holding an informal chat over coffee for all those who are interested in confirmation and baptism at Plumstead Church on the 21st April after the 10:30 service. Come along and find out more and to see if this is for you. For more information contact either rector@matlaske.org.uk or administrator@matlaske.org.uk

The John Perry-Warnes Educational Fund exists to help those in education who reside in the Matlaske Benefice (the parishes of Baconsthorpe, Barningham Winter, Edgefield, Hempstead, Matlaske, Plumstead, and Saxthorpe with Corpusty). If you would like to apply for this fund, please submit an application, stating why the funds are required along with the cost of each item, and a description of your educational situation. Please can all submissions be emailed to rector@matlaske.org.uk, or posted to The Rectory, The Street, Matlaske, Norfolk NR11 7AQ by 1st June 2024

HELP WITH ENERGY AND HOUSEHOLD COSTS

If you know anyone who need help with their energy costs please contact
 Revd David Longe: 01263 577252
 rector@matlaske.org.uk

Cromer Food Bank can help with both food provisions and with household bills including pre-paid meters and meters paid on receipt of bills, gas, coal, oil and wood.

The Matlaske Benefice Support Fund can also help with the above and other issues that household may face.

Baconsthorpe

200 Club

£50 M Honeyman, £25 J Cooper, £10 H Steel

Church News

On Saturday March 16th at 11 30am, St Mary's church was filled to capacity for the memorial service for John Humphrey Robertson Carver. It was a lovely service for a man 'who lived well, laughed often and loved much'.



Hazel Martin
07879 414577

A Very Important Date for Your Diary

At Baconsthorpe Village fete, July 13th we are inviting everyone to take part in the Big Baconsthorpe Bake Off. So, plenty of time everyone to rifle through your favourite cookery books; gather your ingredients and plan the cake that will win the competition. Cakes will be judged on the day of the fete by a professional chef.

Your Feedback

Many thanks to all who completed our recent request for possible new events at the village hall. General consensus is suggesting a morning coffee and cake get together; an evening of wine and cheese tastings and a light hearted quiz and games night. Watch this space

Did You Know?

Did you know that in 1992 a tea room was opened in Baconsthorpe which became renowned worldwide. Margaret Bacon ran her tea room at Chestnut Farmhouse for twelve years winning a host of top honours including the accolade of best tea rooms in the country. For many it was a sad day when Margaret and her husband decided they wanted to slow down and give up working twelve hours a day. Many will perhaps remember taking tea and cake in one of the two parlours – Strawberry and Harebell.

Village Hall news

Pop Up Pub Friday 26 April, sausage & mash is on the menu, from 6.30pm, bar open from 6pm.

AGM We will hold the Village Hall AGM on 12 June at 18.00, all are welcome to attend.

Fete The annual Fete will be held at the village hall on Saturday 13 July from 2pm. We can always use more volunteers for this event, so if you are free to run a game or stall, please let me know, Piers 07493 227591.

200 Club We still have numbers available for the 200 Club, which supports the village hall. The top prize is £50, which is drawn monthly, and you only have to subscribe £1 per month to have a chance of winning. See village website for details.

Barningham Winter

On Sunday, 21st April come along to Barningham Hall (Matlaske entrance) and cheer on the runners at the 'Little Lifts run'. The runners will leave the hall at 10am. Good luck to everyone who is taking part and let's hope that the council won't be resurfacing any of the roads on that day this year!!



Sara Buxton
577207

Edgefield



Church News

At the APCM, Alison Mawson was elected as churchwarden, replacing Angela Turner, who had served in that post for 20 years. As a small gesture of our appreciation, Angela was presented with a bouquet of flowers. We are glad she will continue to serve on the PCC and that we will have the benefit of her experience and contacts.



Richard Peaver
587486

Village Hall News

Our quiz night proved a successful evening so a big thank you to all who attended, as well as a special mention for Jeremy Goldney, who stepped into the breach as quizmaster. Our next big event is our midsummer BBQ and disco on Saturday, 20th July, so put it in your diaries. February 200 Club winners were: Sally Glasspoole £50, Mark Fletcher £30 and Catherine Witts £20.

Edgefield

Edgefield Village Hall is hosting a concert on 27th April featuring a Celtic harp and guitar duo from Scarborough, who will be performing traditional and contemporary folk songs and tunes. Doors will open at 7pm and the concert will start at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are £10 please text or phone 07789102274

Jim Frost

Hempstead

Coffee & Catchup

Friday 5th April 10.30 - 12.00 All welcome - in the Village Hall

Hempstead 200 Club winners

£50 J. Tomlinson; £25 W. Mack; £10 J. Wood; £5 D. Sanders, M. Thody, N. Sanders



Jonathan Neville
07836 675369

Music in Hempstead

Wednesday 3rd April at 3.45pm In the Village Hall

Hempstead Toads

The season is nearly over now for the Toad Patrol at Rookery Pond and Tim Venes reports that the total to date is 1,420 toads, plus a few frogs and newts (including three great crested newts, which we don't normally see). We've lost about 140 toads to traffic, i.e. 10% of the total saved, which is about normal. The total is fewer than last year, when it was about 1,830 toads. This was lower than our average total over the years, so it looks as though there may be a reduction in the local population, although we can't be sure of this, or of any possible causes. Selbrigg seems to have experienced a much bigger reduction in the last couple of years based on their reported numbers and some other sites also look to have seen a decline, although others are holding up well - quite baffling!

The 80th Anniversary of D-Day – 6th June 2024

On Saturday 13th April, from 2pm 'til 4pm in the Village Hall, the Crafty Creations group will be making poppies to display outside the Village Hall for the 80th D-Day Landings celebration and remembrance at the beginning of June. These poppies can be made in any way - knitted, crocheted, sewn, made from recycled materials or anything else that can be reshaped into a poppy. As is being chosen by most places around the country, the colours chosen are mostly red for people, with purple for animals and white for peace.

We invite anyone, young or not, who would like to come along and join in, to do just that. We are a friendly, informal bunch so you can be sure to receive a warm welcome with tea or coffee and a biscuit to keep you going. Please bring your preferred choice of poppy materials along with you if possible although we will have a small selection available. Anyone also wishing to continue making poppies at home after this event will be very welcome, between now and the end of May when we will be assembling the display - the more the merrier. Hopefully in June there won't be quite as much rain so the poppies made will survive the weather outside as they will be on display for a few weeks, including the Open Gardens event on 6th and 7th July.

*The United Kingdom lost 11,000 of its people on D-Day with another 54,000 wounded or missing.
We want to honour them.*

Crafty Creations

The next meetings in the Village Hall are –

Monday 8th April 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Saturday 13th April 2.00 - 4.00 pm - Poppy Making and all welcome

Thursday 18th April 10.00 am - Midday

Thursday 9th May 10.00 am - Midday

Saturday 25th May 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Hempstead Village Hall Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place on Thursday 09 May at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. Nominations are invited for Committee/Trustee members to the Secretary 07446 777660 or 712505 or to the Chairman 715851

Hempstead Church Spring Clean

On March 19th thirteen wonderful volunteers arrived to spring clean Hempstead Church and cut hedges and bushes in the Churchyard. A happy chatty two hours was spent leaving the interior of the church sparkling and the outside groomed and well managed. Delicious coffee, cheese biscuits and lemon drizzle cake were provided by Diane, Rose and Francis. Thank you to everyone who helps keep our medieval village Church so loved and cherished.



Gordon West

Gordon West, who for many years lived at 3, Hall Farm Cottages, Hempstead, died on Monday 18th March. Gordon worked for Henry Mack of Hempstead Hall Farm from the age of 14 until he retired at the age of 65. After retiring, he moved to Sheringham and then into a retirement home for his remaining years. His funeral will take place at Cromer Crematorium at 3pm on Monday 8th April.

Matlaske

Quiz Night

Our first light hearted fun quiz of the year, will be held on the 19th April at Baconsthorpe Village Hall with kick-off at 7pm. Entry fee £6 which includes a jacket potato and filling. A variety of drinks will be available. Maximum of 6 per team. Please book your table by the 9th April by e-mailing jim.shepherd123@btinternet.com or phoning 577521. We look forward to seeing you all.



Duncan Wood
570293

100 Club

April	£25 Richard Rowe	£10 Simon Chaplin	£5 Selina Wicks
March	£25 Jemma Carr	£10 Celina Sales	£5 Kalina Norton
February	£25 Stacy Buckley	£10 Michelle French	£5 Adam Carman

Plumstead

Parish Council

A vacancy has arisen for a clerk to our parish council. This post involves up to two hours of paid work per week. If you would like to find out more please contact Brian Faulkner (chair, Plumstead Parish Council) Oak Tree Cottage, Cherry Tree Rd, Plumstead, Norwich NR11 7LQ

briantfaulkner@btinternet.com 01263 577868.



Harriet Rossi
577239

Plumstead Litter pick Friday 12th April- Sunday 14th April

Volunteers needed to tidy up our village. Litter picking equipment will be provided. Details and requests for help will be made known locally prior to the event. Our District Councillor Cllr Callum Ringer will be taking part in this event at 10am on Saturday 13th April.

Easter Decorations in St Michael's

The church will be decorated for Easter and is always open. Do drop in sometime over the holiday to enjoy the flowers. From Easter onwards, we will be setting up a plant stall by the church door. Contributions of plants will be welcome and do come along and buy some too.

Saxthorpe with Corpusty

Film Night

There's a change in the next film night on Friday 5th April (7pm), with Anthony Hopkins and Helena Bonham Carter coming to the Village Hall in *One Life*, the story of Sir Nicholas "Nicky" Winton, a London broker who, in the months leading up to World War II, rescued 669 children from the Nazis.



John Birchall
584290

Hunt for old photos

Plans are afoot to turn the red phone box beside the village green into a Local History Box, including a display of old photos. If you have any interesting old pictures that could be used, please contact Caroline Randell on 07528149835 Email: caroline.randell@hotmail.co.uk. More on this in a future edition!

It's a hoot!

Lauren Mayes and her family got quite a surprise when they called in a sweep to investigate noises from their wood burner flue - a pair of tawny owls had become stuck after trying to set up home in the chimney of their house in Adams Lane. Sweep Darrel Cucu used a camera to spot the sooty invaders and managed to bring them down to safety, no worse for several days in the chimney. The rescue became national news in the *Daily Mirror*, as well as featuring in the *EDP*.



Wildlife measures in Bure



Regular walkers along the village green river bank upstream of the Mill will have noticed the log baffles that have appeared in the water with the aim of gently diverting the flow where the river was dredged last year. The Environment Agency asked the parish council to take these measures, along with the planting of small groups of trees and shrubs on the river bank, to improve the area for wildlife. Breaking up the flow in this straight stretch of river creates eddies and currents that help keep the river bed in good condition. The two baffles secured on the privately-owned far bank have been installed with the agreement and help of the owner, and at its March meeting the parish council put on record its thanks to Tom Robinson for all his help, including supplying the logs.

Volunteers have also tackled the nettles and brambles that were taking over near Duck End where horses were once able to go down to the river to drink. This will enable easier access to the river bank.

Join the Spring Clean!

Help spruce up our villages by joining the Spring litter pick on Saturday April 6th. Meet at the village green phone box at 10.00am. Equipment provided.

Trimming playground trees

Some of the trees close to the village green playground are beginning to overgrow the play equipment and will be trimmed back. The parish council consulted tree surgeons and has been advised that, while some trees need relatively minor work, the weeping willow needs cutting back by about half to reduce the risk of branches falling under their own weight. It may be unsightly at first, but the tree is in good health and will recover strongly.

Help our Hedgehogs

Not many years ago virtually every garden had spiky visitors every night. Not so any more. A national hedgehog population of 30 million in 1950 has crashed to 800,000 – and it is still falling. The ball of spines defence that served hedgehogs so well for generations is no protection against the threats brought by humanity – not just the wheels of vehicles on the road, but slug pellets, strimmers, too tidy gardens and impenetrable fences.

In Corpusty & Saxthorpe public green space is being managed with wildlife in mind by the parish council, Village Hall Committee and hard-working volunteers. We can follow this example in our own back yards, and hedgehogs can be helped by a few simple actions:

Avoid using slug pellets and other chemicals. Don't be too tidy – leave some undisturbed piles of branches and dead leaves in a quiet spot. You could even have a hedgehog house for shelter. Leave some areas of longer grass and check for hidden hedgehogs before strimming or mowing.

Make sure they can travel between gardens – cut a small hole in the fence (the size of a CD) to create a hedgehog highway.

Provide water. With warmer winters many do not hibernate and struggle to find food. If you feed them (they love kitten biscuit) it's best to have a flapped feeding station to deter rats.

Rob Worsell is very kindly offering to make these with all profits going to Saxthorpe Church fund. They will be available from the Church at the Wednesday morning Coffee, Cake and Chat.

The children of Corpusty Primary had a visit from Hallswood Animal Sanctuary to learn all about hedgehogs! Caroline Randell is championing the hedgehogs' cause on the parish council.

Are you ready for digital phones?

The switch from the old analogue phone system to a digital network is already underway - but this may not be good news for everyone. The big issue is that, unlike the old system, in a power cut the new digital system will also go down. Last month's presentation by county councillor Stefan Aquarone at Corpusty Village Hall stressed the importance of vulnerable people (aged over 70, ill or disabled) contacting their phone provider (BT, Sky, Virgin etc.) to register for extra support, such as battery back-up to keep their phones live.

Anyone who has a special landline service, such as telecare support, personal alarm, medical monitoring, or security system, should contact the service provider or device supplier for advice. Be aware that fraudsters may see this as an opportunity, so don't buy anything or sign up to contracts without first checking with your current provider.

Finally, in an emergency dialing 999 on your mobile, even in a poor signal area, may well get through, so keep your mobile charged!

The Village Gardener—To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow

April can be one of the busiest months of the year in the garden and one of the loveliest if the weather gods play fair! Fingers and toes crossed on that one, so far, we have only had a few good days in the garden, but those we have had have been a joy. You can really sense the year finally turning into easier times, there is something so magical about seeing the hedges finally starting to green up and the trees about to burst into leaf . . . Thank Goodness for Spring!

Talking of spring . . . we are having to rethink our tulip collection in the walled garden here, we had been growing some stunning Menton tulips (very tall and a beautiful pale pink colour) Last spring I did notice a couple had split colour wise but hadn't been too concerned. This year the whole Menton bed has come up with striped leaves, so that sadly is the end of growing tulips in the walled garden (for at least for the next three years!) as we believe it's the Tulip breaking virus (TBV). This is the same virus that caused 'Tulipomania' an absolutely fascinating 'craze' in the Netherlands in the 17th century, where these flower break patterns (they can be very beautiful to look at) were highly prized and as such commanded huge prices. Sadly, the bottom literally fell out of the market due to the instability of the break patterns as they would not necessarily repeat each following year and so the craze ended. Whilst in no rush to re-enact 'Tulip Fever' in our own back garden, part of me would like to see how stunning they are going to look, before we have to dig them up but only when I have done lots of homework on the TBV just in case it causes issues for other plant groups. I will report back!

Elsewhere in the garden we are trying to simplify some areas and make others more effective, we have decided to try and designate one large area to 'no mow' May, we'd love to see more wildlife in the garden and both of us have always been fond of mowed paths through long grass so we are going to try it this year to see if it works. We've also been looking at any other areas in the garden that are either not happy or not thriving or who are really labour intensive, at the end of the day the aim is to try and garden as effectively as possible, with the most harmonious results . . . Well, that's the plan!

Now back to April's to do list! This month is all about getting set for direct seed sowing in May or as soon as the ground feels warm enough, it's also the time to get the greenhouse ready to get your tomato plants in, it always helps to give the compost or new grow bags a chance to warm up first if you can, before planting them out. Also, if you want to get a head start with your salad leaves then do try the gutter method, it really works. Basically, you get short lengths of gutter (the same widths as your beds ideally) fill them with compost and set your salad leaves in them in the greenhouse, this works particularly well for repeat sowing as you can keep refreshing your salad bed as soon as it starts to look depleted. A much better solution than those bags of salad at the supermarket that seem to go over as soon as you get them home.

Now to this month's question, which is from Jill Roy regarding the various *Bergenia*'s she has in her garden, especially with what sounds like a rather lovely red leafed one from Beth Chatto's Garden, which is reluctant to flower. Tricky one to answer without seeing them in place, but sounds to me like it might be being a bit fussy about where it's situated, even though it sounds like you have other varieties that are happy there. I would keep cutting off any unhappy leaves, but I would also consider splitting them to remove any spent plants from the middle to invigorate the ones you have left, but I wouldn't feed them (they really don't like being fed) could you also possibly try moving some of them to a patch of your garden that has poorer dryer soil with more sun and see if they thrive there? Do let us know how you get on and good luck!

Do keep the questions coming in! Email us at redmapple@btinternet as ever the most interesting question will be published next month!

Michelle and Mick McCarter

Sheringham and Cromer Choral sing Fauré and Vierne



Sheringham and Cromer Choral Society return to St Peter's Parish Church, Sheringham on Saturday 27 April at 4:00 pm to perform a programme of glorious French music by Gabriel Fauré and Louis Vierne. The choir are delighted to be joined by two local students as our soloists: Attia Law, the Soprano soloist, is a pupil at Sheringham High School and also a member of the North Norfolk Youth Chorus based at Sheringham Little Theatre. Jack Woodward, a student at Cromer Academy will be the Baritone soloist.

Directed by David Ballard the choir will be accompanied by Philip Adams on the organ and a small orchestra.

The programme will include Gabriel Fauré's ever popular Requiem and his Cantique de Jean Racine as well as the Messe Solennelle by Louis Vierne.

Tickets priced at £15 (under 18's free) can be purchased from the box office at Sheringham Little Theatre- telephone 01263 822347 or online at www.sheringhamlittletheatre.com Tickets are also available from North Norfolk Visitor Centre, Loudon Road, Cromer for personal callers only.

For more information about this concert and the choral society please visit www.sheringhamandcromerchoral.org.uk

Prestigious performance from Fakenham Choral Society

Tickets are in high demand for the highlight of Fakenham Choral Society's 50th anniversary season. Performing Verdi's dramatic *Requiem*, this highly regarded choir's concert is sure to be a sell-out. The event will take place at Fakenham Parish Church on Saturday April 20th at 7.00pm.

"We are delighted to have attracted such prestigious singers to join us," says choir vice-chairman, Rosemary Dear. "It's only very rarely that a concert on such a grand scale comes to Fakenham, and it's a real privilege to be able to perform this amazing work for our local community." Mark Jones, the choir's musical director, will lead the chorus, full orchestra and international soloists Claire Weston, Beth Mackay, Daniel Bartlette and Alex Ashworth in what is sure to be an unforgettable night of music making.

Tickets are £20 and can be purchased by calling 01485 544335 or online at www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org

Country Mice Leader

Job Title = Country Mice Leader

Pay = £15.00 an hour

Work Hours = Tuesdays, in term time, 8.30am – 12.30pm.

Place of Work = Baconsthorpe Village Hall

St. Mary's Church Baconsthorpe is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic individual, to become the leader of their parent and toddler group, Country Mice, held at Baconsthorpe Village Hall. The Leader will play a pivotal role in creating a warm and welcoming environment for children and their carers.

The group meets from 10am – 12 noon on Tuesday mornings, in term time. Responsibilities will include planning and organising of age-appropriate activities, ensuring the safety of the children and their carers and fostering meaningful relationships within the group.

The Leader will have a Level 3 Childcare qualification or equivalent, a strong knowledge of child development, is familiar with Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework, good record keeping skills, awareness of Health & Safety procedures, knowledge of First Aid and DBS clearance. They will be honest, trustworthy and supportive.

The Leader will be responsible to Baconsthorpe Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Rector who oversee Country Mice. The group also has regular volunteers that need to be supported and directed.

Candidates must have the right to work in the United Kingdom.

For more information, a job description and person specification please contact Kevin Harvey at administrator@matlaske.org.uk. Application deadline: 30th April 2024

Applications to consist of a covering letter, CV and details of two referees.

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Country Mice Leader required

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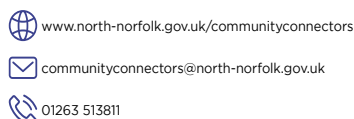
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