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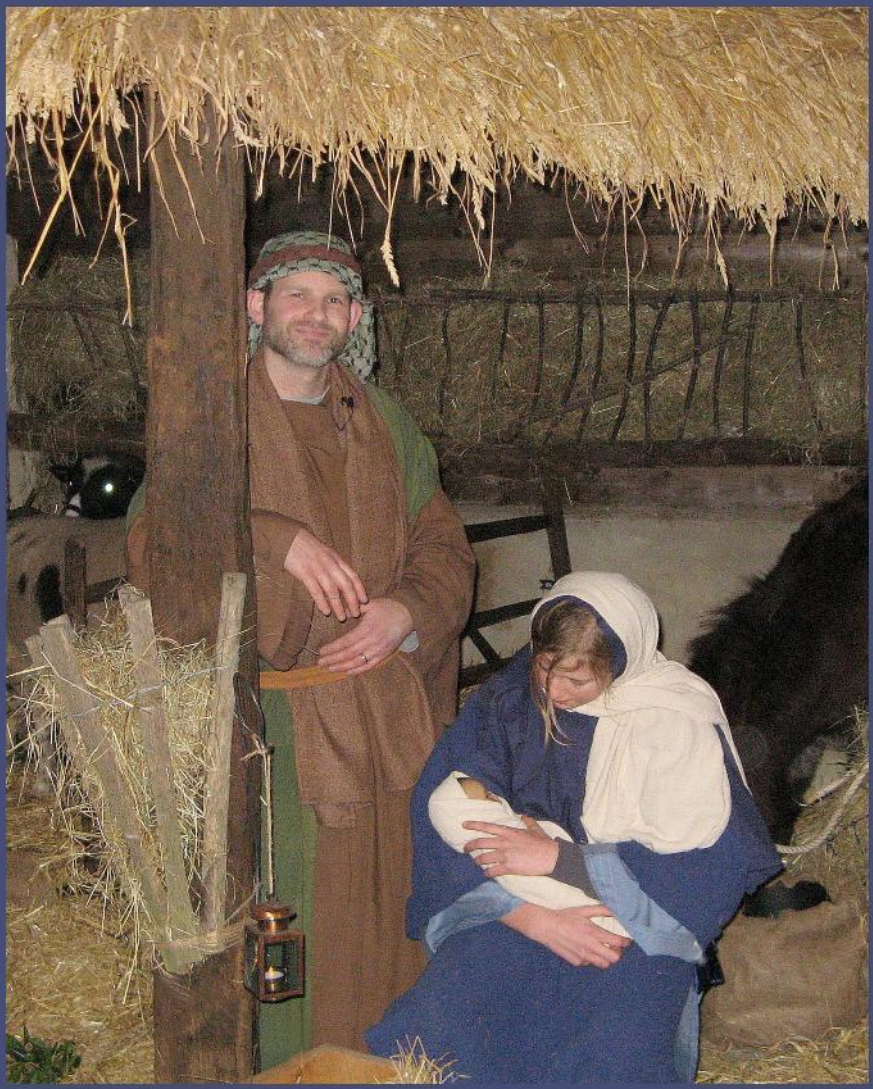

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From your December Correspondent

Going through the hills on a night all starry
On the way to Bethlehem,
Far away I heard a shepherd piping
On the way to Bethlehem
(From the Shepherd's Pipe Carol, by John Rutter)

This month is dominated by thoughts of Christmas. I have to say that I love the festive season – but at the risk of sounding like a grumpy old man, there are aspects of it that I loathe too, particularly the way that shops try to bring it in earlier each year. I was astounded to see a section of Christmas goods in one local supermarket in late September! In our household, the seasonal cheer only starts flowing on the 1st December when the embargo on Christmas music is lifted, and some much-loved CDs are brought out and dusted off for another year. Nothing gets me in the mood quite like the first notes of the Shepherd's Pipe Carol, a glass of sherry and the sound of children arguing over whose turn it is to stir the Christmas cake mix.

Our family has developed a number of Christmas traditions over the years – some conventional, others less so. A real tree is obligatory – and much effort goes into its decoration. (Even when we were living in Malawi a few years ago, with December the hottest time of the year, we managed to find a local conifer which was the right sort of shape). A more arcane tradition is an old Suffolk game involving hazelnuts which we play on Christmas day (does anyone else do this?)

More recently another tradition has taken root: For the last 5 years we have been cast members in Bethlehem to Bacton. If you haven't seen it, this is a living nativity – a recreation of the historical events surrounding the birth of Jesus as recorded in the Bible. The performances draw people to Bacton from near and far each December. Much as I enjoy pretending to be a shepherd and being astounded by a choir of angels, participation in this project fulfils another purpose: it reminds me of the core of Christmas, the reason for the season: The incredible fact of God becoming human and being born as a baby.

Of course I realize that the Christian celebration has been grafted onto an earlier Mid-winter festival, and there is no proof that December 25th is Jesus' birthday. However, I am convinced that the events we portray are real ones: the birth of a child whose later life, teaching, death and resurrection are not just traditions, but a reality still worth exploring today.

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Date	Day/ Times	Event
2nd	Sun 9.30	**Toy Service -** St Mary's Church, Bacton (page 37)
1,2,8,9, 15 &16	Sat & Sun 6.00pm	**Bethlehem** - An event for the whole family. Adults £5.50, children £3.50 Booking essential. (page 37)
5th	Wed 10.00 -12.00	**Seasonal Charity Coffee Morning -** The Croft, Wyverstone Plants, Home-made Cakes, Jams and Chutneys. (page 22)
6th, 13th, 20th,	Thurs 9.00 - 10.30	**Bacton Work Club -** Bacton Community Room, St Mary's Church, Bacton (page 39)
7th	Fri	**Christmas Fayre** at Mendlesham Health Centre
10th	**Mon**	**Deadline for January Magazine -** brought forward from 15th
11th	Tues 2.30pm	**B & W Mothers' Union,** St Mary's Community Room. **'A Celebration of Christmas'** (page 29)
11th	Tues 7.30pm	**Bacton & Wyverstone Horticultural Society** at Bacton Village Hall
11th	Tues 2.00 - 4.00pm	**Community Circle Club** at Cotton Village Hall, Blacksmiths Road, Cotton.
12th	Wed	**RBL Christmas Dinner** at The White Horse Stoke Ash
13th	Thurs	**RBL Women's Section -** Christmas Meal and Entertainment, Park Hotel, Diss
15th	Sat 10.00am - 12.00pm	**Community Circle Christmas Café** at Cotton Village Hall, Blacksmiths Road, Cotton. (page 28)
18th	Tues 7.00	**Twas the Night Before Christmas -** St Andrew's Church, Cotton (page 13)
22nd	Sat	**Wyverstone Cafe Christmas Market** (page 11)
28th	Fri 10.30	**Quamble -** A fun footpath walk with family Quiz (page 26)

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5th	Sat	**SEMVC Silver Jubilee Dinner,** Ickworth House (page 17)
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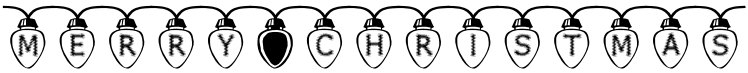

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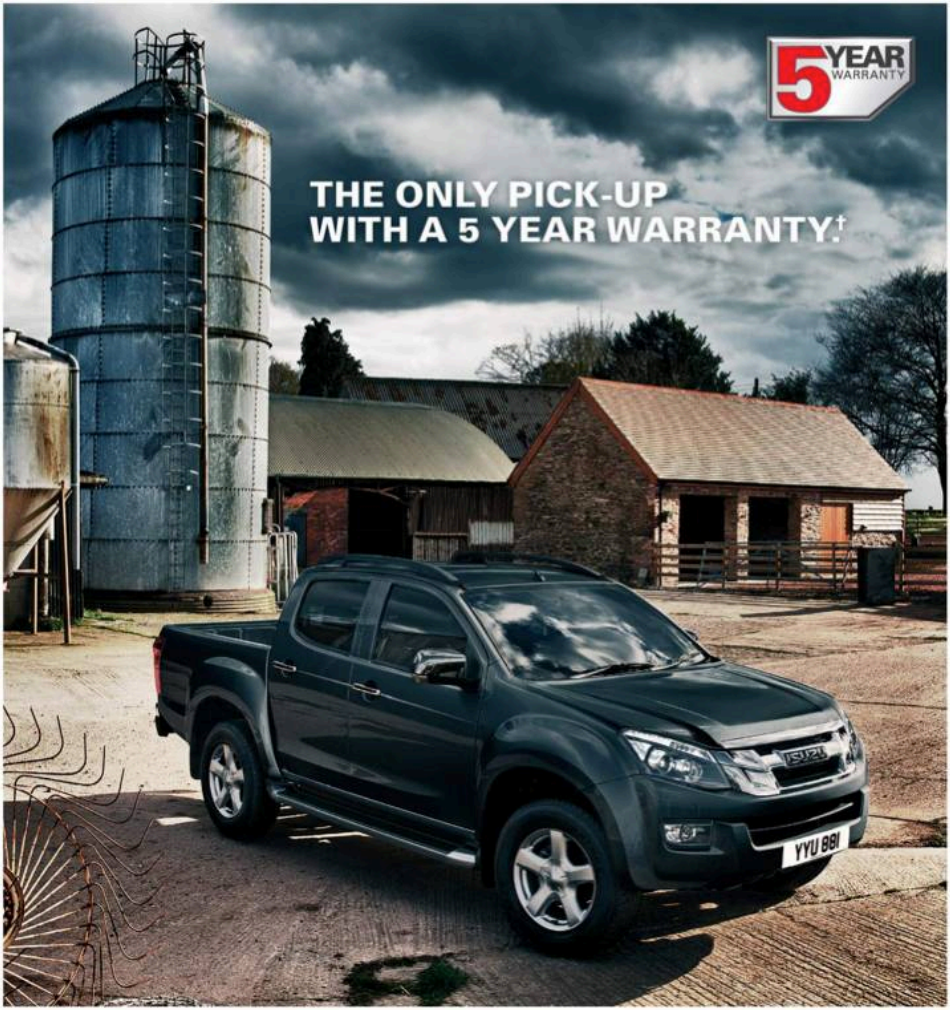

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On Saturday 22nd June there will be a **concert at the Apex** in Bury St Edmunds featuring Suffolk's very own Laura Wright as well as SEMVC.
Tickets for this will go on sale in April 2013.

If you would like to come to the dinner please contact one of the following:

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There won't be any need to add water retaining gel to the compost before planting out as this will keep the baskets too wet during the winter. Winter rain fall and snow thaw will be sufficient to keep the baskets supplied with enough water over the winter period.

Large winter containers, any of your choice, wooden or terra-cotta. Put plenty of drainage material in the bottom of the containers.

Again, mix in a slow release fertiliser with fresh multi-purpose compost. Fill to about three quarters full and start planting out.

I have used a centre piece of variegated Euonymus and planted bright red winter flowering cyclamen, with multi-coloured winter flowering pansies and trailing ivies around the centre piece.

In another large container I have used red and white heather, already in flower, as my centre piece with pansies around them.

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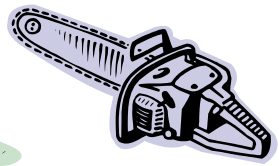

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After their pampering the ladies drifted home on a cloud of contentment ready to take on half term at full force, but not before saying "see you next year and you must do it again".

Many thanks must go to all the ladies who attended the Pamper afternoon and of course I could not fund raise without my friends who turn up on the day and help out selling raffle and tombola tickets, serving refreshments and washing up. Thanks for the support of Richard, my lovely husband who carries tables and chairs and helped clear up.

An amazing £535.00 was raised on the day, added to the pre event ticket sales and of preserves, £635.00 was raised in all. A truly wonderful result making over a £1,000 raised this year for the trust and over £4,000 since 2010. This money continues to help with education and research into the high grade brain tumour that claimed Bill's life.

Sheila Brown

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1st BACTON SCOUT GROUP

1st Bacton Scout Christmas Post

– The Scout Group will be providing a local **Christmas Post Service from 1st – 18th December 2012.** The public need to put their cards with full addresses and postcards in a sealed bag with the correct money - £0.25p per card - plus senders contact details. **Deliveries will be made to Bacton, Cotton, Wyverstone, Finningham, Westhorpe, Haughley and Haughley Green.** Local Christmas cards guaranteed delivery before Christmas – Cheaper than buying a postage stamp and helping your local Scout group. Cards can also be dropped off at the Scout HQ on meeting nights - Monday and Fridays only.

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Section Leaders Required

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Recycling Bins - Please remember to use our recycling bins at the Scout HQ – This also raises funds for the group and is much easier than transporting your bottles and clothes to the Stowmarket recycling centre / bins.

Dates for the diary...

1st December District Scout Show- Regal Theatre, Stowmarket

Sunday 9th December

District Carol Service – Stowmarket Parish Church.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BACTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Jane Brookman

The parish council met on 22 and 29 October 2012.

Mr Peter Smith, our Tree Warden reported that an application submitted on behalf of Bacton had been successful, with the village being awarded one of 60 trees to be provided by the Tree Council in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. To minimise the risk of disease it is proposed that the tree planted in Bacton will be a hornbeam. The tree planting will involve the schools and young people who are also being invited to join in a poster competition and the winners will be involved in the tree planting on 25 November.

The remedial work at the play area on St Mary's Playing field identified by the annual ROSPA safety check has been completed.

The Parish Council reviewed and adopted new financial regulations, which set out the financial procedures to be followed.

The Parish Council considered various planning applications and supported those at County Cottages, Cow Green, Kerrys Farm Lane, Bacton, 40 Pound Hill, Bacton and 12 Cedar Close, Bacton. The parish council raised objections to the applications for Finningham Gospel Hall, Station Road, Cotton and 1-2 Broadway House, Broad Road, Cotton. The date of the next parish council meeting is **17 December 2012.**

COTTON PARISH COUNCIL

On Saturday the 26th of October Cotton Parish Council organised and hosted an informal introductory meeting with our local MP Dr Dan Poulter at the Village Hall, once again transformed into **Cotton Community Cafe.**

Dr Dan casually chatted to lots of people over a cup of coffee and many questions were asked. He was extremely approachable and appeared to care, which is so refreshing these days.

The morning was a great success with a true community and friendly spirit. Amongst laughter, conversation and the purchase of goods and wares, we were munching on delicious bacon and egg rolls cooked by Dennis.

New email
cottonparish.clerk@gmail.com

COTTON VILLAGE A huge thank you to Gary and his men from **Freedom Co**, Willow Lane Cotton, who have been cutting the grass and trimming the overgrown hedges along the lane side in Willow Lane, down into the village.

Gary has been cutting the grass for many years, Most folk think its the Council. No its not. We all benefit from this extremely kind deed, otherwise Willow Lane would be severely overgrown and no longer viable or desirable to walk ourselves, dogs, and horses.

Thank you Gary, we really do appreciate your kindness.

WYVERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Wyverstone Parish Council met on 6th November.

Representatives from Mid Suffolk Council presented plans that are proposed to build two affordable houses for rent on land next to South View, Westhorpe Road. The dwellings, if approved, will be rented out to people who live or have connections through family to Wyverstone. The houses will be suitable for four people each. The Parish Council will be given access to final plans when application is made to build.

The proposals for modernising the street lights by contractor Carillion is far too expensive for the Parish Council. It was agreed to have the light near the Village Hall repaired and then to conduct a survey in the next few months as to what residents feel about the street lights as some are very ineffective.

Steven Axton was elected to serve on the Parish Council replacing Mike Hind who has resigned.

Thanks were expressed to those who had cleared the overgrown path on Church Hill. There has been a recurrence of residents not clearing up after their dogs on the footpath from Church Hill to the middle school, would those who are guilty please ensure that this does not recur.

New street signs are ordered for Westhorpe Road and Rectory Road. The clerk is to report that the signs on Badwell Road are very defaced and need replacing.

The constant problem of flooding at Potash Lane opposite Flint Cottage has reoccurred, a site meeting is to be arranged.

It was agreed to send a £25 donation to the Bacton & Wyverston Good Neighbour Scheme.

The police reported that there had been no crime recently but urged residents to ensure vehicles are always locked.

The Play Area 49 club is running well, there are some unsold numbers, contact Simon Williams.

Jane Storey reported on the activities of the County Council. Some SCC care homes are to be closed but new privately owned homes built.

Seminars are planned for adoption advice. The council recommended approval for ammended plans to Longstraw Cottage for extension, (numbers 3223/12 and 3224/12).

Eddy Gale reported on activities of the Village Hall thanking all those who have replaced curtains, decorated and particularly raised money at a recent Halloween party.

It will be decided at the next meeting on Monday January 14th at 7pm whether to have a parish review. A letter from Mr Cox regarding safety, speeding and footpath construction in the village has been circulated and the clerk is replying.

Jim Arnold thanked all who had attended and those who kindly provided refreshments

John Bean

Bacton United 89 FC

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Forthcoming fixtures: Kick off 2.0 0pm

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22ndDec	BU89FC Res	v Walsham L W A	SIL Div III
22nd Dec	BU89FC A	v AFC Titans	SIL Div V1
5th Jan	BU89FC	v Salvation Army	SIL Div II

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BU89FC also have **junior football teams** at most age groups playing on Saturday mornings. **Please contact Robbie Walker for details. 07547119957**

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BACTON & DISTRICT W.I. Monday November 5th 2012

First I must apologise for the error in last month's report. The Eagle - eyed amongst you will have noticed that the meeting date was wrong. We hold our Birthday Party every year in October so the date should have read October 1st.

Soup 'n' Puds

On Friday November the 2nd we held another of our popular Soup 'n' Puds lunches. It was very well attended so thank you to all who supported our efforts.

On the evening of November the 5th we began our **Annual Meeting** of 2012 by singing Jerusalem before getting down to business. We first had the Financial Report from our Treasurer Angela Jenner and a report on the past year from our Secretary, Zena Dakeyne. Zena has been a very valuable member of our committee for many years but unfortunately has decided to stand down for 2013. We would like to thank her for all her hard work on our behalf. There followed an address from myself, the President, in which I talked about events of the past year and took the opportunity to express my thanks to everyone who makes our W.I. what it is today. The Committee for the coming year was decided upon and I was re-elected as President. Our area Advisor, Andrea Davis, said a few words and was very complimentary about our activities and achievements during the past year. We were then free to enjoy the talk by Peter Banham on 'Old Sayings and their Origins'.

This was very interesting as he asked us to guess the origins of many well known sayings. Although some members knew one or two of them and others made some very competent stabs at guessing, he mainly surprised us with a large fund of knowledge about lots of sayings we hear everyday but take for granted.

Peter's wife had accompanied him and set up a stall of craft items which she was selling in aid of Redwings Horse Sanctuary.

Our next meeting will be on December the 5th when Linda Scoles will be amusing us with tales of 'Disastrous Christmas Gifts'.

Visitors welcome at £3.00 per session.

Amanda Manley
President of Bacton and District W.I.

COTTON VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

There is still time to book for the Dinner on Wed 5th Dec. Cost £14-00

please bring your own drink.

Guests are very welcome.

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We do not meet in January.

Merry Christmas and a bountiful New Year.

Sadly we have to say farewell to Marjorie Cowell who has been a very active member and enriched our meetings for many years.

Community Circle Christmas Café

Saturday, 15 December 2012

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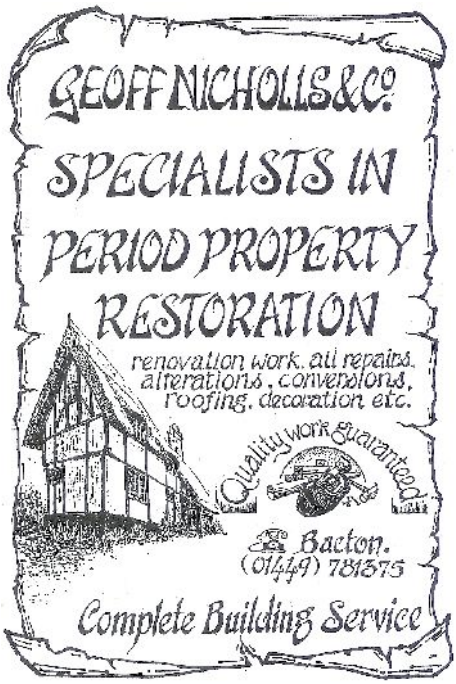

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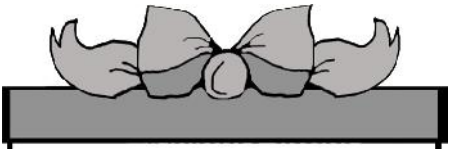
P**lease remember** the **deadline** for the **January magazine** will be the

10th of December

Finally, an invitation to everyone in Bacton, Cotton or Wyverstone

If you have a Picture/Photograph you would like to see on the front cover and can provide a letter on the same theme for page 5 (Up to 430 words), please get in touch with us. We are keen to give everyone the chance to get involved and can let you know which months are available in 2013.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a very

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and a

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A Word from the Rectory

Dear All,

By the time you read this, I shall be back from my annual retreat to the tiny Scottish island of Iona (unless the winter storms are bad enough to stop the ferry!). The sixth century Irish prince Columba founded his monastery there, and made it the base for a mission that brought the Gospel to most of Scotland, then Northumberland, and eventually even as far as East Anglia. Although the Vikings knocked over most of the original buildings, during the last century a Church of Scotland minister had a vision to rebuild the Abbey and it's now the most amazing place to stay, full of atmosphere and history and an amazing collection of art and craft work. For me it's a constant reminder that in any century a small group of people, with passion and vision, can achieve extraordinary things. Being a guest at the Abbey is one of the best ways I know to prepare myself for the Christmas rush.

This month St. George's has a new venture. 22 Wyverstone families have kindly offered to host some very special guests – Mary, Joseph and their faithful donkey (all knitted figures!) will be travelling through the village on their way to Bethlehem. This lovely idea, called a Posada, comes from South America. It's a great way to enjoy Advent and remember how hard it must have been for Mary, still a teenager and very pregnant, to make such a long journey. I wonder who gave her hospitality along the way. She and Joseph must have been grateful to anyone who took them in for the night.

Speaking of being grateful, my father has asked me to say how much he has appreciated the way he has been made welcome at the Bowls Club and Community Circle. It wasn't easy for him to leave his home and his own friends, back in February when the cancer was discovered, and the friendship he has found here has meant a great deal to him. Being his companion on the last part of the journey, I have learnt a lot from his courage, about how to enjoy each day as it comes.

May this Christmas season be a time of warm memories for all of us. For some of us, Christmases now will be the stuff of many happy future memories; for some of us, the memories will be of Christmases long past, in the company of family and friends now gathered into eternity. For each of us, may the peace of the Christ Child come into our hearts, silently as on that first night long ago.

And if yours is one of the homes taking in two travellers and their woolly donkey – thank you!

Yours with love Liz Varley

CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE
during December 2012

Sun. December 2nd (Advent Sunday)

8.00 a.m. BCP Communion	**Bacton**	Rev. Liz Varley
9.30 a.m. Toy Service	**Bacton**	Janice Shea
9.30 a.m. Christingle	**Wickham Skeith**	Wickham Skeith Team
No Service at St. Andrew's, Cotton		
10.30 a.m. Posada Service	**Old Newton**	Rev Liz Varley
2.30 p.m. Evening Prayer	**Gipping**	Canon Barbara Bilston
6.30 p.m. Praise in the Community	**Wyverstone**	Rev. Julia Lall
6.30 p.m. Advent Carol Service	**Old Newton**	Rev. Liz Varley

Sun. December 9th (Second Sunday of Advent)

8.00 a.m. BCP Communion	**Old Newton**	Rev. Liz Varley
9.30 a.m. Family Communion	**Bacton**	Rev. Liz Varley
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	**Wickham Skeith**	Rev. Julia Lall
No Service at St. Andrew's, Cotton		
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion	**Wyverstone**	Rev. Julia Lall
3.00 p.m. Christingle	**Old Newton**	Helen Matter

Sun. December 16th (Third Sunday of Advent)

9.30 a.m. Extended Communion	**Bacton**	Sheila Wright
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	**Wickham Skeith**	Rev. Liz Varley
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion	**Old Newton**	Rev. Julia Lall
2.30 p.m. Carols around the cribs	**Cotton**	Rev. Liz Varley
6.00 p.m. Benefice Memorial Service	**Old Newton**	Ministry Team
6.30 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols	**Wyverstone**	Di Barker

Tues. December 18th

7.00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight	**Gipping**	Rev. Liz Varley

Sun. December 23rd (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion	**Old Newton**	Rev. Julia Lall
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	**Wickham Skeith**	Rev. Liz Varley
11.00 a.m. Children's Christmas Praise	**Cotton**	Rev. Liz Varley
6.30 p.m. Nine Lessons & Carols	**Bacton**	Sheila Wright
6.30 p.m. Nine Lessons & Carols	**Old Newton**	Rev. Liz Varley
6.30 p.m. Nine Lessons & Carols	**Wickham Skeith**	Rev Julia Lall
No Service at St. George's, Wyverstone		

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE (cont.)

Mon. December 24th (Christmas Eve)

4.00 p.m.	Christingle & Crib Service	**Bacton**	Rev. Liz Varley
11.30 p.m.	Midnight Communion	**Bacton**	Canon Sally Fogden
11.30 p.m.	Midnight Communion	**Cotton**	Rev. Liz Varley
11.30 p.m.	Midnight Communion	**Old Newton**	Rev. Julia Lall
11.30 p.m.	Midnight Communion	**Wickham Skeith**	Canon Barbara Bilston

Tues. December 25th (Christmas Day)

9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	**Gipping**	Rev. Liz Varley
10.00 a.m.	Family Service	**Old Newton**	Sheila Wright
10.30 a.m.	Family Service	**Cotton**	Rev. Liz Varley
10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	**Wyverstone**	Rev. Julia Lall

Sun. December 30th (First Sunday of Christmas)

10.00 a.m.	Benefice Communion	**Wyverstone**	Rev. Liz Varley

COTTON METHODIST CHAPEL All services at 10.30 a.m.

December : 2nd, 9th - with Holy Communion, 16th, 23rd, 30th

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21st Diane Dickinson & Chris Marston

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Christine Marston:- 781567

CHURCH NEWS

THE BENEFICE OF BACTON WITH WYVERSTONE, COTTON, OLD NEWTON AND WICKHAM SKEITH

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Mothers Union Butterfly Bring and Buy

Thank you to all the M.U. members for providing such a wonderful array of butterfly buns and biscuits, thank you also to everyone who stopped to buy them from our stall. A cheque for £50.00 is on its way to the East Anglian Children's Hospice in Ipswich.

SIDESMAN'S ROTA FOR ST. MARY'S BACTON - December 2012

Dec 2nd **8.00 a.m.**.....Robert Black
9.30 a.m......Brian Last & Linda Last
Coffee.....Ruth Southgate
Dec 9th **9.30 a.m.**.....Ron Southgate & Carol Bartrum
Coffee.....Janice Shea
Dec 16th **9.30 a.m.**.....Brian Manley & Ruth Southgate
Coffee.....Margaret Finbow
Dec 23rd **6.30 p.m. Carol Service**.....Rosy Black & David Black
Dec 24th **4.00 p.m. Christingle**.....Carol Bartrum, Linda Last, Ruth Southgate & Rosy Black
Dec 24th **11.30 p.m**.....Mike Hall & Pat Hall

Join us for a Special Candlelit Celebration
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Christingle

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MASS TIMES:

Saturdays (First Mass of Sunday):
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Sundays:
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Holy Days:
Our Lady's, Stricklands Road, Stowmarket - 8.00am, 10.00am and 7.30 pm

Weekday services in the Parish are advertised outside the church, in the weekly Newsletter and on the Parish Website **www.ourladys-stowmarket.co.uk**

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS IN OUR LADY'S PARISH

During the Season of Advent, which begins this year on Sunday 2nd December, we await the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord. To help our preparation for Christmas there will be a Service of Reconciliation with time for individual confessions in Our Lady's Church, Stowmarket, at 7.00 pm on Thursday, 20th December.

Here are the times of Christmas Masses in the Parish this year:
On Christmas Eve, Monday 24th December, there will be an anticipated Midnight Mass in St Mary's Parish Church at Woolpit at 9.00 pm. Carols will be sung from 8.30 pm and during the Mass.

At Our Lady's Church in Stowmarket, carols will be sung from 11.30 pm before Midnight Mass and during the celebration. The Parish Christmas Crib will be blessed at the start of Midnight Mass in Our Lady's Church.

On Christmas Day, Tuesday, 25th December, the Mass of the Dawn will be at 8.30 am and the Mass of the Day at 10.15 am. Both Masses will be celebrated in Our Lady's Church at Stowmarket. Carols will be sung during each Mass. There is no evening Mass in the Parish on Christmas Day.

We pray that you may all have peace and joy this Christmas and in the New Year.

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Sunday 2nd December at 9.30am

Do you enjoy new toys at Christmas Time? Please remember those less fortunate than yourselves.
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We look forward to welcoming you all and there will be coffee and biscuits after the service.

All gifts this year will again go to Highpoint Prison, where they will be carefully sorted by volunteers of the **Ormiston Children and Families Trust**.

1) **Batteries must NOT be included.** Toys which need batteries may be sent, but batteries taken out first!
2) **NO "moulding" toys** – e.g. Playdough, plasticine, clay or Plaster of Paris
3) **NO toys with sharp implements or metal tools** – e.g. metal hammers or screwdrivers, or manicure sets with scissors or tweezers.

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The first story concerns a friend's son who had just left college and qualified as an accountant. He was applying for a post with one of the big companies in London, but had little idea of what to expect during his interview with the company. His parents had no idea and could offer no help, and he felt his future career slipping gently through his fingers. Fortunately we were able to introduce him to someone who worked in recruiting and could steer him right through the process. ...and yes, he got the job and she got the biggest bunch of flowers in the world!

The second is about another young friend. She had a good job, and had saved up to travel for a year in Australia and New Zealand. But on her return home she was having a really hard time finding a suitable job. She had applied for several, but was getting nowhere. Her parents had no experience of looking for work and couldn't help either, but by having help in rewriting her CV (she had gained a Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, but had made nothing of it in her CV), she found what she was looking for and got the job she wanted straight away.

We don't all have a network of friends and relations who know how the recruiting process works, and who can help with CVs, interviews and so on. Our two young friends were lucky in that respect, but....*and here, it's calling all Mums, Dads, Friends....* if you do know of someone looking for a new job, and you don't feel equipped to help, don't give up. Those job seeking skills, the knowledge and advice are available here in The Bacton Work Club. We have a team of mentors who have all had successful careers in the private, voluntary and public sectors, and they have all had a hand in recruiting people. They are all poachers turned gamekeepers, and they know how it's done.

So, Mums, Dads and friends of anyone looking for a new job, it could be very helpful to your friend, your son or your daughter (nephews, nieces, cousins as well) to suggest that they might come along and see if we can help. We don't have a magic sack of jobs, but we can help people promote themselves well, and help them increase their chances in the Job Market.

The club meets every Thursday morning at 9am to 10.30am. We have been given the use of the Community Room in St Mary's Church free of charge, and that's where we meet.

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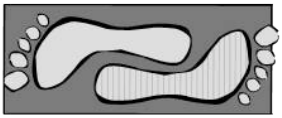

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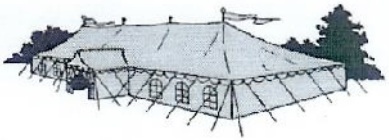

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