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From your November Correspondent



PRIVATE 'HUBIE' LEGGETT

Although a Suffolk man born and bred, I somehow found myself called up and going to war with the King's Own Scottish Borderers, a fine body of men.

With other Scottish Regiments we did our manoeuvres on the Yorkshire Moors. We suffered one of the coldest winters of the war living under bivouacs that we constructed using our gas capes and other materials we had gathered from the countryside. I had a special friend, an Irishman, who had seen special service in India before the war. Whilst crawling under live fire he would shout back to me, "Hang on to my leg Tarzan, and keep your head down!" That was my nickname, 'Tarzan', and they called me that right throughout the war. They were wonderful people and looked after me well.

Rumours abounded, but we had a broad idea what we were training for. At different times the King, Monty and Winston Churchill all inspected us - we must have been very important!

We then moved South and the accommodation was much better - old hotels - but suddenly and unexpectedly, after a few weeks of cushy living, we were quarantined behind high barbed wire. 'This is it', we thought, 'There is no way out for us now'. Rations were issued; a 'hard tack' biscuit that could not be bitten when dry, and a block of strong dark chocolate. "Keep those water bottles full!" shouted the Sergeant Major.

It was dark when we boarded our transport ship for the seemingly endless journey across the channel, it took us all of three days and three nights. We left the ship in daylight and waded, in chest high water, to the beach holding our rifles 'high and dry' above our heads. The beach was littered with burned out vehicles and bomb craters. We were under fire from enemy aircraft and we dived to left and right into ditches and shell holes for protection; we were lucky as none of our 120 men were hit. To get off that beach we found a sunken lane leading in the right direction. The enemy fire remained intense and, frightened half to death, we advanced up that dreadful lane to a field at the top where we dug in. It was late afternoon - time to rest and nibble our chocolate - it was so good!

As we moved up further we could see the bombardment on Caen, the 'Jerries' were putting up a lot of resistance and we advanced with the Canadians to our left. There were corpses here, German not ours, thankfully.

We stopped, the Colonel said we were too far forward and, therefore, we must retire: this we did by crawling on our bellies. If we had stayed our own artillery could have come down on us; he said we had lost nine men in the morning to snipers - where were they firing from?

Although our initial objective was to take Caen, our orders were changed and we advanced through the Falaise Gap deeper into France. There was a lot of sniper fire here and, as we went, I was wounded for the first time, losing half a finger from my right hand. There was burning pain and blood was pouring from my wound. My mate shouted, "You need a medic, stay down, get back get back!" I found our dressing station but a shell had just hit it. There was nothing left, a dazed medic told me I could get treatment just down the road. "Don't leave the track!" he shouted after me. The Sergeant Major was also there, he had been injured too and wanted to know, "What are you doing here Leggett?"

PARISH NEWS

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Parish News Editor, The Limes, Rectory Road, Bacton, IP14 4LE
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Sat 2nd, 16th, 30th	10.00 - 12.30	Wyverstone Community Cafe & Local Produce Market
Mon 4th	7.30pm	W.I. Annual Meeting, plus 'What do you know about Tea?' Bacton Village Hall page 25
Tues 5th	10.30am	RBL Women's Section - Coffee Morning by kind permission of Barbara Burrows at Mayfield Lodge, Tailors Green, Bacton page 29
Fri 8th	7.30pm	RBL - Eddie Palfrey WHIST DRIVE - Bacton Village Hall page 29
Tues 12th	2-4pm	Community Circle Club - Cotton Village Hall
Tues 12th	2.30pm	Mother's Union - Fund Raiser, Beetle Drive
Wed 13th	1.00pm	Over 60s Club - Lunch at Wyverstone Village hall
Wed 13th	7.30pm	RBL - Old Newton Sports and Social Club
Fri 15th	7.00pm	Curry Night - Wyverstone Village Hall page 21
Tues 18th	7.30pm	Bacton & Cotton History Society - Bacton Village Hall page 24
Fri 22nd	6.30pm	Under 5s - Christmas Market at the Primary School page 29
Tues 26th	2-4pm	Community Circle Club - Cotton Village Hall

December 2013

Fri 6th	8.30 -12noon	Friends of Mendlesham Health Centre - CHRISTMAS FAYRE page 13
Tues 10th	2pm - 4pm	Community Circle Club - Cotton Village Hall.
Sat 14th	10am - 12noon	Community Circle Christmas Café - Cotton Village Hall. 

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When?..... 2pm - 4pm

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(N.B. No Kettle's Calling on Dec 30th)

Who?..... Everyone is welcome - Free!
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Linda Last: 781772, Janice Shea: 781263

Please let us know if you would like a lift.

PARISH NEWS

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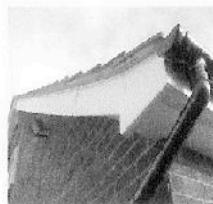
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We have had a few changes recently in particular building work and Dr Fenning retiring, and several more coming up with our new computer system so we have developed our website and we update it regularly, as well as having a Facebook page. The surgery has an information TV, newsletter, leaflets and notice boards and of course the parish magazines are invaluable. If you have any ideas on how we can improve communication please contact me on the details below.

We are upgrading our computers on November 5th to the latest up to date system. This is a huge task and there is a lot of behind the scenes work being carried out – there will inevitably be some disruption to services in the week before and after this move and we may be limited in the service we can offer (routine blood tests in particular) both in the dispensary and the surgery. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this will cause but please be assured we will try and keep patients informed of any service changes.

The Surgery will be closed in the afternoon of 17th October and 13th November for GP/Nurse training. If you have a medical emergency please call 111, if your condition is life threatening please dial 999.

If you have any queries regarding any issues in this article, suggestions or ideas please do not hesitate to contact me, **Mrs Terri Clare – Practice Manager**, on **01449 765740** (direct dial) or **tclare@nhs.net**

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Reader's Letters

CHURCH CYCLE RIDE

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Peggy Boyer would like to thank all the wonderful people of Bacton, my friends and family, who sponsored me on the Church bike ride. Everyone was so kind and generous, I always get a very warm welcome and if I accepted all the offers of a cup of coffee I would never get round. I am very proud to announce I collected £1,580 to share between Bacton Church and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. My daughter-in-law Christine, my son Robert and Granddaughter Kelly cycled round with me (I think they thought I was too old to go by myself).

We started at Bacton Church at 9.00am and ended up at Wyverstone Church at about 4pm having visited 13 churches and cycled about 20 miles! Not bad for an 82yr old - **not** 90 as stated in last month's 'Letter from the Rectory'. We had a really happy day out, full of laughs, and each church visited gave us a very warm welcome and provided refreshments. We also called in to a pub in Mellis for a light lunch.

I must admit now I have to walk up some of the hills when years ago I cycled up them all. Guess who said that her legs were killing her for two days after the bike ride? No, not me, it was the younger one, Kelly! I didn't ache at all.

I was up at 6.30am the next day raising money for Bacton church by selling draw tickets at the Metal Detecting day.

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I planted an Egremont Russet apple tree about five years ago it has produced some fruit over the last couple of years but nothing special. This year has been a bumper crop. If you want something a little different in taste the Russet is the way to go.

My Granny Smith cooking apples have been wrapped individually in newspaper and I managed to get some of the cardboard trays from my local supermarket, the type their individual soft fruit arrives in. The fruit sits nicely in these trays and they are stored for the rest of the winter. I'll be interested to see how long into next year we are still eating our own apples.

Give every thing a good clean down if you have a greenhouse. Tidy anything un-sightly in the garden.

If its dead, nearly finished or diseased get rid of it. If you can and conditions permit have a fire going and burn all the diseased stuff. I have a chiminea burning and drop the twigs into it as I'm working. It's amazing how much debris you can consume in this method.

Happy Gardening.....Norman Parcell

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Mrs Karen Hall-Price -
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1st Bacton Scout Christmas Post

– The Scout Group will be providing a local Christmas Post Service from 15th November 2013 – 18th December 2013. The public need to put their cards with full addresses and postcards in a sealed bag with the correct money - £0.30p 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 only - Monday and Fridays.

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Stop Press!

POND DISCOVERED AT SHOP GREEN!

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Bacton residents should be pleased to see that community spirit survives in their village. We should also be grateful for those members of the Parish Council and helper(s) who gave up a Sunday morning to clear away all the waste.

Rose Graham

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Wyverstone Carpet Bowls Club

Wyverstone Carpet Bowls Club held its AGM on 18th September 2013, which sixteen members attended. The Chairlady, Julia Hurley, welcomed Noelle Curwen, our new member who joined the club in 2013, and we remembered with sadness the passing of John Trim, Rowley Keeble, Pim and Joyce Alexander, and our auditor, Terry Cook.

We have weekly practice sessions, when members enjoy the game and the social atmosphere of the club. We also play Friendly Matches with other local clubs, both home and away. We all agreed to continue playing these “Friendlies”, to maintain contact and keep up with friendships made over the years. We will aim to have one home and one away match with the other clubs over the winter months of 2013/14. We also agreed that our Christmas meal this year will again be a home-cooked Christmas buffet in Wyverstone Village Hall. All members, playing or non-playing, and their partners, friends and families will be welcome.

We really do feel that this club is a very important part of village life, not just for Wyverstone, but for the surrounding villages as well. We currently have members from Wyverstone, Bacton, and Haughley Green, and would welcome new members from these and other villages too. Members of all ages are welcome, and our practice nights are every Wednesday evening, throughout the year, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Wyverstone Village Hall.

Please do come along and join us – dress is casual, no special shoes are required, and all equipment is provided. Once you have learnt the game, you’ll be hooked! The survival of this local club depends on YOU!!

For further details, please ring **Julia (Chairlady) 01449 780195**
or **Janice (Secretary) 01449 781263**, or visit our entry under Clubs &
Associations on the new local website -
www.onesuffolk.co.uk/bactonandwyverstone

ELVIS NIGHT

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**BACTON & COTTON
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Tuesday 19th November,
7.30 pm Bacton village hall**

**"The River Deben,
Source to Sea"**

This great Suffolk artery is filled with history of which Sutton Hoo, for instance, is one rich example of Viking presence, and there is the modern example of Bawdsey radar as Robert Simper will tell us.

This is our last meeting before the New Year and we will welcome the coming of Christmas with our tradition of Mince Pies, Coffee and Tea after the meeting.

We look forward to welcoming you !

Members £2 Non-members £3

Village Craft Group

A little over a year ago, at the jubilee celebrations, a craft exhibition was held in the church which was much admired by all who visited.

Several people expressed an interest in forming a self help group where we could share information and skills.

I expect many of you have projects started, yet unfinished and want to know or can't remember what to do next, whether it be knitting, needlework in all its forms or any other arts and crafts. It may be that you want to learn something new.

If you are interested in meeting, initially once a month, please phone me, Noelle on **01449 781013** or email Sharon – **blondeone@tesco.net**

So come on, seek out that piece of handiwork from the back of the cupboard or draw. Men and women of all ages will be most welcome.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Ladies Pamper Afternoon October 5th

Ladies flocked to Cotton Chapel on Saturday October 5th for the **fourth Ladies Pamper Afternoon**. The pamper tickets are hotly sought after every year and are soon sold out as the ladies know that it is an oasis to look forward to in their busy lives. With stalls to browse, quizzes to puzzle over and yummy cream teas and cakes to eat whilst waiting for their treatments, what's not to like?

As a result of such a successful afternoon we raised an amazing £690.00 which includes some welcome donations. This brings the total for 2013 to a brilliant £1,904.05. We are grateful to friends who have taken part in a sponsored slim, a sponsored swim and a collection at a Christening; all of which helped swell our funds this year. In total we have raised a phenomenal £6,493.63 since 2010.

Our grateful thanks go out to our good friends that willingly help at each event, to the people of the village who come and support us and to the Parish Magazine who advertise our events.

Sheila, Richard & Wendy Brown

**BACTON &
DISTRICT W.I.**

Monday
October 7th



Annual Birthday Party

Our Annual Birthday party this year went with a swing at The Bull in Bacton. They opened specially to accommodate over 30 of us in style. We ordered from a tempting pre-set menu, the food was thought to be very good and it arrived hot to the table. We kept 'business' to a minimum so we could concentrate on eating, chatting and enjoying each other's company. Our entertainment for the evening was Martyn Harrison who sang songs from the musicals in a 'talk' entitled 'Les Mis to The Lion King'. He began with some well known songs from 'Les Miserables' including the rousing 'Do You Hear the People Sing' and continued on with 'Phantom of the Opera' in which he had, for many years, played the opera singer. After that he went through many other well known shows and interspersed his singing with a few well placed jokes.

Our competition was to make a collage based on a musical and there were two very creative entries. Our winner was Noelle Curwen with a representation of a scene from 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' and our runner up had chosen 'Mary Poppins' as her theme.

Our next meeting will be on November 4th and will be our annual meeting in which we will elect our Committee and Officers for 2014. There will also be a talk entitled 'What Do You Know About Tea?'

Curry Night

Wyverstone Village Hall
Fri 15th November at 7.00pm
A choice of 4 Curries, Licensed Bar and
optional Quiz
Tickets £7.50 per head
Bookings in advance from Eddie or Phyllis
on 01449 781577

*Seasonal
Charity
Coffee Morning*
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Also plants, home - made cakes,
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Do come if you can

BACTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Jane Brookman



The Parish Council met on 16th September 2013.

The police reported that there had been one reported crime in the parish; persons unknown cut a lock of a storage unit to gain entry but nothing was taken.

The parish council supported the planning application for the erection of a single storey dwelling at land adjacent to 2 Oakfield Road, Bacton.

A number of complaints from residents in Woodward Avenue had been received regarding the removal of a street light unit when a telegraph pole had been replaced. The parish council are pursuing this matter on their behalf.

A grit bin is being purchased and will be situated at the junction of Rectory Road with Earls Green.

The parish council noted the progress that had been reported in the media regarding the A14 signage to Bacton. Cllrs Howlett and Jeffries had met with Mr Emms, Head teacher of Bacton Community Primary School regarding the traffic matters in Church Road at school drop off and collection time. All parties are now working towards strategies to be put in place to alleviate the issue.

The Bacton Branch of the Royal British Legion has again volunteered to organise the remembrance parade on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council are appreciative of this kind offer; the parade will take place on Sunday 10 November 2013.

Please note the rerouting of 456 bus service means that it no longer serves Cow Green as the route is now via Mendlesham.

Suffolk Links is a Demand Responsive Transport service which provides connections to bus and train links in rural area. If you wish to travel in the area covered by Suffolk Links Gipping North and are not able to access a bus service directly, the service will pick you up from a convenient point and where appropriate the service will connect with other bus services for onward travel to further destinations. Simply call 01449 606000 up to a week before you wish to travel and book your journey.

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The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 18 November at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Bacton. The agenda will be posted on the three notice boards in the village and will also be available on the Parish Council website - <http://bacton.onesuffolk.net/>



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

COTTON

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



At the meeting of Cotton Parish Council held on the 2nd October the village hall committee updated the Council on the repairs needed to the village hall. Councillor Gibbs presented the emergency plan he has compiled.

After an comprehensive survey it has been revealed that extensive repair work is needed on the front wall of the village hall. Quotations for the work have been obtained and the cost will be between £30k-£35k.

Investigations are underway to source funding from various sources but the Village Hall Committee will still have to raise around £10k. The Council have agreed to assist the fund raising by making a donation, the amount will be agreed at the next meeting of the Council.

Over the last few months Councillor Peter Gibbs, who has experience in this area, has compiled a "Village Emergency Plan" he has done this in conjunction with the District Council and will involve neighbouring villages. The plan was accepted by the Council and Councillor Gibbs will update residents via the "Cotton Quarterly" and the village web-site.

S.C.C./M.S.D.C. Councillor Stringer's reports along with that from the local Police are published on the village web-site

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wednesday 27th November 2013** at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Village web-site

www.cotton.onesuffolk.net

Wyverstone MacMillan Coffee Morning

Jan and Julia wish to thank everyone who helped on the morning and supported us by making and buying all of the lovely cakes, and donating prizes for the raffle and tombola. Together we made a magnificent **£1,030.00**

THANK YOU THANK YOU
THANK YOU

BLUE CROSS FOR PETS PAWS FOR TEA

at The Old School Room
(opposite the Fish Shop)
Mendlesham on the
27th. November 2013

between **10.00am and 3.00pm.**

There will be a draw, Tombola, tea, coffee and cakes and other stalls.

Entry is Free.

Come and join and help us to raise funds for this deserving Charity.

For more information contact:

Ian Hendry
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BACTON & WYVERSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

There was not much business at the October meeting other than taking names and money for the Christmas meal at Bacton Bull and organising the Quiz Team for the Village Hall Quiz on 19th October.

Chairman Diane Gladders welcomed the speakers who were Yvonne and David Leonard and Yvonne said they were usually introduced as “those weird plant people from Mildenhall”. David then ran a slide show and Yvonne told how their garden, which is on Breckland sand, evolved from a scrubby paddock to a gravel garden after digging up their original lawn which was always brown.

Growing plants which enjoy the dry poor conditions was the answer and slides of the lovely colourful present garden were proof of this. Plants with a long tap root or grey leaves were good and the native *Verbascum* is grown together with garden varieties in many colours with which it hybridizes.

Other good plants were found to be Broom, Rock Roses, Mallows, *Phlomis*, Horned Poppy, *Helichrysums*, *Euphorbias* and Thistles which are grown in Yvonne’s back garden.

In David’s front garden, *Cistus* are a favourite together with Lavender, Thyme, Rosemary, Garlic Chives, *Sedums* and Pokers.

Yvonne urged members to make time to sit and enjoy the garden if only for a while.

Diane gave the vote of thanks saying how different our soil is in this area of Suffolk and that she had cheered up an Autumn evening.

The monthly draw was won by Anita Leggett.

The monthly competition table was a picture in shades of red and gold.

3 Grasses in a Vase with Autumn Leaves.

1. Will Gray.
2. Angela Jenner.
3. Sandra Welham.

Photograph of a Garden in the past.

1. June Spreckley.
2. Sandra Welham.
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BACTON UNDER FIVES

Brr! Things are certainly getting chilly! Yes, it is nearly Christmas folks! Christmas time starts gradually here at Bacton Under Fives but we do have a fantastic build up to enjoy such a special time and we start with our **CRAFT MARKET** on Friday 22nd November.

This is being held at the Primary School and at our Playcentre – there will be stalls in each location, refreshments, raffle, cakes for sale and we have a variety of stalls ranging from Christmas Crafts, jewellery, fashion, sweets, Bacton Bears, wreaths to order, personalised gifts, cosmetics (including an Ambassador from Tropic Pure Plant Beauty – the beauty product company run by Susan Ma and Lord Alan Sugar no less!). The doors will open at 6:30pm – it is only 50p per adult to come in and that includes your ‘lucky ticket’ to enter the ‘on the door’ raffle. Please do come along to support this event – a warm welcome awaits all. (It is not too late to book a stall if anyone would like one.) Next months entry will be full of more Christmas news from us here but until then we hope to see lots of faces at our Christmas Market.

BABY MASSAGE – we have a free class running on Wednesday afternoons starting Wednesday 20th November for 5 weeks – to book a place please contact us. Tel: 01449 780079. This is suitable for babies that are not yet on the move!

PHOTOGRAPHS – Tempest photography are with us on Wednesday 20th November from 2pm – if you would like a portrait snapped please contact us to book a slot. Prices are very reasonable and a large variety of packs for all needs and budgets are available.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BACTON & DISTRICT BRANCH

are holding the Annual
Eddie Palfrey

WHIST DRIVE

Friday 8th November 2013
7.30 p.m. in Bacton Village Hall
(Doors open at 7.00 p.m.)

LARGE RAFFLE

In aid of
the Annual Poppy Appeal



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Women's Section

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COFFEE MORNING

on
Tuesday November 5th 2013
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The Gislingham Silver Band is proud to be Suffolk's longest established village brass band having been formed in 1885. It has a long tradition of playing in support of community events including concerts, fetes, garden parties, and church services. They parade every year for the Eye Mayor making ceremony and for two Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday services.

They would love to encourage new members of any age and ability to join the band. Our current member's ages range from 9 to 80+. Novice players start in the Training band before progressing into the Main band. Loan instruments are often available. If you have ever fancied learning to play a brass instrument you are invited to have a blow on the full range of instruments with no commitment to join. Individual tuition may be possible.

Both sections of the band practice on Tuesday evenings in the band room in Mill Street, Gislingham – the Training band from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and the Main band from 7.45pm until 9.30pm. Visitors are always welcome to pop along and to sit in.

The band will be performing their Christmas Concert in Gislingham village hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th December. Tickets are £5 for adults (free for children under 16) available from the band secretary.

For further details visit the band website

www.gislinghamsilverband.com

or contact the band secretary **Peter Lucas on 01379 788411**

email: **secretary@gislinghamsilverband.com**.





St Mary's Church, Bacton

CHILDREN'S TOY SERVICE

Sunday, 1st December AT 9.30am

Do you enjoy new toys at Christmas time?

Please remember those less fortunate than yourselves.

Come to our TOY SERVICE and bring a NEW toy, for babies to teenagers, to make their Christmas happy too!



We look forward to welcoming you all on Sunday 1st December at 9.30am

There will be coffee, squash and biscuits after the service!

All donated toys this year will go to Highpoint Prison for distribution at their Christmas Party to prisoners' families

This year, St Mary's Church in Bacton are once more collecting toys for those who otherwise would not have the kind of Christmas we all expect.

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, who will match them to individual children in prisoners' families. They will then be distributed by a Prison Officer – dressed as Father Christmas, of course! – at the annual Christmas party held for prisoners and their families. Prison Chaplain, Revd. Tony Fowler, who lives here in Bacton, has kindly facilitated this for us, and has advised us of certain restrictions that must be adhered to for gifts which are to be given out at the prison.

- 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.
- 4) And finally, so that all children receive something of roughly equal value, no single toy should cost more than £10, and they must be **NEW** and in their original packaging. Please do not wrap them, as this will be done after allocation by the Ormiston Trust.

A Word from the Rectory

Dear All

“Remember, Remember the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot!” is the first line of a rhyme which many of us are familiar with from our childhood days.

Sadly I have got to an age when I can now no longer remember the rest of the rhyme, but I know that it was intended as a solemn reminder of Guy Fawkes plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament way back in 1605.

Perhaps you are planning your own remembrance of this event in the shape of a Bonfire night or Firework display or plan to attend one locally and if you are, have a fun and safe time doing so.

November is the month of remembrance, not only of the gunpowder plot, but of several other dates.

The month starts with a date of remembrance as the 1st of November is All Saints Day when we remember the many Christians throughout the centuries who have faithfully served God.

November 2nd is also a day of remembrance called All Souls set aside as the day to remember in prayer those who have died. To commemorate this there will be a benefice Service on Saturday 2nd November at 6.00pm at St George's Church Wyvestone, when there will be an opportunity for us to come together and remember our own loved ones who have died, give thanks for their lives and all they mean to us.

10th November this year is Remembrance Sunday which will be commemorated at a number of services throughout the benefice, details of which can be found in the magazine.

Monday 11th November is Remembrance Day itself and there will be an Act of Remembrance at Bacton War Memorial at 11am.

Remembering is important as memories both good and bad have helped to shape us into the people we are. Good memories are treasured and loved ones are never completely lost to us while we remember them.

Some of us have a better memory than others, but however good we are at remembering things God has the best memory of all, he promises that whatever happens he will never forget us. In fact the Bible tells us that his memory is so good it is impossible for him to do so.

He is always lovingly concerned about us, even though at times we may feel lonely, alone and forgotten.

We are always on his mind, always remembered and always loved.

With love Jan

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SIDESMAN'S ROTA FOR ST. MARY'S BACTON - November 2013

Nov 3rd 8.00a.m......Robert Black

9.30a.m......Brian Last & Linda Last

Coffee.....Ruth Southgate

Nov 10th 10.45a.m......Royal British Legion

Coffee..... Royal British Legion

Nov 17th 9.30a.m......Ron Southgate & Carol Bartrum

Coffee.....Linda Last

Nov 24th 9.30a.m......Mike Hall & Pat Hall

Coffee.....Carol Bartrum

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

WEDDING

Sept 21st

Mark Adam Seeley to Hayley Marie Cannam



**CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE
November 2013**

Sun. November 3rd

(FOURTH BEFORE ADVENT):

8.00 a.m.	BCP Communion	Bacton	Rev. Jan Fowler
9.30 a.m.	Family Service	Bacton	Rev. Liz Varley
9.30 a.m.	Family Service	Wickham Skeith	W.S. Team

No Service at St. Andrew's, Cotton

11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Old Newton	Rev. Liz Varley
3.00 p.m.	Harvest Evensong	Gipping	Janice Shea
6.30 p.m.	Praise in the Community	Wyverstone	Wyverstone Team



Sun. November 10th
(REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY):



8.00 a.m.	BCP Communion	Old Newton	Rev. Liz Varley
9.30 a.m.	Remembrance Service	Wyverstone	Sheila Wright
10.45 a.m.	Remembrance Service	Bacton	Canon Barbara Bilston
10.45 a.m.	Remembrance Service	Old Newton	Rev. Liz Varley
11.00 a.m.	Remembrance Service	Wickham Skeith	Rev. Jan Fowler
2.30 p.m.	Remembrance Service	Cotton	Rev. Liz Varley

Sun. November 17th

(SHOEBOX SUNDAY/SECOND BEFORE ADVENT):

9.30 a.m.	Extended Communion	Bacton	Sheila Wright
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Healing	Wickham Skeith	Rev. Liz Varley

No Service at St. Andrew's, Cotton

11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Old Newton	Di Barker
11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Wyverstone	Rev. Liz Varley

Sun. November 24th

(CHRIST THE KING/LAST BEFORE ADVENT):

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Old Newton	Canon Barbara Bilston
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Bacton	Canon Barbara Bilston
9.30 a.m.	Extended Communion	Wickham Skeith	Sheila Wright
11.00 a.m.	Extended Communion	Cotton	Janice Shea
11.00 a.m.	Sung Mattins	Old Newton	Canon Barbara Bilston

No Service at St. George's, Wyverstone

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MASS TIMES:

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Sundays:

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Holy Days:

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Weekday services in the Parish are advertised at the front of Our Lady's Church, in the weekly Newsletter and on the Parish Website

www.ourladys-stowmarket.co.uk

PARISH EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

We invite you to join us for our **Autumn Bazaar**, which is being held this year on **Saturday 9th November** from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm in the Hall of the United Reformed Church, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket. There'll be all the usual attractions on the stalls: cakes, books, toys and games, bottles, gifts, bric a brac, CDs/DVDs, and fun with competitions and a super raffle. While we're open, refreshments will be available from the kitchen including hot drinks, bacon rolls and delicious light lunches. We do hope that we'll see you there.

During November we remembering in prayer those close to our hearts who have gone before us and especially on Remembrance Sunday all the millions of people who gave their lives for our freedom in the World Wars and other conflicts of the past century. On All Saints' Day, Friday 1st November, we celebrate all the saints without number who await us with love and prayer around the Throne of God. Then on All Souls' Day, Saturday 2nd November, we commemorate all the Faithful Departed and continue to remember them in our prayers throughout the month which we dedicate to their memory. Those who have been bereaved in the past year are especially welcome to the All Souls' Day Mass in Our Lady's Church at 10.00 am when those who died this year will have a special place in our prayers.

Father David Finegan

Wyverstone Churchyard TIDY UP

Join us on **Saturday 9th November 9.00 am - 12.00**

Many hands make light work - please bring your own tools.

Coffee and cake will be provided.

COTTON METHODIST CHURCH 2013

All services at 10.30a.m. unless stated otherwise - Everyone welcome.

November

3rd Lead by - Rev. Vaughan Tonge with Holy Communion,
10th Lead by Mr Derek Ames, **17th** Lead by Rev Derek Thompson, **24th** Lead
by Mrs Ruth Logan

9th AUTUMN SALE - Cotton Chapel at 2pm

December

1st - TBA and **Wed 11th - Ladies' Carol Service** - Everyone welcome

ST. ANDREWS'S CHURCH COTTON 2013

CLEANING ROTA

November

8th Chris Marston & Maz Purkis. **22nd** Diane Dickinson & Chris Marston

December

6th Chris Carr & Maz Purkis. **20th** Joyce Vincent & Diane Dickinson

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTIES

" We will have one last outing on **30th November** - weather permitting - to complete cutting back roadside boundary shrubs etc." Very many thanks to the small band who have kept everything going over the summer!" See you next year; meanwhile the PCC is having a professional survey of the big tree problems - big trees, big costs!"

St Andrew's Harvest Festival.

This year we asked for donations for the Stowmarket food bank instead of the traditional harvest produce. The church was beautifully decorated with floral arrangement as usual, but tins of beans and packets of tea were seen nestling on window sills. We were able to deliver a hundredweight of tins and packets to the food bank, which will help fill their shelves for the coming winter. A heartfelt thank you to all those who contributed to this worthy cause.

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REMEMBRANCE

'Release' by Colwyn Philipps

There is a healing magic in the night,
The breeze blows than it did by day,
Forgot the fever of the fuller light,
And sorrow sinks insensibly away
As if some saint a cool white hand did lay
Upon the brow, and calm the restless brain
The moon looks down with pale unpassioned ray –
Sufficient for the hour is its pain.
Be still and feel the night that hides away earth's strain
Be still and loose the sense of God in you,
Be still and send your soul into the all,
The vasty distance where the stars shine blue,
No longer antlike on the earth to crawl.
Released from time and sense of great or small,
Float on pinions of the Night-Queen's wings;
Soar till the swift inevitable fall
Will drag you back into all the world's small things;
Yet for one hour be one with all escaped things.

Colwyn Philipps died at the Second Battle of Ypres, aged 27

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Shortly after my return we will be hosting our **Chocolate Bingo evening on 16th November**, to be held at Needham Market Community Centre. This is no ordinary Bingo! Using a big screen all the Bingo numbers are called by "celebrity voices" such as Michael Caine, Victor Meldrew, Ozzie Osborne and others. Prizes are given for one line, two lines and a full house and everything is of course Chocolate related. That doesn't mean to say it is all eating chocolate! You would be surprised at the ingenuity and variety of our prizes. There are 6 games during the evening and game 3 will be for

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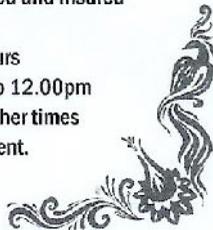
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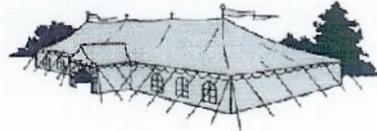
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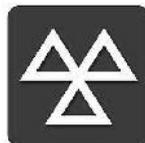
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