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Church services

5 th December	8am	Holy Communion BCP, Barnham (and on Facebook)
	3.30pm	Candlelit Christingle, Barnham
12 th December	3pm	Carol Service, Fakenham Magna (followed by mince pies and mulled wine)
19 th December	10am	Carol Service, Euston
	6pm	Carol Service, Barnham
24 th Christmas Eve	5pm	Crib Service, Barnham
	10pm	Midnight Mass, Barnham
25 th Christmas Day	8.30am	BCP Communion, Fakenham
	10am	BCP Communion, Euston
2 nd January	10am	Ixworth Thorpe
9 th January	10am	Parish Communion, Barnham
	3pm	Songs of praise at Fakenham Magna followed by communion
23 rd January	10am	Parish Communion, Barnham
	6pm	Traditional Evensong, Ixworth Thorpe
28 th January	6pm	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service in Barnham Church, supper afterwards
30 th January	10am	Blackbourne Team Service, Ixworth

Christmas Farmers Market at St Gregory's Church, Barnham. 11th December – 10am-2pm. An opportunity to purchase Woosters bread, fresh partridge and pheasants, flavoured tonic waters, Edie's pork pies, Christmas wreaths, Breckland vegetables, BBQ and much more plus a complimentary glass of mulled wine. We do have a card reader available for those who wish to pay by card.

Tour of the Euston Estate on a tractor/trailer (fully insured). 11th December. Tour £3.00 each at either 11am or 1pm. Pre-booking is essential: email StGBarnhamchurch@gmail.com or call Tash 07773 398444

Special Christmas Wreaths and Topiary Trees. Wreaths: medium £20, large £30. Topiary trees: £15.

Available to order in advance by 5th December via Mark at The Old Bakery or leave a message 07748 854635 or buy at the Farmers Market.

Barnham Church Lunches in St Gregory's Church 22nd December and 26th January.

Coffee on the other Wednesdays 10-12.

Services continue on Blackbourne Team Ministry Facebook page. Should you not wish to subscribe to Facebook please enter Blackbourne Team Ministry in your browser, then click on Services and the link to the Facebook page is at the bottom of the page. You will not need to subscribe to Facebook in order to view.

Barnham Village Hall – for bookings/enquiries please call (answer machine) or text: 07931 104122.

Village hall website: www.barnhamvillagehall.org.

Reminder - Christmas Craft Fair at Barnham Village Hall – Sunday, 5th December from 11am to 3pm in the Village Hall. There will be a large number of excellent crafts available for you to choose that 'special' Christmas gift.

Do come along and join us. Hot and cold refreshments will be available

Barnham Indoor Bowls Club would welcome new members. We meet every Thursday evening from 7:30 until 9:30 in the Village Hall - come along and join the fun for only £2 per person. All equipment is provided along with tea and biscuits at 'halftime'. For more information, please contact Tony Higginbottom on 01842 766064.

Car parking at the village hall – Please can we remind you that this is a PRIVATE car park and is solely for the use of those attending the hall, or those dropping off/collecting children during school hours.

Barnham and District Women's Institute – Next WI Meeting is on Monday, 10th January at 7 pm. The speaker will be Elizabeth Wright who is going to share her experience of attending the World Scout Jamboree. If you are interested in joining the WI or would like more information, contact Catriona on 07793 742974.

FUN QUIZ - 21st January at 7pm. Barnham WI invite you to join them at the Village Hall, proceeds from the evening will be split between WI funds and Bury St Edmunds Women's Aid. This event is open to all, teams of 4, £6 per person - this will include homemade soup and a roll. You need to bring your own drinks and glasses as there will not be a bar (remember to bring some cash for the raffle!). Advanced booking is essential please email Catriona: irishcatseyes@yahoo.co.uk/07793742974.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR READERS

Barnham Parish Council – The latest minutes/agenda for Parish Council meetings can be found on the notice board at the village hall and on the parish council website: www.barnham.onesuffolk.net. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 11th January 2022 at 7pm at the Village Hall. Any queries, please contact the clerk, Caroline Dowson: 01842 890355 / barnhampc@btinternet.com. At the January meeting a representative from the Euston Estate will be present from 7pm to talk about concerns regarding the increase of agricultural traffic through the village.

Defibrillator – *thank you* to our County and District councillors who helped with funding and everyone who helped to install the new defibrillator which is by the entrance to the village hall. In an emergency dial 999 and the access code and instructions will be given.

Vacancy - Parish Councillor. Our *thanks* to Charles Merrifield who sadly has resigned from the parish council due to health reasons – his commitment as a parish councillor will be missed. Anyone interested in becoming a parish councillor please contact the clerk.

Fakenham Magna Parish Council - Fakenham Magna Parish Council meets bi-monthly. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm. Public and Press welcome to attend. For further information on dates and times please see the Notice Board or visit the website at www.fakenhammagna.onesuffolk.net. Church Field, Fakenham Magna is available to use by prior arrangement with Cllr. Ray Johnston, email him at fakenhammagnapc@live.co.uk.

News from Euston Estate (Matthew Hawthorne, Farm Manager) - Hi all and welcome to the November news from Euston Farms. Sadly, we are not liked by some residents of Barnham as I like to think we usually are! Some people expressed their concerns at the parish council meeting this month about the maize harvest traffic. The concerns seemed to be around the quantity of tractors and trailers using the Barnham road to get to our tip site on the side of the A134. So let me take this opportunity to explain some of our logic. The farm operates a crop rotation on all 126 fields covering 7500 acres. The idea is that generally speaking each field grows a different crop every year. Sometimes fields will grow the same crop for 2 years but this is rare. For 2021 maize harvest there was a lot of crop grown at West farm. This maize is destined for the AD plant here at Euston office. I decided to reduce the harvest traffic by making an in-field clamp which allowed 4000 tons to not see the road at the point of harvest, but be brought back to the farm as needed over the next year. Subsequently we had to bring a couple of fields through Barnham to join this clamp as we have had a bumper crop this year and ran out of room at the AD plant. Every operation we do on the farm I give great consideration to all the villages and their residents, be it hedge cutting, combining at night or sugarbeet or maize harvest. It seems though that my maize harvest plans have not been good enough. There are thousands of tons harvested on this farm every season with zero complaints or even awareness. Quantities like 80tons/ha sugarbeet, 32 tons/ha maize 55 tons /ha potatoes carrots and onions and 10/ ha cereals resulting in 61,000 tons of movement. I accept that maize seems busy but it's in a short condensed window and is as you can see not even the highest yield/ha. So to conclude, we did our best to reduce traffic, we rotate the crops around the farm so you may not see any in the near future and it's the 5th highest yield on the farm. I do apologize for any upset, but we do our best and enjoy supporting all our school, church and village activities. See you all at the farmers' market for a tractor ride on the 11th December. Best wishes Matthew and the Euston team.

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