

# Church & Village News

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**WHAT'S ON**

<b>November</b>	Corpusty Village Hall	Film Night - Wilding 7pm
Fri 1	Edgefield	Pond Clearing Party 9 - 12am
Sat 2	Hempstead Village Hall	Crafty Creations 2-4pm
Mon 4	Baconsthorpe Village Hall	Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30
Wed 6	Hempstead Village Hall	Autumn Craft Weekend 10am-4pm
Sat 9/Sun 10	Hempstead Village Hall	Crafty Creations 10am-12noon
Thurs 14	Baconsthorpe Village Hall	Craft Fair 10am-2pm
Sat 16	Plumstead Pond	Pond clearance 10am
Sat 16	Baconsthorpe Village Hall	Pop up pub 6pm
Fri 29	Baconsthorpe Village Hall	3.45 for 4pm
Thurs 21	Music in Hempstead - Mozart Divertimentos	Northern Soul Night
Sat 23	Corpusty Village Hall	Crafty Creations 2-4pm
Sat 30	Hempstead Village Hall	

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To add an event contact Corinne Youngs 01263 577263 corinne@avyoungs.com

<b>December</b>		<b>December</b>			
Fri 6	Baconsthorpe	Christmas Quiz	Sat 14	Hempstead	Village Christmas Party 7pm
Fri 6	Corpusty VH	Film night - Wicked Little Letters	Fri 20	Edgefield Green	Carol singing 5pm
Fri 6/Sun 8	Saxthorpe Church	Christmas Tree & Nativity Festival	Tues 24	Saxthorpe	Candle lit service 5.30pm
Sat 7	Edgefield Village Hall	Christmas evening 7pm	Weds 25	Baconsthorpe	Christmas morning service 10.30am
Sat 7	Hempstead VH	Christmas craft day 10.30am-4pm	<b>Jan</b>		
Sat 7	Corpusty Village Hall	Wreath Making	Sun19	A Christmas Carol - St Mary's Church	Baconsthorpe
Sun 8	Matlaske	Christmas party	<b>July</b>		
Mon 9	Barningham Hall	Wreath Making 10.30am	Sat 12		Baconsthorpe Fete
Sat 14	Corpusty Village Hall	Christmas Bingo			

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<b>Itteringham Shop</b>	01263 587325
Monday - Thursday	9am - 1pm.

**MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES**

<b>Nov 21/19 Dec/Jan 16</b>		
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 Cott

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## Letter from the Rector - Reverend Canon David Longe

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Dear All,

In September I was invited to lead a memorial service<sup>1</sup> at Joe's Bridge in Belgium by the Irish Guards. It was a humbling experience, not just because I recalled a grandparent who died there, but also witnessing the generosity of the Dutch and Belgians towards the Allies as they recalled their liberation 80 years ago.

Sitting in a café reading about the campaign,<sup>2</sup> I was struck by what "truth" was for all involved.

"Truth", Jesus said, "will set you free".<sup>3</sup> Freedom in 1944 came at a cost, a cost recalled amid the graves of the fallen. Standing there in what was occupied territory, it was clear there was another battle at play: a battle to understand what truth is. This conflict is alive today as it was then, as we try to make sense of our world.

For truth and liberty are intimately linked. For those awaiting the Allies' advance, the Bridge marked a stage in liberation; for those retreating and seeking to counter-attack, it marked a sign of truth. The truth that the war was being lost and the ideology of the third Reich was a fallacy.

Did those fighting and caught up in the occupation understand the wider situation? Perhaps they had heard rumours of the horrors the Jews faced, or how POWs and Resistance Fighters were shot.

As we stood at the Bridge we wondered what would have been said to inspire the men before the battle. The British had been ordered to take the Bridge at "at all costs"; the German officers made rousing speeches about defending the bridge to the last man, before bolting. Yet one German soldier said "well done Tommy" when the Allies crossed the bridge.

Truth for the Germans was being turned upside down and trust lost in a regime that they no doubt feared.

Jesus risks all in his pursuit of truth. He defends widows; touches the untouchable; and speaks with an authority that confuses leaders. As a result, he is mocked, condemned, strung up, and killed brutally. Yet, in his final gasps he utters: "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do" (Luke 23.34).

Jesus' truth is that God loves us all, whoever we are. This makes little sense when it is seen in the tension of war, as it means God equally loves the scarpering German to those who lie buried in Commonwealth War Graves. As Edith Cavell said the night before her execution in 1915: "Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness for anyone".

This month on Remembrance Sunday we will recall all who are and have been caught up in violence, and as we do it is, I believe, pertinent to ask ourselves whether we pursue truth. Not in a glib way, but truly in our hearts and minds and through our actions. If we do, I believe we will find liberty, for the truth will set us free.

David

1. This letter is based on a homily preached at Joe's Bridge, 17 September 2024

2. Bogaars, R., *The Road to Valkenswaard* (Stitching: 2018)

3. John 8.31



*Capture of Joe's Bridge by the Irish Guards, September 1944.*

## The Benefice of Matlaske Church Services for November

### Saturday 2nd November, All Souls

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

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

### Sunday 10th November, Remembrance

8:30am	Eucharist	Matlaske
10:45am		Plumstead – incorporating Barningham Winter, Hempstead & Baconsthorpe
10.45am		Saxthorpe
10.45am		Edgefield

### Sunday 17th November, 2nd before Advent

10:30am	Confirmation with Bishop Graham	Baconsthorpe
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### Saturday 23rd November

4:00pm	Family Service	Edgefield Village Hall
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### Sunday 24th November Christ the King

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

### Sunday 1st December

8:30am	Eucharist	Baconsthorpe
10:30am	Advent Carols	North Barningham

Coffee, Plumstead Church, will resume in the spring  
Country Mice Toddler Group, Baconsthorpe Village Hall Tuesdays 10:00-12  
Coffee Cake & Chat: Saxthorpe Church, every Wednesday 10-11am

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## AUTUMN ON THE ALLOTMENTS

Andy Rudd getting ahead with autumn clearance on Baconsthorpe Allotments. One spare plot is available at the allotments, and another, large enough to be divided into two, is expected to become available soon. Anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk, Sarah Hayden. email: baconsthorpeparishcouncil@gmail.com.



## CHURCH NEWS

### Remembering Gunner Cooper

On November 10th our Parish Act of Remembrance will be held in the churchyard at the newly-discovered grave of Gunner George Cooper of the Royal Artillery. Gunner Cooper is the only one of our war dead buried at home as he died in hospital in Shorncliff Kent. The short service will commence in the church at 10.45. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

The plan of the churchyard has now been completed. Copies will be in the church if anyone is interested. Thanks go to Corinne, Tommy and Jane for all their hard work.

### An Enjoyable Evening

The end of September saw an enjoyable inaugural wine tasting at Baconsthorpe Village Hall. Wines from Australia to France (and quite a few countries in between) were tasted. These included a pleasant Prosecco from Italy; an excellent Chenin Blanc from South Africa and a very smooth Argentinian (aren't they all?) Malbec.

Watch out for a 'Tour de France' next – no lycra or bicycle clips will be required!

### Another Enjoyable Evening

October 12th saw the village hall filled to capacity for our third Murder Mystery play. This year the audience were asked to decide 'Who Killed The Headmaster?'. Very appropriate as the village hall was in fact the village school almost forty years ago. The performance of the play was much appreciated by the audience and there was a very high calibre of responses from all the teams. Some almost wrote essays! First prize of wine and chocolates went to the Ladies Lifeboat Guild and supporter (The Fab Five). Thanks to Emma and Jane for the excellent food and to my wonderful cast of actors.

### Final Reminder

I shall be holding a 'get together' in the village hall on Sunday December 1st at 3.30. This is for anyone who would like to take on a role in a short version of A Christmas Carol which is being performed in the church January 19th

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Coffee morning – at the village hall on Wednesday 6 November from 10.30 – 11.30. Free refreshments. Do come along and meet up with friends and neighbours

The Craft Fair – this is taking place on Saturday 16 November from 10am – 2pm. Lots of lovely hand-made gifts for Christmas.

Pop up pub – Friday 29 November. Jacket potato and fillings on the menu from 6.30pm. Bar opens at 6pm.

There will be no Pop up pub in December. It will return at the end of January.

### New Arrivals to Church Lane

I use the term loosely as Karen, Dom and daughter Saffron moved into Manor Lodge some months ago. Another new arrival is Diana who is now living at Manor Farm House so we have lots of new neighbours. I do hope they will be very happy.

### Christmas target for Baconsthorpe Castle

English Heritage's major conservation work at Baconsthorpe Castle may be complete by Christmas. The exposed flint-work and walls have suffered badly in recent years, but work to stabilise the ruin is now moving from the main castle - including the wool factory, inner gatehouse and curtain walls - to the outer gatehouse (pictured) where the scaffolding is already up and work expected to start before the end of October.



## BARNINGHAM - Sara Buxton 01263 577207

### Advent Carols

Do come and join us at St. Peter's Church, North Barningham on Sunday 1st December at 10.30am for the Advent Carol service. Veterans will know that the church is perishingly cold and has neither lighting nor heating of any sort. Please dress accordingly, in all your thickest outdoor clothes. It is the combined presence of people from all over the Benefice which makes this occasion what it is: A Special one. There will be refreshments after the service.

### Wreath-making returns

The annual wreath-making day will take place on Monday, 9th December at 10.30am at Barningham Hall. Materials will be supplied so you can make your splendid wreath and so will coffee and a soup lunch. The cost of this is £25.00. We hope that Tessa Papworth will be able to come along to instruct us. Please contact amelia@barninghamestate.co.uk. All proceeds to St Mary's Church, Barningham Winter Well-deserved thanks

Huge thanks from us all to Mary Pallister who has been the P.C.C. Secretary for the last 10 years. Mary has done a wonderful job and we are all so grateful that she has given up so many hours to help the P.C.C. Thank you Mary.

And... Thank you to Thomas Courtauld who has kept the churchyard looking so beautiful again this year. We do appreciate all your mowing Thomas.



CHURCH NEWS (Alison Mawson)

October was a busy month at Edgefield Church. Harvest Festival was a lovely celebration of harvest with a packed congregation aged 2 - 87 enjoying the service, which was followed by a delicious harvest supper. Many thanks to all who made soup, pâté, and a wonderful variety of delicious crumbles.

The Craft Fair was very successful, with a lovely atmosphere in the church, stallholders displaying their talents with a wide variety of crafts on sale, and tasty refreshments. Many thanks to Joy and John Hardiment for organising such a super event. There are still some plants for sale in the church porch if you have any gaps in your garden.

Remembrance

Our Remembrance Service will be at the Village Hall and War Memorial at 10.45am on Sunday 10th November and all are very welcome. There will be a family service in Edgefield Village Hall (warmer than church!) on Saturday 23rd November at 4.00pm. Do join us for angel-themed crafts, service and a meal. Carols on the Green

Advance notice that we will be carol singing on Edgefield Green on Friday 20th December at 5.00pm. All are welcome to come along for some rousing singing and refreshments. The village carol service with Nativity play will be on Sunday 15th December at 5.00pm, followed by refreshments. All children will have the opportunity to dress up and take part if they would like to.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS (Jim Frost)

During a very successful Bingo evening, the September 200 Draw was made. The winners were: 1st Tom Fox (£50), 2nd Mark Humphriss (£30) and 3rd Tony Jolly (£20).

Our ever-popular Christmas evening will be held on Saturday, 7th December at 7.00pm. Tickets £10 from any committee member. The evening consists of a turkey supper, licensed bar and silly games. Tickets are already going quickly, so do not dally!

Richard Peaver 01263 587486, richardpeaver@gmail.com

A Hempstead Wedding!

Hempstead Church hosted its first wedding in some considerable time, when Finlay Bond and Samantha Lambert were married there on 5th October in glorious weather.

Coffee & Catchup

Friday 1st November 10.30 - 12.00. All welcome

Hempstead 200 Club winners

£50 P Loach; £25 J Matthews; £10 D Collier; £5 S Hawley, A Loach, M Feilden

Crafty Creations

Monday 4th November 2.00 - 4.00 pm, Thursday 14th November 10.00 - 12.00 pm and Saturday 30th November 2.00 - 4.00 pm.



Music in Hempstead

Thursday, 21 November 3:45 for 4.00 pm. Two Mozart Divertimentos for Oboes, Bassoon and Horns.

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.

Hempstead Family Craft Day



Hempstead Xmas Party



Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride

Another successful year thanks to the generosity of our donors and the energy and commitment of village cyclists and supporters. Lizzy Ames who has only recently moved into the village signed up to cycle together with Alison and Nico Tyabji, Charles Inglis and me. We all went our separate ways around the churches of North Norfolk and together raised approximately £3100. An amazing result. While we were pedalling around, Rose Carver, Diane Collier, Airlie Inglis and Mo Williams were good enough to man the church to offer refreshments to visitors from other churches. Thank you everyone who supported us.

Yvette Gibson



**100 Club**

£25 Jinny Wickes; £10 Evie Radley; £ 5 Amelia Courtauld

**Remembrance - Walter England's story**

We think of all the Matlaske men who died fighting in two world wars, but it's poignant to reflect on the story of one man, Walter Ernest England (1887-1916), whose descendants still live in the village. Walter married his wife Ada on the day in 1914 that Germany declared war on France. Their honeymoon saw the German invasion of Belgium. Walter joined the Army early in 1915 and was posted to the Norfolk Regiment. In October, he joined the 9th Norfolk in France.

In the trenches, he was slightly wounded several times but on 5th November he was shot in the lower jaw at Ypres. The medics sent him to hospital at Etaples and then back to England. By early September 1916, Walter was in France again with his battalion. Alas, on the 18th October, he was killed at the Battle of Le Transloy, on a site now cut in two by a motorway. His battalion was attacking two German trenches called Mild and Cloudy. The ground was so muddy that the Tommies struggled to move and fell too far behind the cover of the creeping British artillery barrage. Despite this, they did capture the north-west end of Mild Trench and repulsed a German counter-attack. But Walter England died somewhere along the way. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing.



**Secrets of the Neanderthals – the Matlaske Connection!**

One of the several archaeologists in our community is one whose work features in a documentary released by Netflix in May called Secrets of the Neanderthals. Graeme Barker, part of the Matlaske Old School community for the past 30 years, is Disney (but not that Disney!) Professor of Archaeology Emeritus at the University of Cambridge. Since 2014, he has been leading a University of Cambridge excavation in Shanidar Cave in Iraqi Kurdistan, with a team of a dozen archaeologists including his wife Genevieve ([www.shanidarcaveproject.com](http://www.shanidarcaveproject.com)).

Shanidar Cave is an iconic site for archaeologists because excavations in 1951-1960 led by Prof. Ralph Solecki of Columbia University discovered the skeletal remains of 10 Neanderthals. Graeme's team have found further remains including the largely complete upper body of a 40-year old woman ('Shanidar Z'). The new work has shown that around 75,000 years ago at least five Neanderthals were buried

close together behind a prominent marker stone, but right next to where the Neanderthals prepared their meals, made campfires, cooked, repaired their hunting equipment and so on. This evidence for Neanderthals thinking about death and its aftermath, and treating some of their dead in special ways, is unique in Neanderthal archaeology. It adds to growing evidence for how similar in terms of their culture - indeed their imaginations - many Neanderthals were to Homo sapiens - ourselves. These discoveries make the reasons for their extinction everywhere around 40,000 years all the more intriguing - the focus of Graeme's current work in the cave.



A Kurdish film company visited the excavations on the last day of work in May and made a rather nice u-tube film about the project: Shanidar: over 100,000 years of history. (Pictures - Shanidar Team)

**PLUMSTEAD**

**Plumstead pond working party**

This will take place on Saturday 16th November at 10am. Volunteers are very welcome at Plumstead Pond to cut back bushes etc and prepare our pond for winter. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own tools if you are able. For more information contact Brian Faulkner on 01263577868 [briantfaulkner@btinternet.com](mailto:briantfaulkner@btinternet.com).



**Churchyard Clearance**

Many thanks to the 9 people who gathered at the churchyard on Monday 2nd September, to mow, strim, rake, lop and hack back the summer's growth of grasses, wild plants, brambles, ivy and overhanging branches, leaving the area cleared and accessible, and ready for next year's regrowth.

**Norfolk Churches Trust Award**

Thanks to those who filled the church with flowers in preparation for a special evening service with the Norfolk Churches Trust, celebrating the annual sponsored Bike Ride. Bishop Ian presented Plumstead church with the £1000 prize for being the "Most Improved Church" in terms of last year's funds raised from the Bike Ride. Refreshments were served in the churchyard on a warm and gloriously sunny evening.



## Coffee and Chat

We have decided to stop our Monday morning gatherings for coffee over the winter, but look forward to welcoming everyone back in the spring.

## Sad farewell

We are sad to announce the passing of John List of Plumstead Green who had lived in the village all of his life. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

## Septic tank replacement in Plumstead

Is there enough interest in Plumstead for a member of the Norfolk Nutrient Neutrality initiative to be invited to our village to explain this scheme? This potentially offers free replacement septic tanks to selected homeowners as part of a government sponsored nutrient mitigation scheme.

To assess local interest, please contact the chair of Plumstead Parish Council if you are willing to attend a public meeting: Brian Faulkner - 01263 577868. brianfaulkner@btinternet.com.

## SAXTHORPE AND CORPUSTY - John Birchall



### Harvest Supper reaps rewards

A superb Harvest Supper, hosted by Lesley and Niven Last with a strong supporting cast, became truly magical when violin and piano duo Sea Fever gave a spell-binding performance at Miller's Barn, Saxthorpe. Sara Longe (violin) and Matthew Preston (pictured) rounded off an evening that had brought together some 60 people to raise money for St Andrew's Church. The result was a boost of more than £1200 to church funds.

### Farewell to Joyce

Many people will remember Joyce Pemberton, who was an active and redoubtable member of the community for many years. Joyce, who had been suffering from Alzheimers, had been in a care home in Aylesbury and died peacefully at the age of 94. One of her lasting legacies for Corpusty & Saxthorpe is the Christmas Eve Candlelit Service at St Andrews. Started by her husband Tom, when he died she was determined to keep it going, and had clear ideas about the way it should be run. The service will, of course, be on again this year.



## Decorate a Tree at St Andrew's

If you were inspired by last year's Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's Church, why not have a go this year? What's more this year includes a chance to give your take on the Nativity. Any person or group wishing to take part should contact Jilly Perry-Warnes at perrywarnes514@btinternet.com or Heath Monks at brian@burecottage.co.uk. The Christmas Tree and Nativity Festival will be open at Saxthorpe Church from Friday 6 December to Sunday 8 December.

## Christmas Wreath Making

What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than to make a wreath for your own front door? And support the Village Hall while you are at it. Book a place at the Village Hall wreath making on Saturday 7 December, 11am-1pm. £20 per person - all essentials supplied, but bring your own scissors. Christmasy refreshments on sale. Contact Karen on 07494 521555 to book.

Other Village Hall activities to keep you going through longer nights include the regular film nights (7pm), with Wilding on 1 November and Wicked Little Letters on 6 December, Dance to Northern Soul on Saturday 23 November (7pm), and Christmas Bingo on 14 December (details to follow).

Details of regular group meetings: Bure Valley Quilters & Stitchers, Pilates, Brownies, Yoga, Dance, Parent/Guardian & Toddlers - can be found on the website: [www.corpustyandsaxthorpevillagehall.org.uk](http://www.corpustyandsaxthorpevillagehall.org.uk)

## Phone box make-over

After taking over as the new site for Corpusty's defibrillator, the old phone-box paintwork has been getting some much-needed TLC, led by Parish Council Chairman Guy Hodgson. Stripping back old layers of paint revealed that the phone box was made in Stirlingshire. The picture shows the box resplendent in its new but familiar coat of bright red.



**Save the Date!**  
**Hempstead Village Christmas Party**  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**  
The village hall committee invite you all to our annual village social event. Young and Old alike are welcome to this free event. Hot food and entertainment included during the evening.

RSVP to either [lesley.lennox@project21.ltd.uk](mailto:lesley.lennox@project21.ltd.uk) or [dulcelister@gmail.com](mailto:dulcelister@gmail.com)

Numbers needed to help catering thank you  
Also let us know if you are available to help with organisation of this event

**Thank you**



**Bring your Little Angels!**

It may be dark and drear after Half Term and the change of the clocks, but there's lots going on to get you out and about! Come along for crafts, a short service and a meal at November's monthly Family Church. This is for families and children of all ages across our 7 parishes and is on Saturday 23rd November 4-6pm. Because of the cold it will be in Edgefield Village Hall with Angels of Hope as the theme. Please book on [youth@matlaske.org.uk](mailto:youth@matlaske.org.uk)

**Calling Knitters for Angels** Any knitters or crochet people who could make some angels please? Wool supplied! Email [youth@matlaske.org.uk](mailto:youth@matlaske.org.uk).

**Christmas Gift bags** All primary school age children should receive a small creative gift from their local Church. If you have not received one by 6th December, please make contact on [youth@matlaske.org.uk](mailto:youth@matlaske.org.uk). (We are looking for donations or sponsorship for this twice-yearly gift-giving to children. Offers please!)

**Christmas tree festival** at Saxthorpe Church with decorated trees and nativity sets. A sensory treat for children and families on 6th 7th 8th December 10-4. Free entry, donations to the Church plus refreshments to buy.



**Inclusive Carol Service** at Edgefield Church on **Sunday 15th December at 5pm**.

There are opportunities for children to dress up and take part, additionally this year there are reading parts for adults. Please come and join in the traditional telling of the Christmas story by two familiar angels! Afterwards there are mince pies and drinks. (There will be a collection for Church Projects and School of Hope in Bethlehem).

**Edgefield Carols**, The Church community are leading carol singing on **Friday 20th December at 5pm** at Edgefield Village Hall and the Green (approx. one hour)

Glow sticks and hopefully candy floss for the children and hot drinks for adults. Come and sing heartily together as a community. Free to participate, donations welcome.

**So how many children do we have?**

It is often thought our villages are full of retired people, just ponder some of these numbers from 2021 census: Total number of children (0-17yrs) across 7 parishes 292. With 135 children in Saxthorpe/Corpusty, 54 in Edgefield and 42 in Hempstead. Just 27 or fewer children in each of the remaining villages. It seems appropriate to highlight the needs of children and families in rural areas.



The Codling Moth (*cydia pomonella*), or rather its larvae, is an unwanted pest to anyone who has apple and pear trees. Neither the adult moth, nor its larvae or pupae endear themselves to us, and the damage caused to maturing fruit can be considerable.

This moth's life cycle starts when tiny eggs are laid on the tree's fruit or leaves. These hatch after some two weeks when the larvae find a fruit, burrow into it and eat their way towards the seeds at the centre. This will take about five weeks. Once mature, a grub tunnels out of the fruit, finds a suitable site at the base of the tree and spins a cocoon. As a pupa it will stay hibernating until good weather arrives when it will emerge as a mature moth.

Two 'apple drops' occur during the season. The first, the so-called 'June drop', is orchestrated by nature when the crop is too heavy for the tree to sustain. But the second drop is not so welcome, and is caused by the moth's larvae burrowing into and eating the fruit's seeds, causing the apple to fall prematurely.

There are various methods to try to protect fruit trees. Traps, sprays, insecticides and repellents can be helpful, but the moth is a persistent creature and my guess is we just have to live with it. The photos show just how much damage these little blighters can inflict.

Arthur Pentney





November can be a good month for taking stock in the garden and making plans. There is something about seeing the bare bones of a garden after it starts to shed its leaves that helps you focus on what you'd like to do next. As I write this in late October the nights have really pulled in. It means you need to plan and be quite effective with your time management in the garden. Using the term 'time management' makes it out to be an awful lot grander than it is! Quite simply it means having a list of tasks for good weather and list of tasks for either low light levels or more challenging weather!

So on the good weather list we have fruit tree pruning, hedge cutting and general clearing up, all tasks that could do with a chirpy bit of clear weather and a sturdy cup of tea! Also on that list is to bring in any plant supports you were using during the year. If you would like to polish your gardening halo this Autumn ...Then do put cleaning and clearing your potting shed on the rubbish weather list, it's such a good idea to tidy and sweep out any shed you are using for storing items such as plant supports, garden furniture before you start putting everything away, it just means you are much more likely to put everything away in a good orderly fashion that is then a joy to behold when in next spring you come to bring everything back out again, rather than confronting a rather morale busting dreadful muddle. It's also a good opportunity to have a look at your gardening tools and see if anything needs any TLC or replacing or if you're missing anything that could quite happily go on a Christmas list. Or if like us you have any multiples that could be rehomed? We once discovered that we had somehow acquired 7 lawn edge cutters (all second hand I hasten to add!!) which was quite surprising but with a good bit of cathartic weeding out, we reduced it to 2 and instantly had so much more space. You will have solid old favourites that keep delivering and working well, but there will always be items you've either bought or acquired that just don't work or suit, my advice would be to be ruthless and rehome any that just don't work for you. Then you can literally see the wood for the trees on what you do need rather than a jumble of not quite the ticket tools.

If like us you've already had a couple of frosts (our garden is quite exposed where we are and we do have a couple of proper cold spots that are more susceptible) try and make sure you are all set. As I write this our dahlias are just about ticking over but it won't be long before the frosts call time on them, so I am making the most! This month I will also be having a bit of a rethink on the buckets of herbs I have outside our door, they are the most helpful of things cooking wise and their rather spartan galvanised habitat really suits thyme and rosemary and oregano, who just thrive...however my sage plants just look so unhappy, despite trying different plants two years running, so bucket life is obviously not for them! I would quite like to try winter savoury instead, so we shall see if it suits!

This month I wanted to mention a couple of gardening books that could be a lovely prize for the gardener in your life! The first has been around for many years but is still one of the most helpful and straight talking of gardening books and that's Right Plant Right Place by Nicola Ferguson it's just so useful and helps concentrate the mind on the fact that you cannot force a plant to thrive in the wrong position in your garden despite all the 'help' you might give it. The second is a complete delight of a book 'The garden against time : in search of a common paradise' by Olivia Laing This is an absolute joy of a book, that really gets inside the drive to bring a garden back from neglect and abandonment, perfect to curl up with by the fire and dream of better days !

Do keep the questions coming in! Email us at [redmaple@btinternet](mailto:redmaple@btinternet) as ever the most interesting question will be published next month!

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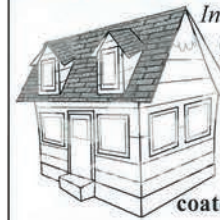
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