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Northern Lights over Barningham Park

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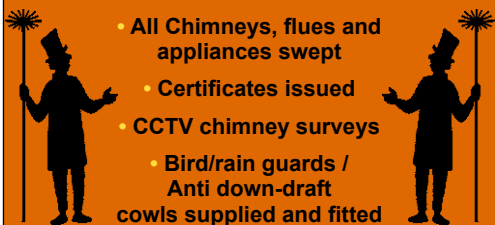
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Every Mon.	10.30	Coffee Morning	Plumstead Church
Every Weds.	10 am	Coffee, Cake & Chat.	St Andrews, Saxthorpe
Mon 3rd	2 -4	Crafty Creations	Hempstead Village Hall
Weds 5th	10.30	Coffee Morning	Baconsthorpe Village Hall
Fri 7th	7pm	Film night - The Holdovers	Corp & Sax Village Hall
Wed 12th	6pm	Village Hall AGM	Baconsthorpe
Thurs 13th	10-12noon	Crafty Creations	Hempstead Village Hall
Thurs 13th	3.45	Music-Double Reed Trios	Hempstead Village Hall
Fri 14th	10.30	Coffee & Catchup	Hempstead Village Hall
Sat 22nd	2 -4pm	Crafty Creations	Hempstead Village Hall
Sun 23rd	12.30	Lunch for Palestine	Hole Farm Barn, Hempstead
Sun. 23rd	deadline	Candles for Ukraine	Plumstead Church
Friday 28th	6pm	Pop up Pub	Baconsthorpe Village Hall

Clash Diary To add an event contact
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July			
Fri 5	Corpusty & Saxthorpe	Film night. Next Goal Wins	Arts in Village hall
Sat 6	Hempstead	Open Gardens	
Sun 7	Hempstead	Open Gardens	
Wed 10	Matlaske	Coffee Morning Blacksmiths Cottage	Samphire Concert in Church
Sat 13	Baconsthorpe	Fete (includes Bake Off Competition)	Bingo
Sat 20	Edgefield	Midsummer Disco	
Sept 27	Matlaske	Music & Pizza in the Park	
August			
Fri 2nd	Corpusty & Saxthorpe	Film night The Color Purple	Baconsthorpe VH
Sat 17th	Edgefield	Murder Mystery Play	Harvest Supper
Thur 29th	Plumstead	NCT Bike Ride Celebration	Murder Mystery
Fri, 30	Hempstead	Residents Arts preview	
Sat 31	Hempstead	Arts in Village Hall	
September			
Sun 1	Hempstead		
Sat 14	Norfolk Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride		
Sun 22	Edgefield		
Sat 28	Edgefield		
October			
Fri 4	Matlaske Quiz		Baconsthorpe VH
Fri 11	Saxthorpe & Corpusty		Harvest Supper
Sat 12	Baconsthorpe		Murder Mystery
November			
Sat 16	Baconsthorpe		Craft Fair
December			
Fri 6	Baconsthorpe		Christmas Quiz
Sun 8	Matlaske		Christmas party
Sat 14	Edgefield		Festive Evening

Post Offices

Baconsthorpe Mobile Post Office Van	
Wednesdays. 10.45 - 11.30	Village Hall
Corpusty Stores	587726
Monday-Friday 9am - 12noon	
Itteringham Shop	587325
Monday - Thursday 9am - 1pm.	

Local MP

Duncan Baker MP
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County Councillor

Steffan Aquarone
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Mobile Library Times

6 June/4 July/1 August

Matlaske	12.40	NR11 7AQ	Old Post Office
Plumstead	13.00	NR11 7LG	Walnut Farm
Baconsthorpe	14.30	NR25 6LJ	Council Bungalows
	14.50	NR25 6LE	Hare & Hounds
Hempstead	15.05	NR25 6TL	Telephone Kiosk
Edgefield	15.45	NR24 2AL	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

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Dear All,

Recently I asked the Bishop of Norwich to explain why the Church of England had set aside £100 million “for marginalised and vulnerable groups, in particular communities impacted by historic African chattel enslavement.” This is a question I have been asked many times.

It is a ‘hot topic’ as the church is correctly identified as having huge assets, but little free cash. I am always mindful Parish Churches are constantly struggling to raise money to keep the ministry in the church alive, and so we may ask why this money is being put aside.

The Bishop explained that the Church Commissioners (of which he is one) look after money to help specified projects and to pay for Cathedrals and Bishops. Although the fund has grown extraordinarily, it is not for the day-to-day running of parishes like ours. In 2019, the Commissioners investigated whether it had been invested in the slave trade. Many have applauded the investigation, others not, with some even sending hate mail.

The Bishop explained how, as a child brought up in Ghana, he had made sandcastles on a beautiful beach outside a slave fort which, years later, he had visited seeing slaves’ holding cells. One cell had been excavated (pictured) showing the brick floor, another maintained its dirt floor. This ‘dirt’ was detritus made by 1000s of slaves being packed into cells with nowhere to clean or relieve themselves.

Above the cells a chapel was built where a chaplain preached and cared for the garrison (did the chaplain hear the cries from the cells as he preached?).

The Commissioners found that the fund had been invested in the South Sea Company for 111 years and that c.20% of the current fund derives from this investment. The South Sea Company, created to service the government’s debt following the wars in Europe, was involved in the slave trade, for instance it contracted the Royal African Company which shipped slaves to the West Indies.

The research also revealed that the then Archbishop of Canterbury had been written to by slaves petitioning for freedom; and a “Slave Bible” used on plantations was uncovered. This Bible had key texts removed, such as the book of Exodus where Moses tells Pharaoh to “let my people go” (5.1), and the verse in Galatians where St Paul writes “in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith... there is no longer slave or free” (3.26,28).

The Commissioners would like other organisations to donate to this fund, recognising that £100m is a



The Death Cell, Ghana, where rebellious slaves were left to die of starvation.



The Benefice of Matlaske Church Services for June

Sunday 2nd June, Trinity I

8:30am	Eucharist	Edgefield
10:30am	Eucharist	Corpusty

Sunday 9th June, Trinity II

10:30am	Eucharist	Matlaske
5:00pm	Evening Prayer	North Barningham

Sunday 16th June, Trinity III

8:30am	Eucharist	Hempstead
10:30am	Eucharist	Plumstead

Sunday 23rd June, Trinity IV

10:30am	Eucharist	Baconsthorpe
3:30pm	Deanery Evensong	Saxthorpe

Sunday 30th June, Trinity V

8:30am	Eucharist	Plumstead
10:30am	Eucharist	Barningham Winter
4:00pm	Family Service	Edgefield

Sunday 7th July, Trinity VI

8:30am	Eucharist	Matlaske
10:30am	Eucharist	Edgefield

Coffee, Plumstead Church, 10.30, every Monday Morning

Country Mice Toddler Group, Baconsthorpe Village Hall Tuesdays 10:30-12

Coffee Cake and Chat: Saxthorpe Church, every Wednesdays 10-11am

drop in the ocean.

Yet, are Commissioners right to do this? I believe the reasoning is laudable and the fund will make a difference (they are not reparation funds). I realise too - as noted - that Churches like ours are still struggling to balance their books.

The situation is complex. Jesus said “the truth will set you free” (John 8.31) - the truth is the Church of England invested in the slave trade, which the £100m seeks to address. Slavery however remains alive - c.50 million are estimated to be enslaved. Should we also address this truth? I believe we must.

With my prayers for all,

David

Help with the costs of education

Anyone living in the villages covered by this magazine can apply to the John Perry Warnes Educational Fund for support with the costs of education. Applications must be made by 1st September 2024 and should be emailed to rector@matlaske.org.uk, or posted to The Rectory, The Street, Matlaske, Norfolk NR11 7AQ, stating why the funds are required and the cost of each item.

Baconsthorpe

200 Club

£50 R Hall £25 V Butler £10 S Belbin



Hazel Martin
07879 414577



Church News

On a wonderful sunny morning at 10 30 on May 12th the service at St Mary's was held outside the church. We managed to sing the hymns which was a challenge as the poor organist was inside the church and enjoy a service to the accompaniment of the birds and the resident rooks. A morning to remember.

St Mary's Graveyard Project

I'm pleased to report that the team working to clean and mark the gravestones in the churchyard met again on Thursday May 9th. There are now four of us trying to uncover the names and dates on the headstones. It is a slow task so if anyone is willing to help we meet every Thursday at 10am.



Church Cleaning Day

On Friday June 14th at 10am we will be giving the church a good clean. Vacuuming, polishing and floor washing will be in progress. The urn will be on and coffee provided so please pop along if you are free.

What a lovely village to live in

I thought I would include this charming photo, again from Norman, of these lovely chaps watching the world go by.



Coffee Cake and Chat.

May 1st was the first Wednesday of the month and this was the first meeting for coffee, cake, scones and chat at the village hall. It was a beautiful day with lovely people and we were able to sit in the garden. Do hope everyone passes the word amongst friends and more folk will join us. More scones and cake will be available. If anyone would like to join us but needs help with transport please text or call me. Happy to help.



Very Sad News

I have this evening heard the sad news that Evelyn Massingham has passed away. Evelyn and her late husband Denzil moved into The Pyghtle after their marriage sixty years ago. Evelyn was always keen to help out in village life in whatever way that she could.

Many years ago a children's group called Busy Bees was held in the village hall. Evelyn suggested that she could help the children with cooking biscuits and buns in the kitchen, these could then be eaten by children and helpers at the end of the morning. This proved very popular! Evelyn was an excellent cook, her sausage rolls were always a firm favourite of any village hall function.

Evelyn was a valued member of the village hall committee for many years until sadly she was forced to retire due to failing mobility. Eighteen months ago as her health deteriorated Evelyn moved into St Clements Nursing home where she was very happy. On May 11th she passed away peacefully. Our sincere condolences go to Andrew, Martin and their families.

Village Hall News

Coffee Morning – First Wednesday of the month from 10 30 – 11 30. Free coffee, scones and cake. Do come along and use the post office van at the same time

New at the Village Fete on Sat 13 July – The Great Baconsthorpe Bake Off – Bake a cake or a savoury item or both! Adult class and one for the under 14s. You can register in advance at villagehall@baconsthorpe.org

Pop Up Pub – Fri 28 June burgers and chips on the menu from 6 30pm. Bar open from 6pm.

200 club – we still have numbers available see the website for details. £50 first prize every month

Barningham Winter

Residents in Barningham Winter were treated to a particularly spectacular sight when the Northern Lights made an appearance in the middle of May, see our front cover picture taken over Barningham Park

Everyone from Church and Village News also sends their very best wishes to Sara who is currently unwell.



Sara Buxton
577207

Church News

We focussed on the Bible story about the feeding of the 5,000 at our last family service. The children and adults enjoyed painting and weaving before a short service and a shared meal. It is lovely to welcome families to this monthly gathering which is held on the 4th Sunday at 4pm.



Richard Peaver
587486

There's Going to be a Murder and Edgefield Needs You!

We are looking for performers for a Murder
Mystery Play on the 17th August at
Edgefield Village Hall



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for further details

All are welcome to mark the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in the church carpark at 8pm on 6th June. Cheese and wine will be served. The beacon will be lit at 9.15pm.

Volunteers needed please to help with our annual churchyard clearing at 5pm on Tuesday 2nd July. Bring strimmers, rakes and bags. Drinks will be provided. Any assistance would be much appreciated.

Addendum from Angela Turner: I am so delighted that Alison Mawson is taking over as Church Warden. She will be much better than tired old me! Twenty years ago, Lorna Ross and I made a good pair of Wardens, and worked hard to buy land for a car park, so badly needed for the

church. Installing the kitchen and lavatory, electrifying the clock, complete restoration of the organ and its lovely pipes and window fenestration work followed over the years. I have run out of steam now, and with dear Emma and Alison, and the Harveys' splendid work with children, know the parish will thrive, and wish them God speed.

Village Hall News

Tickets at £10 are now on sale for the Midsummer Disco and BBQ to be held on the village green between 7.00pm and 11.30pm, Saturday 20th July. There will be a licensed bar. Tickets from me on 07946 854901 or email James.frost59@hotmail.co.uk or via the Village Hall's FB page. Winners of April's 200 Club were: 1st Jeremy Goldney, £50; 2nd Barry Cox, £30; and 3rd Simon Gooding, £20.

“Twin Tracks Choir”

The Twin Tracks choir are looking for some new choir members; no experience needed. You may think you can't sing, but please come along; you may surprise yourself! It's fun and it's free. For more details, please ring Kevin on 01263 584260.

Hempstead

Coffee & Catchup

Friday 14th June 10.30 - 12.00

All welcome - in the Village Hall

Hempstead 200 Club winners

£50 R Hart; £25 D Lennox; £10 L Matthews; £5 R Jones, M Williams, M Fitton



Jonathan Neville
07836 675369

Music in Hempstead

Music in Hempstead - Thursday, 13th June 3:45 for 4 pm - Double Reed Trios

Diana Spalton Memorial Bench

Diana's bench is now in place on the (soon to be) grass below the Village Hall.

Mike Thody undertook the carving, Dan Bullen made up the plinth and Mark Terry gave his time to install the fixings.



Dine for Palestine

3 course Palestinian Lunch at 12.30pm Sunday 23rd June 2024

The Barn at Hole Farm, Hempstead, NR25 6TT

This event is to raise money for Friends of the Holy Land charity supporting Palestinians in Gaza.

£35.00 a head to include your meal and a glass of wine, with all profits going to the FHL.

Please email corinne@avyoungs.com to make a booking.

Hempstead Open Gardens

6th July & 7th July 10.00am - 5.00pm

We are looking forward to this event in the village this summer.

The organisation is currently forging ahead, we are all very busy preparing for what will hopefully be a very busy weekend and lots of support will be needed.

CAKES - many needed to satisfy the appetites of our visitors. We had many volunteered last time and used them all!!! Please let me know if you can make a cake or two. Jill on 01263 715851 or gillian.roy@hotmail.co.uk

PLANTS - many of our visitors are keen gardeners and buy plants! Please pot up, name and price. We will have tables ready to the right of Village Hall for Saturday am early. If you want to leave them on Friday, just pop them in the Village Hall.

HELP - we have the bare bones covered but need a few more willing volunteers:

Car park cover at two locations one for the general public and another for the classic vehicles; Plant sales; Security cover in Church, just to be there to welcome, sell cards and keep an eye on things; Village Hall cleaning and tidying at the end of day.

Thank you all.

Crafty Creations

The next meetings in the Village Hall are -

Monday 3rd June 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Thursday 13th June 10.00 am - Midday

Saturday 22nd June 2.00 - 4.00 pm

More of Hempstead Trees

I write this at a time when trees are beginning to show their summer plumage, oaks in particular offer shades of green, yellow, orange and bronze, their trunks and branches by contrast now appear black which adds to the to the brightness of the new leaves.

These varieties of colour will soon fade into a uniform dark jade green and as summer draws on will last until the autumn's copper and bronzes take over.

We pass the Hempstead Oak in its new clothes on our journey to Hempstead and now at Court Green resplendent with patches of blue bells and forget-me-nots, past the ten year old walnut, and a mature tree (unidentified but notable for its very attractive foliage in the autumn) and now a newcomer a "conker" tree, scion of the pink flowering horse chestnut that stood at Hempstead Village Hall.

Down the bendy lane past Green Farm, there is a short straight length of road prior to entering the village proper, ahead is a sharp left hand bend where my favourite Hempstead tree stands, a scarily threatening ivy clad weeping ash tree, that appears to have taken on the role of pantomime villain waving its arms in an agitated way a "whirling dervish perhaps"?

On closer inspection of the photograph you will see it has a head with two piercing eyes peering down, What is its role? Guardian of the village warning off strangers?

Beware! Wow!

Beware! Wow!

Mike Thody



Matlaske

The Matlaske Quiz

It was the poet Robert Browning who wrote:
O, to be in England
Now that April's there,
And the Matlaske quiz doth baffle brains
Befuddled with foaming beer.

Okay, Browning didn't actually say that, but beer and intellect *are* like two friends tied together at the ankles while trying to walk in opposite directions. Have *you* ever tried to tot up the scores while 'under the influence' in the kitchen? Those blessed jokers!

An uncountably large number of people gathered in Baconsthorpe Village Hall on 19th April to tax their brains and fill their stomachs. The filled jacket potatoes at half-time kept every team member from collapsing out of sheer mental exhaustion. You could hear many a brain creaking and cracking as folk tried to figure out what the nickname of the good burghers of Arundel is. Answer: Mullets. Sounds a bit fishy to me. I reckon Jim (our urbane and measured question-master) made that one up.

Rounds followed on food and drink, sport, true and false, pictures, and history. High drama broke out at the end, when four teams tied for the honour of third place. I was hoping for a series of bare-knuckle boxing-matches to settle the order of precedence, but Jim stepped in and sorted it out with a simple tie-breaker. That man deserves the Nobel Peace Prize. Many thanks to Jim and Marion and all the other folk who helped to make the Quiz such a fun event!



Duncan Wood
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Plumstead

100 CLUB

£25 Hayley Power

£10 Charlie Courtauld

£5 Sally Chandler



Harriet Rossi
577239

Charity Collection for Ukraine

There is a charity collecting old and partially used candles to repurpose into new ones for distribution in Ukraine during power cuts. If you have any to donate please leave in Plumstead church before 23rd June.

Church Winnings

Plumstead's efforts in the Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride last September have meant that the church has won £1,000, the prize for Most Improved Church! Well done to all who cycled, walked or sat in the church to sign people in as they arrived.

This year's ride is on Saturday 14 September, please put this in your diaries.

There is also currently a stall at St Michael and All Angels selling plants, and there are some excellent and challenging jigsaw puzzles on sale in the church, do pop in and have a look.

Bird Song

On a 5 minute walk along Cherry Tree Road, at 7:40 am on Sunday 5th May, the Merlin App recorded 12 different birds singing – chaffinch, goldfinch, greenfinch, dunnock, wren, blackcap, song thrush, robin, sparrow, collared dove, stock dove and blackbird. What a lovely sign that spring is here, and how important our fields, gardens, hedgerows and woods are for all these wonderful creatures.

All be seated

Following the generosity of two donations Plumstead Parish Council has been able to purchase a replacement seat for Plumstead Flag Pole Garden. On the day of installation, three Plumstead residents try the seat out for size (pictured).



Saxthorpe with Corpusty

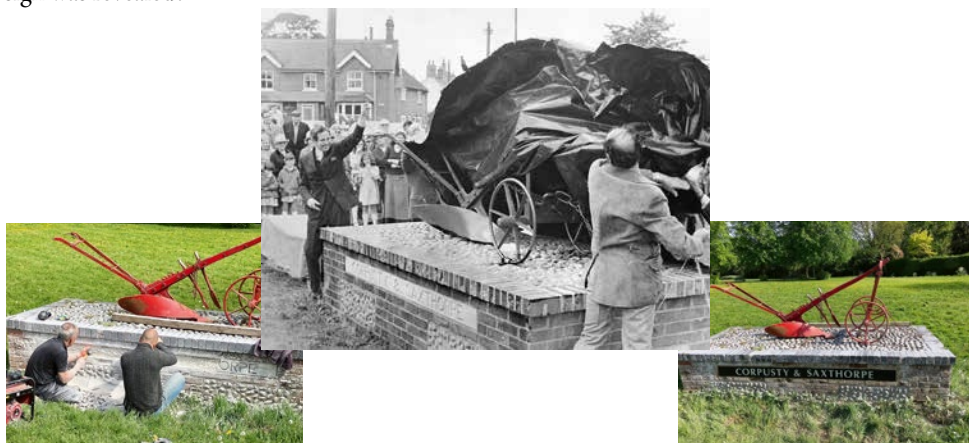
Fifty-year facelift for village sign!

Our special village sign - the Plough on the Green - is proudly sporting sharp new lettering, thanks to the Parish Council and the skill of stonemasons who have replaced the damaged stonework on the plinth.

The plough, made in Saxthorpe Foundry in the 19th century, was unveiled in 1974 by Charles Cornish and Constance Compton, grandchildren of Ezra Cornish, designer of the plough. Thanks to Roger Last who took this picture at the moment the finished sign was revealed!



John Birchall
584290





Tree trimming

The trees growing over village green playground equipment have now been cut back. Lower branches on the horse chestnut have been removed, but the very noticeable difference is in the weeping willow, which had to be reduced in size because of the risk of heavy branches dropping. Although it looks a sorry sight, the tree surgeons told that Parish Council that it is healthy and are confident it will recover strongly.

No-mow on green

Much of the northern half of the village green will be left un-mowed until July, apart from paths along the river and overflow stream, and diagonal paths across the meadow. The aim is to encourage wild flowers, although some additional seeding may be needed.

Little London Allotments

The Parish Council has been advised that the clearance of overgrown allotments should now wait until the autumn or early next year. A working group has been set up to look at how best to bring them back into use in ways that would benefit the wider community while keeping part of the site as a wildlife area.

Please take your bins in

Please remember that recycling and rubbish bins should only be left on the public road when the bin collection is due. Since the pandemic, some householders have been leaving their bins out permanently. Normally, they shouldn't be put out sooner than the evening before collection.

Don't Forget Friday Film night

Continuing the first Friday in the month film night at the Village Hall, don't forget the screening of *The Holdovers* on Friday, June 7th. A great chance to see this recent Oscar winning favourite for just £5 per head - but don't forget your cushions.

To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow

I have always had a proper soft spot for June which was probably helped along (when I was younger) by having a birthday in the first week of the month. I can remember seeing the blossoms coming out on the horse chestnut trees like icing turrets on a cake thinking not long now! May has always felt like an extended drumroll with all the trees, leaves and flowers coming out and then June was the Ta dah! Moment.

Creating a garden that looks effortless takes an awful lot of work patience and good luck weather wise. As I write this it's just a few days before the 18 acre garden my partner has worked in for 22 years and helped create is open for NGS Open Gardens....I know it will look stunning but that's only after weeks and weeks of preparation and years and years of sheer graft and determination. So I am hoping he has a brilliant Open Gardens day and the weather behaves. Now back to our own hopefully shorter to do lists!



Just like May...June is super busy in the garden but as I cannot think of a nicer place to be, that's just how it should be. So there is a lot of sowing to get done, do try and keep on top of the weeding. It can be faintly terrifying if your to do list is lengthy. So wait till you have dry day and using a sharpened hoe try and keep them in check. Now should also be a good time to basil planted, I would stick with growing it in your greenhouse unless you are really sheltered, we

are super exposed here so anything as tender as basil always looks very sorry for itself. Don't forget the trick with basil is to only water it in the morning. My other tip with herbs is to make sure you grow enough of them. We tend to grow the following: French leaf parsley, which has a fresher taste to it than curled leaf varieties and is less coarse than Italian leaf parsley. We also grow coriander (never enough of that!) rosemary and thyme (again never have enough thyme) chives and dill—a big favourite here, less pushy in flavour than fennel and it brings such a lovely twist to salads. I grow dill in amongst the flowers in the walled garden, it does always runs to seed but I don't mind as the flower heads are really pretty. This year we are growing holy basil which is supposed to have an amazing flavour. and tarragon for the first time. Lastly I should mention our absolute power house herb which is bay, this gets used nearly every day in our cooking, we have what I call our kitchen bay bushes that are plundered all the time but they are large enough to not mind too much, Thank goodness!

This month's question is from Sue who really struggles with white fly in her greenhouse, but doesn't want to use any chemicals in there. Happily there is a simple and pretty solution and that is to grow French marigolds in amongst your plants in the greenhouse, not only do they look lovely but the

smell of the marigolds specifically the limonene chemical the plants produce acts as a naturally white fly repellent. I have always grown a good dozen or so plants in our fairly small greenhouse, they seem to be more effective if grown in amongst our tomato plants. They also seem to work best if they are planted at the same time as the tomatoes go in. So best of luck!

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

Michelle and Mick McCarter

Little Lifts run makes big return



The second Little Lifts Charity Trail Run took place on Sunday 21st April.

We were thrilled to sell out of spaces again and welcome 360 runners to the start line on a very cold and windy morning. Despite the temperature, runners were in great spirits and couldn't help but smile setting off up the avenue in front of the stunning Barningham Hall.

There were three distances (10km, 20km and 30km) and

people of all ages (16 - 86yrs) took part. It was lovely to see so many local faces both running and helping. Special thanks goes to Amelia and Thomas Courtauld for being kind enough to provide the most magnificent location, Peter Seaman, Henry & Laurel Walpole, The Ellis Family for allowing us access over their beautiful land, Jamie Smith for providing an awesome finish arch and stage, everyone who baked cakes for our cake stall and those who gave up their time to help marshal and set the course up.

The total amount raised has come in at over £19,500, almost doubling the figure from last year!



Children, Youth and Families

This page is for all the families in the seven parishes this magazine covers and those that have a connection with the villages. For example, Grandparents or extended family members are often caring for grandchildren.

Last month Country Mice parent and toddler group in Baconsthorpe was highlighted as a valuable resource for under 5s and their carers. The group are seeking a paid leader to run it ASAP

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 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 oversees 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: 11th June 2024, Interview 18th June in Baconsthorpe.

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

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By the time this magazine goes out there will have just been a free May half term activity morning In Edgefield, with a focus on health and wellbeing. Many families post Covid have challenges, children or young people may need help for example with isolation or anxiety. There is a suggestion that a resources box of useful material is available to families. Please do let us know your thoughts. Youth@matlaske.org.uk

Blickling Lodge open gardens - a second year success.

For the second year running the Matlaske Benefice was delighted to be invited to provide refreshments at the magnificent Blickling Lodge, part of the annual Open Garden scheme on Sunday May 19th.



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