

Church & Village News

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September 2021



Night Sky over Baconsthorpe Castle
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Nature Watch - The Death Cap Mushroom

Arthur Pentney



Some of us believe the current emphasis on health and safety has gone a bit too far. The example of avoiding the danger of conkers falling from horse chestnut trees by cutting the trees down springs to mind. However, when your health and safety does need to be up to speed it concerns edible – and inedible – fungi.

Should I go out for a walk with my friend David, he will soon be taking out his shut knife and carving off a piece of nasty looking fungi, chewing it and then offering a piece to me, usually declined. But he's an acknowledged expert and knows exactly what he is doing, not all of us do.

This month's article was actually prompted by another, which appeared in one of my old motorcycling magazines. It promoted the joys of camping in those optimistic early post-war years. "Go out into the meadow and pick mushrooms to add to your breakfast fry-up," extolled the author. An innocent statement perhaps to those with a knowledge of what a mushroom is and what it is not, for to be sure there are some you do not want to eat, and the Death Cap (*amanita phalloides*) is the most dangerous one of all.

The size of an ordinary mushroom and fairly innocuous looking makes the Death Cap even more deadly to the unwary as one single specimen if eaten can result in a distressing series of symptoms including paralysis of the central nervous system.

I have found Death Caps growing under trees in late summer and autumn, and the main distinguishing feature that I can advise is that the cap has a faintly tinged yellow/green colour, which Wikipedia describes as "...often paler towards the margins and often paler after rain", but Tony Leech, the fungi recorder for Norfolk, has advised that the Death Cap does not always have the green/yellow tint to its cap, for occasionally they are pure white, which makes them even more deadly to the unwary!

So ensure you avoid this joker when picking those mushrooms for breakfast, or it could be your last!

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What's On

SEPTEMBER

Wed 1	5.00pm	Edgefield Church Yard Clean-Up	Church
Fri 3	6.30pm	Baconthorpe Cinema - <i>Nomadland</i>	Village Hall
Mon 6	10.00am	Hempstead PC Meeting	Village Hall
Mon 6	3.00pm	Plumstead PC Meeting	
Sat 11	10.00am	Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride	All Villages
Sat 11	10.00am	Corpusty Coffee Morning & Craft Stalls	Village Hall
Fri 24	6.30pm	Baconthorpe Pop-Up Pub	Village Hall

Clash Diary 2021

Oct 3	Baconthorpe Treasure Hunt
Oct 3	Edgefield Harvest Supper
Oct 16	Edgefield Quiz night
Oct 23	Plumstead Dahlia Festival
Nov 1	Hempstead PC
Dec 6	Plumstead PC

If you are arranging an event please check with Corinne Youngs that there is not already an event being held that day
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Plumstead	12.25	NR11 7LG	Walnut Farm
Edgefield	1.55	NR24 2AL	The Memorial
	2.15	NR24 2AX	The Street
Corpusty	2.45	NR11 6QP	School
	3.40	NR11 7BU	Great Farm Cott's
Saxthorpe	4.10	NR11 7BL	Old Post Office
Corpusty	4.30	NR11 6QJ	Adams Lane
	4.50	NR11 6QL	16 Council Houses

23 September / 21 October / 18 November

Hempstead	3.40	NR25 6TL	Telephone kiosk
Baconthorpe	4.05	NR25 6LE	Hare & Hounds
	4.20	NR25 6LG	Old Post Office
	4.40	NR25 6LJ	Council Bungalows

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Is The Parish Church Worth Saving? - Reverend Canon David Longe

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This is not a new question but recent events have brought it to the fore, and I felt you needed to know the view of your parish priest, whether you are a church goer or not.

In June the Church of England issued a statement for debate at General Synod (the equivalent to its parliament) stating that it wants to be 'simpler, humbler, and bolder' and unveiling a vision of 10,000 lay-led house churches which would engage the young (see www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-06/GS%202223%20Vision%20and%20Strategy.pdf)

It's a wonderful statement, as what could be more wonderful than to see a vibrant full church serving the community and lay-leadership blossoming? We cannot always rely on the clergy as evidenced many times in this Benefice when there hasn't been a priest, the laity have been incredible – if it was not for the excellent Lay Ministers, Church Wardens, PCC members, and others, our churches would have long ago crumbled away.

And house churches are to be commended: they reflect how the early church met and how Christ taught his disciples. I recall once being pointed out a house in Amman where a church began before funding was found for a building. Beautiful things grow from small seeds.

Digging deeper the vision raises unanswered questions – it is these that are causing the row: "How will such churches be financed?" "Who will lead them?" "What training will the leaders have?" "What about safeguarding?" "How will they link to existing parish churches?"

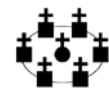
These are real questions, particularly as parish priests fear that funding is now prioritised to lay-led house churches rather than parishes. Whether this fear is real or imagined, it is clear there are funds for new initiatives. Already we are witnessing in the wake of COVID Dioceses are making drastic cuts. In this Diocese 20% of Diocesan staff have been made redundant, and parishes are being asked to expand so that clergy numbers can be reduced.

So, is the parish worth saving? YES!! For me, the last 7 days have included 2 fetes; a wedding, christening and funeral; a midweek and Sunday services; and a number of pastoral visits. If the parish church collapses, we must ask whether these events will continue in the way we have come to know them?

At the same time, change which is wholesome and builds up our common life is vital. Should this be at the risk of losing the parish church? If we embrace house churches – there is a strong argument we should - they must be safely woven into a parish system that has stood the test of time, served communities for over a millennia and become part of our DNA.

For me it would be a tragedy to lose the parish church, for it is a joy and a privilege to be your parish priest.

On 25th September at 10am Judy Rosser will be ordained Deacon in the Church of England at Norwich Cathedral, all are welcome to attend or watch via the live-stream (www.cathedral.org.uk/worship section). This is a wonderful occasion as Judy has for many years been a faithful and valued Lay Minister in the Matlaske Benefice. All are welcome to St Andrew's Saxthorpe on 26th September at 10.30am when Judy will be assisting at the Eucharist as a Deacon for the first time. This will also mark the first day of her ministry as assistant curate in the Matlaske Benefice. Please do hold Judy and her family in your prayers as she prepares for new ministry.



The Benefice of Matlaske Church Services for September

5 th	Trinity XVI	
10.30am	Eucharist	Edgefield
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Matlaske
12 th	Trinity XV	
10.30am	Eucharist	Hempstead
3.00pm	Deanery Evensong	Cromer Parish Church
19 th	Trinity XVI	
10.30am	Eucharist	Matlaske
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Baconsthorpe
26 th	Michaelmas and Trinity XVII	
10.30am	Eucharist	Saxthorpe
5.00pm	We welcome Judy Rosser back to the Benefice as a newly ordained deacon Solemn Evensong	Plumstead
3 rd October	Harvest Festival and Trinity XVIII	
10.30am	Eucharist	Plumstead
5.00pm	Benefice Harvest Festival	Edgefield
Wednesday 1 st 10.00am Eucharist Saxthorpe		

PHOTO CONTEST REMINDER

All young people in the Benefice aged under 16 are invited to submit a photo of something beautiful and/or fascinating in creation in North Norfolk with a short description of what it is and why it is beautiful.

Every photo entered will receive a prize and there will be a larger prize for the winner of each age category, which will be selected by Jake Fiennes, the Director of Holkham National Nature Reserve & General Manager, Conservation. (Jake he is passionate about biodiversity, and he represents the NFU Environmental Forum for the East of England, and sits on the RSPB England's Committee. He is regularly called on to speak to forums discussing how communities respond to the environmental challenges of our times - many of these discussions can be found on YouTube, if you want to look him up.)

Entries must:

- Be submitted to administrator@matlaske.org.uk by a guardian/parent by 5pm 10 September;
- Be a photograph of something beautiful and/or fascinating in North Norfolk with short description;
- Provide contact details of parent/guardian and the name of applicant (optional);
- State which year group the applicant will be as at 10th September 2021.

Baconsthorpe Village Hall Cinema

September - December 2021

baconsthorpe.villagehall@gmail.com
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Tickets £5.00 on the door
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Film Starts 7.30pm



Friday 3rd September 2021



Friday 5th November 2021



Friday 1st October 2021



Friday 3rd December 2021

Baconsthorpe

200 Club

£50 C Youngs, £25 M Jackson, £10 T McCosh, £5 P Warner, V Butler, S Robinson

Treasure Hunt

Last year we were forced to cancel the Treasure Hunt as the day dawned and the weather was atrocious. We are about to try again! Sunday 3rd October is the date, 11am to 4pm starting and finishing at Ash Tree Farm. By foot, bike or car £5 per group. Refreshments will be available. All proceeds to the church..

Fête

The decision was made by the Village Hall and PCC in May that at that time there was still discernible risks that a fête might have to be cancelled at the last minute due to COVID19. We are now focused on planning an all singing all dancing fete in 2022.

Village Hall News

The first Pop-Up Pub at the end of July proved to be very popular and it was lovely to see so many people all enjoying themselves, despite the rather damp weather. So thanks for coming and we look forward to seeing you on the last Friday of every month, 6pm – 10pm.

Film Nights are restarting on the first Friday of the month, beginning with the Oscar winning film *Nomadland*, starring Frances McDormand as a van dwelling working nomad who leaves her home town after her husband dies and the sole industry closes down, to become 'houseless' and travel around the western United States. Bar opens 6.30pm, film starts 7.30pm, £5 per ticket on the door.

Annual General Meeting, this will take place on Thursday 9th September at 7pm, all are welcome to attend. We continue to look for volunteers for events and to be on the committee. If you are interested please call Piers Warner on 07493 227591.

Village Hall bookings – email baconsthorpe.villagehall@gmail.com or call Lee Rix on 07500 047732

Piers Warner



Corinne Youngs
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Barningham Winter

The churches cycle ride will take place on the 11th September and both St Mary's, Barningham Winter and St Peter's, North Barningham will be open. If you do manage to visit St Peter's do take time to admire the lovely new gate which has replaced the old one and also how pretty the churchyard looks. The overgrown bushes were cut down in the spring and wildflower seed was scattered about and now an amazing array of wild flowers have appeared.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs de Bunsen for all the time and effort they put into making this happen. Also in North Barningham Mr and Mrs Dick Fiddian opened their garden one rainy Saturday in August. In spite of the weather the garden at Upwood Farm was greatly enjoyed by lots of admirers.



Sara Buxton
577207



Hempstead Village Hall NR25 6TL

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Edgefield

Church News

A date for your diaries: we hope to have our Harvest Festival, with Harvest Supper, on Sunday 3rd October. We very much look forward to seeing you there. A big thank you to all who have helped restore the old churchyard. Due to Lock Down and rotten weather, the grass and weeds had gone mad, but they are now tamed and it will soon look back to normal. A huge welcome to new members of the "Chain Gang", who have been a tremendous help. Our present churchyard needs some more work, and it would be wonderful if we could have any volunteers on Wednesday, 1st September, about 5pm? (The Rector can join us and will bring suitable refreshments!) We would welcome anyone to trim, rake, weed, and people to help sand down the doors ready for treatment. Has anyone got a sanding machine we could borrow?



Richard Peaver
587486

To those who knew her when she lived in Edgefield, Jane Manklow's ashes will be interred in our graveyard on 4th October, at 11am.

Angela Turner

Village Hall News

Our historical photographic weekend was a huge success and such was the interest, we will show some more of the videos in the future, so watch out for a date! Our next event is the long cancelled Quiz Night from last April (2020). We now intend to hold it on Saturday 16th October and of course your tickets are still valid. It will be lovely to see you all in the hall again.

Jim Frost

Church Cycle Ride

We will be cycling around the benefice churches as part of the Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride and Walk on Saturday 11th September and would welcome anyone else who would like to join "Team Edgefield"! We also need volunteers to welcome and sign in visitors to the church. If you would like to take part in any way, please get in touch with Alison via email alisonmawson@hotmail.com, home 587236 or mobile 07802619603. If you are able to sponsor us, you can do so via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alison-mawson5.

Alison & Iain Mawson

Hempstead

200 Club

£50 M Feilden, £25 A Parker, £10 T Collier, £5 D Sanders, SHawkey, A Matthews

Welcome

To Karen and Richard Furze who have just arrived at Wren Cottage.



Diana Spalton
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Hempstead Arts 2021

This will be taking place on the weekend of 4-5 September from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Free entry and refreshments will be available. Please see www.hempsteadarts.co.uk for more details.

Ian Summers

Hempstead PCC would like to thank all those who made Hempstead Fête the wonderful happy event and success that it was. Special thanks to Yvette and Liz for coercing and coordinating. As

previously mentioned, monies from the Open Gardens, Fête and Hempstead Arts are being set aside to help funding of the toilet for disabled, and internal decoration of the Church.

The Norfolk Churches trust annual bike ride takes place a week later, with half the sponsorship raised going to your nominated church. In the past Hempstead has achieved notable support and we hope we can rely on all those either sponsoring or cycling again. Many thanks in anticipation!

Francis Feilden

Eco Church Bronze Award

Congratulations to Hempstead, Baconsthorpe and Edgefield for achieving this award.

I understand that Revd David Longe led a team from all the parishes in the benefice and they put a great deal of hard work into the project. Apparently, there was a very long list of qualifying criteria. Well done!

Matlaske

100 Club

£25 Evie Radley, £10 Mandy Wood, £5 Sam Pointer

Many thanks to all those who supported our late-afternoon 'Music & Pizza in the Park' event. What a smasher in the sunshine! Very well attended; superb entertainment from rock and folk singers; wonderful stick-bashing and hanky-waving dance moves from the Holt Ridge Morris Men & Women. Great squeeze-box music too! The wood-fired-pizzas were perfect, the beer was cold and the cakes Truly Scrumptious! A handsome sum was raised for local charitable funds.

Thanks too for the feedback on *Matlaske History Vols 1 & 2*. It really is gratifying to hear that the books have helped some people to find out more about their ancestors' experiences. *Volume 3* is slowly taking shape.



Marion Shepherd
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Plumstead

As I write this I am aware that we have only had glimpses of summer this year. Despite that the gardens have been spectacular – the plants must have loved the regular rain which also meant that hoses were almost obsolete. However, nature continues to delight us and this morning I watched a green woodpecker taking part in the feast of ants that has appeared just recently on our lawn.

This will be my penultimate copy – we are moving far afield to Devon. It has been a pleasure to be a part of this magazine which has flourished in the years that I have been participating. Long may that continue. Life never remains static and that is its delight: but for me I need to pass the reins on to someone new. If anyone is interested in taking on this role please do contact either Mary 01263 577718 or email our Editor.

We are not the only long standing Plumstead residents moving on. We wish Stefan and Helen health and happiness in their new home.



Mary Lintott
577718

Church News

Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride, Saturday September 11th

Would you be interested in volunteering to sit in the Church for an hour – or if you feel brave enough to take your bike out for a ride around the glorious Norfolk countryside and raise some money for a very worthwhile cause – volunteers are always welcome. Do please contact Eleanor on 01263 577868 for more information.

A Date for your Diaries

After the great success of The Pumpkin & Dahlia Event last Autumn, it will be taking place again as promised. It will run for a week this time, from Saturday 23rd to Sunday 31st October. Donations of dahlias and pumpkins to decorate the church will be very welcome in the preceding week, and it would be really helpful if you could email our editor know if you are able/willing to contribute. Once again, children in the whole benefice are invited to bring (by Monday 25th October) their carved pumpkins to be displayed. There will be prizes! Following an early Evensong on October 31st tea and cakes will be provided to complete this lovely autumn celebration.



Coffee/tea mornings in Plumstead church will be continuing until the clocks go back, but please note that they will take place on Mondays (not Thursdays) from 30th August onwards.

Finally, Plumstead Church played host to a wedding on July 17th (as many of you will have heard long into the night!) when Melanie Lintott married Patrick Phipps on the most glorious day of the summer. This was for the third time of asking and fortunately despite the delay in opening up, Boris allowed weddings without restricted numbers to go ahead. It was a joyous occasion enjoyed by all the guests. They and their two children are happily living in Devon.

Saxthorpe with Corpusty

Corpusty Village Hall

There is a coffee morning and craft stalls on 11th September at 10am. The village hall is open and taking bookings. Please contact Diane Oliver: notrobena@yahoo.co.uk

Also, the village hall committee is looking for new members. If you are interested, again please contact Diane.



Sophia Hodgson
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St Peter's Church, Corpusty

In April 2019 there was an article in Church & Village News explaining plans for extending the use of St Peter's, Corpusty. In early September work will start on structural repairs to the tower arch and to the timber floors. A temporary ramp will be installed to provide wheelchair access through the north door. The interior of the church will be closed until mid-October, when work should be finished. Having a level floor will make it possible to hold events and exhibitions, including examples of fine letter cutting in stone and wood. The Norfolk Churches Trust is organising and funding the repairs.



St Peter's Church photograph by Roger Last

1st Corpusty & Saxthorpe Brownies

We have been meeting whenever it was permitted over the last year and have had some great trips out too. Meetings start again on Tuesday 14th September and will be every Tuesday in term time 5.45-7.15pm at Corpusty Village Hall. We have spaces and would welcome any girls age 7-10 years who would like to join us for games, crafts, a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities and plenty of fun. Please contact Alison Mawson (Brownie Leader) by email alisonmawson@hotmail.com or phone 587236 or mobile 07802619603 if you would like to find out more.

The Village Gardener

To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow



Here's hoping for a mellow golden beautiful September... however, as I write this August is not behaving itself with grey cloud and drizzle. August has managed to wholeheartedly combine the unholy alliance of temperature and humidity for a particularly unpleasant dose of blight here. So much so I have resolved not to grow potatoes next year in the hope maybe we can keep our tomatoes happier for longer. We may be clutching at straws but I feel it's worth a try.

Right: enough of the gloom! First off is a nice gentle task which requires a paper bag and a pencil so you can collect ripe seeds from the flower border is always a satisfying job. Ensure they are really dry before you pop them in a labelled paper envelope (no plastic as they won't keep well). Keep dead-heading the border to help it look its best for as long as possible.

Normally at this time of year I would be suggesting some lawn care tips and tasks, but we've noticed this year just how unstressed the lawn has been due to the sheer volume of rain, which has been rather hard on the resident lawnmower who hasn't been unable to skip a cut throughout the summer as it has grown so strongly. The same can also be said for hedges and trees we have seen the most incredible amount of growth this year. Which means hedge cutting this year will be quite a feat and may require some thought and planning. I know we are allowing more time, just because of the sheer volume of growth which has been unprecedented.

Now to the veg plot! Apart from our disastrous time with blight, nearly everything else has been ticking along nicely. We had a particularly good crop of garlic this year. Many plants have thrived in this weather, others less so. Tomatoes (as I have already mentioned) and oddly coriander in particular have struggled and I am presuming that's down to low light levels. Not sure about that one - answers on a postcard please.

September is both the time to harvest and to think ahead to future crops like spinach, spring cabbages and winter salads. If you're a fan make sure you've earmarked some space for garlic and shallots which can go in late autumn - less imperative for shallots - but your garlic will need a period of cold weather to grow successfully.

Finally if you're lucky enough to have summer fruiting raspberries then they will need a good sort out, this will mean cutting all of this season's fruiting canes (brown) to the ground. Next you will need to reduce the green stems probably by half to the strongest looking shoots, removing all the smaller shoots. Tie all the strong shoots to a wire frame so they are supported well during next years (hopefully!) bumper harvest!

This month's question is regarding pumpkins. We have been asked how best to get a ripe pumpkin for Halloween. The trick is to remove any leaves near the pumpkin so it gets the maximum light. Also sit your pumpkin on straw so that it's slightly off the ground. Make sure it gets plenty of water and Good Luck!

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

Michelle & Mick McCarter



Hempstead Fête & Dog Show photograph by Jonathan Neville

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