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October

Wed 2	Coffee Morning	Baconsthorpe Village Hall 10.30am
Fri 4	Film night – Swede Caroline	Corpusty Village Hall 7pm
Mon 7	Crafty Creations	Hempstead Village Hall 2-4pm
Fri 11	Harvest Supper	Saxthorpe & Corpusty (advance tickets)
Sat 12	Craft Fair	Edgefield 10am-4pm
Sat 12	Murder Mystery	Baconsthorpe Village Hall 6pm
Sat 12	Pond Clearing	Edgefield 9-12am
Thu 17	Crafty Creations	Hempstead Village Hall 10-12am
Sat 19	Folk Concert – John Ward Trio	Edgefield Village Hall 7.30pm
Sat 19	Curry night	Corpusty Village Hall (advance tickets only)
Fri 25	Pop up pub	Baconsthorpe 6pm

Clash Diary To add an event contact
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November

Fri 1	Corpusty Village Hall	Film Night - Wilding
Sat 2	Edgefield	Pond clearing Party 9-12am.
Sat 9/Sun 10	Hempstead Village Hall	Autumn Craft Weekend
Sat 16	Baconsthorpe Village Hall	Craft Fair
Sat 23	Corpusty Village Hall	Northern Soul Night

December

Fri 6	Baconsthorpe	Christmas Quiz
Fri 6	Corpusty VH	Film night - Wicked Little Letters
Fri 6 / Sun 8	Saxthorpe Church	Christmas Tree and Nativity Festival
Sun 8	Matlaske	Christmas party
Sat 14	Edgefield	Festive Evening
Tues 24	Saxthorpe	Candle lit service 5.30pm
Wed 24	Baconsthorpe	Christmas morning service 10.30am
Jan 19th	A Christmas Carol - St Mary's church	Baconsthorpe

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Corpusty Stores 587726

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Oct 24/Nov 21/Dec 19

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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
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Letter from the Rector—Reverend Canon David Longe
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Dear All,

Last month was the Norfolk Churches Bike Ride, and I bicycled around our 7 villages with two others. As we travelled, one shared the story of Fr Paolo Dall'Oglio (pictured) who christened their child in Damascus, Syria, when they lived near "Straight Street".



Straight Street is famous as St Paul ended up there for three days after he was blinded travelling from Jerusalem when he encountered a vision in which Jesus told him to stop persecuting the Christians. St Paul had been working for the religious leaders in Jerusalem to try to stamp out Christianity. Tradition has it that he approved the stoning to death of the first Christian martyr, St Stephen. Thus, one of the most famous writers of the church whose writings include the great ode of love in 1 Corinthians 13, may be considered at worst a murderer or at least a zealous persecutor. It was in Straight Street that he was "transformed" from a hater of Christians to a love for Jesus and all humanity.

It is said that a certain man, Ananias, was told by Jesus in a vision to go to Paul and heal him and it is at this place of "healing", now a church, that the child was christened. The christening included ancient rites, with Paolo holding the child high after the baptism and all shouting hosanna.

Paolo, an Italian Roman Catholic priest, having studied Arabic, travelled to Syria in 1982 and came across the dilapidated monastery of Mar Musa al-Habashi (St Moses-the-Ethiopian) built in the 5th/6th century. Paolo restored the monastery, dedicating it to Muslim-Christian dialogue. Although thousands visited, Paolo was often in tension with the local community – he was accused of being stubborn, authoritarian, of being naïve about Islam and the culture. In 2012 he was expelled from the country, having voiced his opposition to President Bashar al-Assad.

Although versions vary, he was last seen in July 2013, having slipped back into the country, heading to Raqqa to negotiate the release of a TV crew. Reports in 2019 suggested he was being used as a bargaining chip when a Kurdish force surrounded an IS Redoubt in Eastern Syria. Later the prison he was believed to be incarcerated in was bombed, and he is assumed dead.

The Gospel reading for the Sunday following the bike ride included Jesus' words that we are to take up our cross and follow him. We all have crosses to carry: some are our hidden pains; others more obvious; and others have a cross thrust on them. Paolo's cross appeared to be his calling to love a place and people that ultimately (in all likelihood) led to his death – martyrdom like St Stephen.

Our crosses are painful. Yet in calling us to carry them (to be honest about them), Jesus says: "Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest... for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

May this gentleness be with you all,

David



The Benefice of Matlaske Church Services for October

Sunday 6th October, Trinity XIX

10:30am	Eucharist	Plumstead
5:00pm	Harvest Service, with supper	Edgefield

Sunday 13th October, Trinity XX

8:30am	Eucharist	Saxthorpe
10:30am	Mattins (with Harvest Lunch)	Barningham Winter (with Matlaske)
5:00pm	Thanksgiving for building works, with drinks	Hempstead

Sunday 20th October, Trinity XXI

8:30am	Eucharist	Baconsthorpe
10:30am	Harvest	Hempstead

Sunday 27th October, Last Trinity

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

Saturday 2nd November, All Souls

6:00pm	All Souls service A service to remember those we have lost	Memorial Service, Barningham Winter
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Sunday 3rd November, All Saints

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

Plumstead Church Coffee, 11:00, every Monday Morning
Country Mice Toddler Group, Baconsthorpe Village Hall Tuesday 10-12
Coffee Cake and Chat: Saxthorpe Church, every Wednesday 10-11am

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Church News

On September 1st a large congregation attended the christening of Tallulah Austin Fell at St Mary's church. Huge congratulations go to parents Scarlett and Benji from Baconsthorpe.

On September 7th friends and relatives gathered for the wedding of Joy Thurtell's grand-daughter, Megan, with Dionysis (pictured). The weather was perfect thanks to the old Norfolk custom of burying a sausage in the garden the night before the big day. The church looked beautiful adorned with flowers and I am told that the reception in the village hall was organised to the finest detail by the bride herself.

On Saturday September 14th, St Mary's church stood ready to welcome all the brave souls who were cycling around Norfolk to raise money for the churches. Drinks, biscuits and a basket of apples were available. By the end of the day 41 cyclists had signed in at St Mary's.

The End of a Very Good Life

On September 11th late in the evening, David McCosh slipped away peacefully between supper and going to bed after sharing a glass of wine with his wife Tessa. He was just two days short of his 94th birthday. Many will know David who moved into the rectory in Baconsthorpe with Tessa in 1993. David was born into a Scottish family, one of six children, and spent his working life as a management consultant after completing military service in Kenya. However many will not know that he was an extremely good botanist specialising in Hawkweed (apparently it looks like a Dandelion) and that he was county recorder for the Botannical Society covering Peebleshire. David will be cremated at Cromer Crematorium on October 3rd at 11am. Family and friends are most welcome. A memorial service will be held at Baconsthorpe church on November 29th.

Another Very Good Life

On Wednesday September 11th Daphne Allard, at the ripe old age of 97, passed peacefully away with her family at her side at Dorrington House in Wells. Daphne was well known to so many of us in Baconsthorpe. She was a member of the village hall committee for many years and did an absolutely stirring job collecting money for the 200 club. Daphne was a regular supporter of the pop up pub at the village hall with her friends Lillian Lambert and Evelyn Massingham. Daphne will be cremated on October 3rd at 12 00 at Cromer Crematorium.

Country Mice

I was pleased to receive a message from Teresa Gransden the new leader of Country Mice. She is keen to begin and hopes to reach out to the community for donations to the group. She is looking for items which might otherwise be thrown out. These could include – odd balls of wool; empty cereal boxes; unwanted wallpaper; out of date spices, flour, rice, pasta; ribbon, tissue, unwanted plant pots; unwanted cooking utensils; in fact anything which can be used for art and craft activities.

If you can help with any of these items please drop them off between 9am – 12 30pm on the following dates. Sept 17th/24th; Oct 1st/8th/25th/22nd; Nov 5th/19th/26th. Items can be placed just inside the main door. Grateful thanks for any help.

Who Killed the Headmaster?

This is the final call for anyone who wants to attend the Murder Mystery play taking place at Baconsthorpe Village Hall on October 12th. Please note this year doors open at 6pm and food will be served at 6 30pm. The play will then commence at 7 30pm and by approximately 9 30pm the murderers will be revealed! For tickets please contact villagehall@baconsthorpe.org

Date For Your Diary

I am starting to gather the names of people who would like to take part in the play – A Christmas Carol - which is to be performed in St Mary's church on January 19th next year. It would be so lovely to include more folk from our own benefice. Some parts only require the learning of two lines! Do come along on December 1st at 3 30pm to Baconsthorpe Village Hall to read the script – it is not long – and chat about the play. Oh and eat some pizza!

A Gentle Request

I have been asked to mention the nuisance that constant barking dogs can cause to neighbours. We know it can be difficult and we all love our dogs!

Village Hall News

Coffee morning with scones and cake is on the first Wednesday of every month, the next gathering will be October 2nd at 10 30am till 11 30am. Please do come along everyone is welcome.

Pop up pub is on Friday October 25th. Chicken fricassee is on the menu from 6 30pm and the bar opens at 6pm.

Barningham Winter

Paws for thought...

A big welcome to Kimberley and Chris who have moved into Dairy Farm Cottage. We hope they will be very happy in their new home. If you need any help with your pets they offer a 'Green paws Pet and Equine service'. Do contact them on 07388 828520 or look them up online.



Sara Buxton
577207

Pedal power

It was lovely to see so many people out on their bikes on Saturday for the church's cycle day. What a wonderful day weather wise it was.

Edgefield

Folk Trio returning to Edgefield

Fresh from featuring at Folk East in Suffolk in August, the Lowestoft-based John Ward Trio will be swapping festival stages around the country for the more modest surroundings of Edgefield Village Hall, performing on Saturday 19th October at 7:30pm. The Trio, from Lowestoft, first came to Edgefield at the invitation of folk enthusiast Tom Fox, and they are returning as part of their latest tour. They have performed across the country, as well as on BBC Radio 2 and BBC Radio Wales, connecting with their audiences with songs of east coast life and community. The line up includes acoustic guitar, mandolin, accordion and double bass backing exceptional songs with great harmonies. Tickets £10 on the door or can be booked by contacting Tom Fox on 07789102274



Richard Peaver
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Busy bees at Edgefield Church

Our children's activity morning was buzzing with 17 children enjoying bee related crafts. Our next special family service is 4pm on Sunday 27th October. We will be doing crafts on a theme of Light and Dark, followed by a short service and a meal together.

Cycle ride success

We had a lovely day for the Church Cycle Ride. Thank you to all who welcomed visitors to the church. Iain and Alison Mawson cycled and raised £750 to be split between Norfolk Churches Trust and Edgefield Church, grateful thanks to all who sponsored them.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival followed by supper is in church at 5pm on Sunday 6th October. All are very welcome to come and share the celebration of harvest.

Church news by Alison Mawson

Return of the Craft Fair

Following a very successful event last year, we are having another Craft Fair in church on Saturday 12th October 10am-4pm. Do come and see the variety of crafts for sale, and enjoy the refreshments, we will be serving lunch and cakes.

Pond Management

Edgefield Environment Group will be undertaking some major restoration work on the village pond in late autumn. This will be on November 20th and is likely to take two days. This will involve a digger and tractor and trailer (to carry away the waste). Prior to this date we have organised Pond Parties in order to clear the margins for access. Proposed dates: Saturday 12th October 9 - 12am and Saturday 2nd November 9 - 12am. All volunteers are welcome to help with this work that will involve cutting and clearing the tall marginal vegetation. Please bring any tools, e.g. secateurs, loppers, shears, rakes and suitable clothing (e.g. gloves). Waders if you have them. Everyone welcome; see you there. Any queries, email: annethepondharrap@gmail.com. *Anne Harrap*

Village Hall News

Last month saw our annual "200 Club" prize draw of £200, which was won by Alison Mawson (196). The three-monthly prizes were won by 1st Julie Coe £50 (205), 2nd Evelyn Fisher £30 (79) and 3rd Mike Sillis £20 (52). We have now finished collecting the subs for 2024/25 and this year we have sold 226 tickets. This means that this coming year we will give away £1,400 in prize money and £860 will be profit for the Hall. Many thanks once again to all who have entered.

Jim Frost



Hempstead

Coffee & Catchup

Friday 4th October 10.30 - 12.00. All welcome

Hempstead 200 Club winners

£50 T Scarff; £25 C Lantaff; £10 P Sanders; £5 A Lantaff, J Matthews, E Buxton



Jonathan Neville
07836 675369

Crafty Creations

Monday 7th October 2.00 - 4.00 pm - Autumn Decorations

Thursday 17th October 10.00 - 12.00 pm

Saturday 26th October 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Monday 4th November 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Thursday 14th November 10.00 - 12.00 pm

Saturday 30th November 2.00 - 4.00 pm



Hempstead Arts

The weekend of 31st August and 1st September saw Hempstead Arts exhibition and sale again this year. This popular event was busier than ever and has built a great reputation for diverse art works affordably priced. The net proceeds raised for the Church was just over £2,800 and will be used to enhance the Church. As you may have seen and has been reported the re-roofing (which alas was more extensive than originally planned) has been completed, and a pew re positioned to give better access at the back of the Church. The next phases are to complete the installation of an accessible toilet, and access path, water, and finally redecoration. Hempstead Arts has also paid for the re-thatching of the Apse. Since it began in 2013 (missing 2020) £23,762.58 has been raised.

Many thanks to all who have supported the event in all capacities over the years.

The PCC are also applying for grants to contribute to the cost of installing a hearing loop and speaker system in the Church that will make it better for all when using the building. To aid this application survey forms are in the Church and if you can complete one - whether or not you have a hearing impairment we would appreciate this.

Francis Feilden



Hempstead Autumn Craft Weekend

Autumn Craft weekend coming up early November. If you would like a table at this fund raising event please contact Lesley Lennox. lesley.lennox@project21.ltd. uk or 07446 777660. All tables are £15 per day or £25 for both days.

A Crest/Village Sign for Hempstead

Having lived here in Hempstead for twenty plus years I have often pondered the absence of a village crest. We have of course the splendid Hempstead sign that welcomes visitors at Court Green and formally announces the village of Hempstead (although the parish boundary is back towards Holt by Hempstead Mill).

What would be a suitable image that could be incorporated in a design for a carved sign that could grace our splendid village?

I had toyed with the idea of using the hemp plant as an image that might be incorporated in a design. Hemp in medieval times was grown locally and used to make rope and was in great demand by the ships and boats of a trading nation. Today the hemp plant image is often used in connection with the drug trade and might be considered an inappropriate image for our village sign.

I had written earlier this year in the Newsletter about the hedgerow oaks that grace our Norfolk country lanes and in particular about the prominent oak that fills the gap and closes the vista of hawthorn hedges that lead up from Hempstead Mill. This oak because of its unique shape and position lends itself to be an ideal subject for a village sign. (See the rough image)

If the village is happy with this idea and happy to adopt it, I would be happy to execute a carving incorporating the design as a gift to the village, to be displayed in an appropriate location and be known as "The Hempstead Oak"

The use of this as a logo for printed matter would be free to any one living in Hempstead now and in the future.

Mike Thody



Matlaske

100 Club

£25 David Fuller; £10 Richard Amis; £5 Corinda Cornelley.

Quiz cancelled

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have to cancel the Quiz on 4th October.

A warm welcome

To the people moving into Surrey Cottage.



Duncan Wood
570293

Saxthorpe with Corpusty

Duck race to return!

The Summer Sizzle, held for the first time on a Sunday, proved a huge hit on Corpusty Village Green, with over 150 sausages disappearing so fast that emergency reserves had to be brought to the barbecues. As in previous years, the event included free games and children's races, and for the first time the overflow stream along the edge of the green was used for nail-biting duck races - one for



John Birchall
584290



Corpusty Primary children, and a second open to all, with over 100 ducks taking part. Amazingly, the same duck won both races!

The aim of the Summer Sizzle is to provide fun on the village green without asking parents to dig deeply into their pockets after all the demands of the long school holiday. Even so, the event raised enough for £500 to be shared between the Village Hall and St Andrews Church, and the Friends of the School's tombola raised £150.

The organisers have agreed to hold it again in 2025 on Sunday 31 of August - the last weekend before schools go back. And the duck races will be back! Many thanks to all who helped, and especially to Edgefield Nursery & Garden Centre, Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service, Norfolk Museums, the Spar shop and many individual supporters.

Little London Allotments clearance

The Parish Council is obtaining quotes for the clearance of overgrown areas of the Little London Allotments. The aim is to bring unused areas back under control, including reducing the overgrown roadside hedge, outside the bird nesting season,. This clearance is an essential first step in developing plans for the future. It is hoped that grants may be available to support a project that would retain allotments while enhancing wider community use.



Top award for Harriet

Harriet Perry-Warnes was presented with her Gold Award at a Brownie meeting. This is the highest award a Brownie can earn, and Harriet has worked hard and had fun gaining all the badges she needed for it.

We have spaces at Brownies for any girls age 7-10, so please get in touch if you're interested. Alison Mawson 07802 619603

Avoid this Christmas present clanger!

Norfolk Police are warning that E-scooters are not a good idea as Christmas presents. Although it is legal to buy them they are not legal to use on public roads. You may see them on the streets in Norwich and Great Yarmouth, but that is because the city and borough councils are taking part in a controlled trial which allows E-scooters to be hired. If you do buy one, it can only be used on private land, never on roads, cycle-paths or pavements. Anyone breaking the rules could receive a warning from the police, who also have the power to seize the scooter. So, unless the person you have in mind for an E-scooter has vast private estates to get around, find them something else for Christmas...

It is currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement.



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Children, Youth and Families

The Churches Bike ride recently saw children taking part and also grown-up children with their parents. There were refreshments and a welcome in the Churches, as folk moved around as many as they could in a day to raise money through sponsorship. Well done all who took part or sponsored.

Easter Sunflower gifts The gift of a sunflower seed and growing materials last Easter to all primary school aged children, saw a massive Sunflower of 2.64m grown by Rory in Edgefield. Really it was a giant.

Family Church at Edgefield Church once a month, a relaxed afternoon with crafts around a Christian theme, worship time and a meal together. All are welcome. Next **Sunday 27th October 4-6pm and Sunday 24th November**. For info.07941 985 635

Remembrance Day and services are still honoured in our villages and young people are welcome to take part. The Corpusty Brownies will be flag bearing and reading poems/prayers at Saxthorpe Church on Sunday 10th November at 10:45am



Under 5's groups & drop-ins for parents/carers and children together

Baconsthorpe Parent and Toddler Group - Country Mice at the Village Hall Tuesdays 10-12, has got off to a flying start with a new leader Teresa. Country Mice is a friendly small group with plenty to occupy the children and time for adults to refresh.

Corpusty School - Little Acorns stay and play session on Mondays 10 to 11:30am.

Corpusty Playgroup at the Village Hall Fridays at 9.30-11.30 craft and toys in a large space.

Christmas is within parents' radar already and if you wish to join the tradition of singing carols in Church or taking part in a play, there is opportunity for children and their families across the villages:

Saxthorpe Christmas Tree and Nativity Festival over 3 days **Friday 6th - Sunday 8th December**

Edgefield Christmas Service with children's re-enactment on **Sunday 15th December 5pm**

Hempstead Carol Service **Sunday 22nd December 5pm**

Saxthorpe candle lit service on **Tuesday 24th December 5.30pm**

Baconsthorpe Christmas morning **Wednesday 25th December at 10.30am**

Baconsthorpe retelling of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" on **Sunday 19th January 2025 at 3.30pm**

Details of all Church events can be found here: achurchnearyou.com/benefice/26-271D/

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

This month I am hoping for a good version of October all crisp fresh mornings, beautiful blue skies and golden light, no saucepan lid skies please!. We have already just passed through a rather cold nippy start to September and as I write this in the middle of same said month, it was chilly enough to see your breath this morning. This has got me thinking about who in the garden needs to be packed away sooner rather than later this year. It's always much better and easier to prepare a cosy refuge for your more tender plants now rather than an unhappy scramble when the temperatures do suddenly plummet. I managed to pick up a couple of really beautiful pelargoniums this summer from Salle Open Gardens that have sat happily all summer outside our north facing front door and it's just occurred to me that more space will be required for them! I can also highly recommend a visit to Salle when they open their



gardens over the summer months, their walled kitchen garden is just stunning and absolutely full of beautifully grown veg, herbs and cutting flowers and fruit trees, it was a complete joy to wander around. They do a couple of NGS Open days and they are also open on Tuesdays throughout the summer, so it's well worth a look. The other garden we managed to visit this summer, which completely blew us away was Houghton, having not visited for nearly 30 years I was staggered by the difference. Both the scale and grandeur of Houghton is something else, it's also both impressively maintained and beautifully designed they must have a formidable team of gardeners!

Now back to more humble surroundings! Lots to do in the garden this time of year...if you are

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growing leeks these will need earthing up with soil (to help produce a longer blanched and sweet shank for cooking) and whilst we are in the same family group, now is a good time to plant onion and shallot sets and garlic, as they all need to be in the ground before a cold spell which helps trigger them to split and divide this is especially important for garlic. Elsewhere in the garden there is plenty of planning, tidying and sorting to be done. Having lost so many dahlias this year, I have lots of gaps to plan and fill and varieties to track down that I was particularly fond of and who we lost to the long damp winter. Not the worst of the gardening chores! Elsewhere in the garden we are planning to grown more fruit trees, especially quince, having struggled on for years with our two beautifully pollarded quince it's time to accept that the relentless powdery mildew they suffer with means they are just really unhappy where they are in our walled garden. So the plan is to start again and plant a pair of quinces and a good old Norfolk variety cooking apple (either a Norfolk Beauty or Norfolk Dumpling both irresistible names) on our top lawn, I for one cannot think of anything nicer than having too many quinces!!

Finally for this month I wanted to share something sad yet hopeful, for the past few years we have barely had any swallows here in our garden, however this year we had two swallows swooping and diving around in May, then all quiet again and then in late July early August we had a delightful flock of 11 swallows who used both the telephone wires and tree in our garden for 'training school' purposes, no idea where they had been nesting but they were an utter joy. Then finally on Sunday we had over 100 swallows all lined up on the wires all set to leave for warmer climes, whilst so sad to see them leaving (swallows I think are one of the most cheering of birds) it was encouraging that so many of them had gathered there. Fingers crossed we get to see some of them next year!

This month's question comes from MaryAnn who asks if it is possible to grow a large leaf lime tree from a sucker removed from its original parent tree, sadly it isn't....the sucker needs to use the original root system from the parent tree. However all is not lost! As October is the start of bare root season so it's easy and inexpensive way to start a large leaf lime tree off...Good Luck!

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

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Warm regards,

The CVN Team



Building our views of the sea

'Very flat, Norfolk.' So said playwright Noel Coward. Really! Did he try to ascend Bard Hill, Salthouse, on a pushbike? I doubt it! If he had, that statement would have been retracted as he encountered this special feature of our Norfolk coastline, for we have something that our adjoining counties



of Suffolk and Lincolnshire do not possess - a huge glacial moraine left behind by the last Ice Age some 12,000 years ago. Known as the Cromer Ridge, it gives us hills that rise to over 200 feet quite close to the coast, and spectacular views of sea and coastline.

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Head to the coast and whichever route you choose you will need to descend this ridge. One favourite of mine is Colgate Hill on the drop from Kelling to Weybourne, but you are spoilt for choice: Bard Hill Salthouse, the Runtons and Cley offer the same vistas. A cycle is perhaps the best way of seeing them. You can zoom down at high speed, but far better to stop and take in the view as the sea, coast and marshes open up ahead of you. I realise you now have a big hill to climb on the way back, but the reward for those views makes it a small price to pay.

Arthur Pentney

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This very popular annual Come & Sing event will be held on Saturday 19 October 2024. It takes the form of an all-day workshop (starting 10am) in the Lighthouse Community Church, Cromer Road, Sheringham, led by musical director David Ballard and accompanied by Philip Adams.



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