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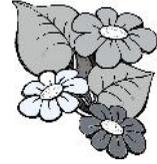
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From your May Correspondent

5am, May 1st 2013: Several residents of Wyverstone reported being awoken by strange sounds – wooden sticks being struck together, the jangling of bells and distant folk music. Had they looked out toward the highest point in the locality, they would have seen an odd sight: 8 men dressed in white, capering about as the sun rose above the horizon. However, this was no pagan rite being practiced, simply Morris men doing what they do every year – dancing the sun up on May Day.

Although I did some Morris dancing at school, it wasn't until thirty years later that I joined our local Morris side (Hageneth Morris based in Haughley). I was quickly initiated into the world of Morris dancing – stick dances, hanky-waving dances, different traditions and steps. Hageneth dance mostly Cotswold tradition, with some dances from the borders of Wales, and also a few Molly dances which originate in this part of the country. What quickly became clear was that the music and dances go back several centuries – a significant part of our cultural heritage which ought to be cherished. However, as we all know, Morris dancers are often seen as something of a joke: pot-bellied middle-aged men shuffling about to wheezing instruments, and getting straight back to the beer as soon as the dancing is over. “You should try anything once, except incest and folk dancing” as the famous quote goes.

It's interesting to note that traditional dancing is much more appreciated on the continent than in this country: whenever Hageneth dance abroad, we attract a large and appreciative audience. So can I make a plea then, for a renewed appreciation of Morris dancing here as well? Far from dying out, Morris is in the grip of a new revival, with many younger men and women getting involved. We drink because it's thirsty work – energetic, raucous, yet at times also precise and controlled – and occasionally dangerous with those sticks flying about!

At the end of May we will gather with many other Morris men for the annual ring meeting at Thaxted in Essex – this is where the first 20th century Morris revival began through the encouragement of the local vicar, Conrad Noel in 1911. Several thousand spectators gather to see a procession of dancers through the town, a truly stirring sight, followed by massed dances in the town square into the evening, ending with the haunting Abbot's Bromley Horn dance as night falls. It's worth a visit – or have a look at a youtube clip.

Hageneth and other Morris sides dance regularly in this area – look out for us at the Wyverstone fete on the 12th July. Or maybe you would like to have a go? If so, get in touch through our Facebook page.

Andy Mellen - Squire, Hageneth Morris.

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When?....2pm - 4pm

MAY 12th

(NO Kettle's Calling on Bank Holiday Monday 26th)

June 2nd, 16th and 30th

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For more details, please ring - Linda Last: 781772, Janice Shea: 781263

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Community Circle Club - We are a social group and we meet at Cotton Village Hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays of most months from 2pm until 4pm. (NB: No meetings during August, and just one meeting in December.)

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A thank you.....

**Dr Head would like to thank all of you who sent cards, presents
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*'It was very humbling to read some of your comments and I am just so
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Dr Paul Head. April 2014

MENDLESHAM MEDICAL GROUP NEWS

As many of you are aware Dr Head retired on the 31st March he will be greatly missed by the staff and patients and we wish him a long and happy retirement. Dr Julia Ford will be starting at the surgery on 22nd April; and another Nurse Practitioner Catherine Herman (to work alongside Jan Kelly) will be starting on 28th April we are looking forward to them joining our team. Dr Jon Herman has replaced Dr Head as the Senior Partner.

Dr Head's retirement and a new clinicians starting inevitably creates changes in the timetable and the availability of clinicians. As a result Bacton Surgery will be opening on a Tuesday afternoon but closing on a Wednesday afternoon instead from 22nd April. A new timetable will be published shortly and will be available from both receptions.

The surgery has had to change it's name with Dr Heads retirement and from 31st March became the Mendlesham Medical Group please note this for future cheques and correspondence.

You may have noticed we have recently had the walls painted and the ceiling and lighting renewed at Mendlesham this has enhanced the lighting and visibility. Work will soon be carried out by the Friends of Mendlesham Health Centre (inc. Bacton) to improve the waiting room, we have a larger TV information screen, improved confidentiality and access to the receptionist, some new furniture and many other improvements planned – it is hoped work will start in early May.

The Summer Fair will be held on 23rd June at Bacton 8.30 – 12 there will be Tombola, Raffle, cakes and crafts. Donations (no white elephant) to the surgery from 16th June cakes on the day please.

The Friends will be holding a Cancer Information Evening on 20th May at the Mendlesham Health Centre from 7.30pm. Louise Smith McMillan Cancer Specialist will give a talk and be available for questions, entry is free.

IMPORTANT PATIENT INFORMATION - SUMMARY CARE RECORDS

On **Monday 9th June** the surgery will upload our patients summary care records to the NHS spine. If you do not wish to share aspects of your data you need to **opt out before this date.**

Please ask at reception for details and a form or see our website for more information www.mendleshamhealthcentre.co.uk

If you have any queries about the news in this item please do not hesitate to contact me.

Terri Clare

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Coffee Morning, Saturday April 5th

Visitors from Diss, Debenham, Haughley & Stowmarket mingled with local supporters at the Coffee Morning for the William Brown Trust held on the 5th April 2014. The hall was packed with people enjoying delicious cakes and coffee, chatting and browsing the stalls available.

We raised a brilliant £471.11 on the day which will be added to pre event sales and donations and will result in us being able to write a cheque out for over £600.

We want to thank all our neighbours, people from the village and friends that donated cakes, raffle & tombola prizes and came to enjoy the morning. It is five years since Bill's death and people still remember him and his sunny disposition. It was also lovely to see some of Wendy's Yoga students enjoying the buzz of a Bacton Event.

Lastly we would like to thank our special friends that come to help on the day in many ways, without whom we could not hold the event.

Cotton Chapel for the loan of equipment and the Parish Magazine for advertising the event.

Sheila, Richard & Wendy Brown

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As an experiment I planted my sweet pea seeds last Autumn. I kept them in a frost free and draught free position over the winter. I have planted them out and they are beginning to romp away up their supporting sticks. They are in a well- drained part of the garden and I dug the ground over last year in preparation, with a good supply of organic matter worked into the soil.

The bearded Iris's I planted last year are looking good and swelling ready to come into flower. They should give me a very good display this year.

Continue to cut your lawn now on a regular basis. The repairs I've made have started to blend in. Don't forget to edge-up the borders after you have finished mowing the lawn, it makes the job look so much better. The spiking of the lawn and application of horticultural sand will now be paying dividends.

There are good supplies of summer bedding in Gardening Nurseries at the moment but be careful with your tender plants as there is still a danger of frost during the night. Wait a little longer towards the end of the month before you plant them out.

Have a look around the garden and attend to any shrubs or roses that are being trained up walls and make sure they are tied in and secure.

My tulips gave a very good display this year. Now is the time to dig the bulbs up and heel them in somewhere up the back of the garden to finish off and ripen ready for next year.

Some border plants may have reached a reasonable size by now so stake them up before any wind can cause damage.

I have selected the varieties of tomato I intend to grow this year.

All my Fuchsia cuttings have come on very well. I took them at the end of last year and they have been potted-up to the next size of pot. I'm using a diluted liquid seaweed mixture this year and expect good results.

Start thinking about what type of vegetables you will be growing this year. Make weekly sowing of lettuce seed and don't forget Rocket. I tried some in a large 10 inch pot and we picked a few leaves of Rocket for our salads all through the year. I love the added pepper taste the leaves give.

Happy Gardening

Norman Parcell



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We are looking forward to some better weather in the coming spring so we can make use of the field again at the back of the Scouts HQ and crack on and enjoy an exciting programme arranged for all sections. We have purchased some new hike tents that we are also keen to commence use of. We are welcoming some extra visitors this year in May and in July and have upgraded the heating to the headquarters. Our explorer scouts spent some time clearing the public footpath that runs down the side of the scout HQ and they have done a splendid job. Many thanks to Chris Last and his Explorers...

Dates for the diary –

Monday 12th May - Pre AGM and presentation of accounts to the committee

Thursday 15th May - AGM

Friday 4th July - Our summer fete and BBQ. More details to follow nearer the date.

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.

If anyone would like their son or daughter to join a section, please don't hesitate to contact the Group Secretary.

Beaver Scouts (6yrs – 8yrs) meet every Monday (term time) 6.15pm – 7.30pm

Cub Scouts (8yrs – 10 ½ yrs) meet every Friday (term time) 6.15pm – 7.45pm

Scouts (10 ½ yrs – 14yrs) meet every Friday (term time) 8pm – 9.30pm

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Our meeting on the 7th of April was an Artistic affair as Colin Hopper came to tell us about Paper Sculpture.



Amongst the business at the beginning of the meeting was a report on the success of our latest Soup and Puds lunch. A big thank you was in order for all the helpers. Those who made Soups and desserts which make the events so popular, and everyone who helped with all the hard work on the day. A special mention goes to Doreen Ditton, a new addition to our Committee, who stepped up to take the place of our usual organiser, Pat Last. It is no mean feat to direct operations in the kitchen let alone making sure everything is in place beforehand, and Doreen did a great job. Rosy Black and Barbara Burrows ran a very successful Bring and Buy, Barbara Evans an equally successful Raffle and Zena Dakeyne provided us with our usual fun quiz. Well done everyone and thank you to all who came along, we hope you enjoyed it and we expect to run another Soup and Puds in the Autumn.

Colin Hopper was a very entertaining speaker who used to be a magician and an engineering draughtsman. Both of these talents proving, I suspect, to be a great help in his hobby of Paper Sculpture. He began with a short explanation of how paper was made and how this affects the way the paper behaves when you are working with it.

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He then showed us some creative and colourful pieces he had made over the years. Many of these were made in quantity by himself and his wife who worked as his very able assistant. He clearly has a very creative mind and had for sale templates of some of his pieces so that anyone could have a go.

Our next meeting will be on May 12th when Adrian Mole will be divulging some secrets of the world of Ballroom Dancing.

As always, visitors are welcome for £3 up to a maximum of three meetings.

BACTON UNDER FIVES



We had a fun time with our Easter activities both in the under 5's and holiday club – there were chicks, eggs and Easter trees galore! We are now starting the Summer Term which is our busiest, and a very important one especially for the children who will be starting primary school from September. With the weather being kinder we anticipate not quite so much mud, although the children will still be enjoying their 'mud kitchen' area of our garden. One of our themes this term will be 'Under the Sea' which will bring with it many discussions and learning opportunities within the fun.

Our children have all been taking part in a sponsored event as a fundraiser – their mission was to see how many things they could fit into a matchbox at once! (Of course good old 'Elf and Safety' meant we had to use some plain white boxes with no striker!) Some families have been very inventive, and it has been great fun checking through them.

This has already raised just over £400 so far with some still to be returned. We will be using this money to make our outdoor play area even better and a little less like Glastonbury on a rainy day!

'Playbox' sessions are running on Tuesday mornings – 9:15am until 10:45am (ish!). These are free of charge and for mums, dads, grandparents, carers and their little ones to come and have some social time, play time, singing time – and of course refreshments. A warm welcome awaits all.

We are taking bookings for May half term holiday club and Summer Holidays! We hope to be open throughout but we can only open if we have adequate bookings. Please book early. (for all children up to 14 years.) Sessions are very busy this term in our Acorns Room (2.5year and above) – if you would like to enquire regarding spaces etc please do give us a call. We do have limited spaces in our Seedlings and Buds rooms (0-2.5years) – again please get in touch for more details. This is of course alongside our Before and After School care for children up to 14 years, call for more details on any of these.

Until next time.....

Cotton Diamond Jubilee DVD

Copies of this 30 minute video of Cotton's celebrations and all the preparations as premiered at Cotton village hall on 25th February are available for £10. Not only is the video included but also a PDF copy of the excellent 'A Short History of the village of Cotton' by Pip Wright and the Souvenir Programme.

To order call **Peter Wenban, 01449 781095**

BACTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The April meeting saw Vice Chairman Graham Jenner in the chair again in the absence of Chairman Diane Gladders.

37 members and friends so far have their names down to join the outing to **Sandringham Flower Show on Wednesday, 30th July**, leaving the village hall at 9 am. Cost £22.

Members also voted to visit Hyde Hall Gardens in Essex, date to be confirmed.

There will be a Plant and Cake Sale on Saturday, 17th May at 9.30 am and plants are needed to sell together with cakes both for sale and for the refreshments.

The next meeting in the village hall will be a **Quiz on Tuesday, 13th May**, with teams of 4 on General Knowledge, which is open to all including other organisations. £3 per person with light refreshments provided but bring your own drink and members are asked to donate raffle prizes.

There will be a members competition for biscuits that evening and Sheila Brown handed out the recipes.

The village hall border will be planted up by the Society in red, white and blue to commemorate the start of World War One.

Sheila thanked those members who attended her Coffee Morning in aid of The William Brown Trust and said that £417 had been raised to date with more money still coming in.

The speaker for the meeting was Lucy Skellorn whose job is as a Heritage Gardener at Abbot's Hall Walled

Garden in Stowmarket. The Heritage Lottery funds this and the motto is "Learning from the past, skills for the future".

Money was donated from the Heritage Lottery Fund in 2011 and the half to a third of an acre garden opened in 2012.

The greenhouse and potting shed have been renovated and the conservatory re-instated.

Paths and box hedges have been re-installed and heritage varieties of fruit and vegetables are grown.

The work is mostly carried out by a group of volunteers who are disabled or have learning disabilities. The produce is sold and the money goes back into the garden for tools, etc.

The garden is also supported by Friends of the Museum and is open 7 days a week with free entry.

Graham thanked Lucy and said we had thoroughly enjoyed her talk and power point presentation and may turn up en mass at Abbot's Hall.

The monthly draw was won by Sandra Welham.

Monthly Competition results:

5 White daffs/narcissi with foliage in a vase.

1. Sandra Welham.
2. John Gladders.
3. Bryan Symonds.

Photo of daffodils in an unusual place.

1. Will Gray.
2. Sandra Welham.

COTTON VILLAGE HALL

Royal Ascot came to Cotton Village Hall last month with the runners led out by the Stowmarket Lions, jockeys in silks pulling on the reins, the punters laying bets on the tote for 8 frenetic races; the only interruption was for Fish & Chips.

If you have never been to **A Stowmarket Lions Pig racing Night** you are missing a great night's entertainment. Our thanks to all sponsors, helpers and the packed hall of punters.

The money raised (£708-00) was for the Hall's restoration fund. Thank you to the Stowmarket Lions.

Building Work

The work on the hall is to commence on the 6th May and a local builder, Rick Roper, has been awarded the contract. There may be some occasions that we have to suspend the hiring of the hall during the restoration, though the builder hopes to keep this to a minimum.

Quiz

Our quarterly Quiz on the 25th April has been postponed until after this work is completed

Please note the change to our AGM.

It is now on May the 14th 2014 7-30 at Cotton village hall; new members would be welcome to join this active and enthusiastic Group.

COTTON VPA
(Vegetable & Produce
Association)

May 21st

Visit to Stackyard Nursery,
Mendlesham

Meet at Cotton village hall
for prompt departure at 6.10
pm. We will be sharing lifts
as usual.

**Visitors always made very
welcome.**

BACTON & COTTON
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

**Tuesday, 20th May, 7.30 pm,
Bacton village hall**

**"Suffolk Poachers and
Smugglers"**

Rural life has always had these two activities that are outside the law and society but highly romanticised. William Tyler will tell us, with stories and examples, what they were *really* like, who they were, what they got up to and why society romanticised them.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Members £2 Non-members £3

COTTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Colin Hall



Cotton Parish Council met on the 20th March and the 1st April. At the first meeting planning applications for repairs to the village hall, use of land at the Old Gospel Hall for a portacabin & shipping container and the creation of a new entrance drive at Leeacres, Church Road were all supported.

M.S.D.C. have granted permission for extensions at Menton Cottage, Church Road & Hempnalls Hall.

Meeting held on 1st April

An application for a grant of £400.00 to help towards the cost of maintaining the churchyard was received from St. Andrew's Parochial Church Council. The application was approved and a cheque will be sent in the near future. The Council agreed that the grant towards the repairs of the village hall should now paid., a cheque for £1000.00 will be sent to the restoration committee.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Richard Roper has been given the contract for the work on the village hall and work will commence in early May.

Councillor Gibbs will represent the Parish Council at the meeting in Bacton to discuss an event to commemorate the outbreak of World War 1. It is now possible for local authorities to purchase Vehicle Activated Signs (flashing speed indicators) a joint venture with a neighbouring Council has been suggested and this will be investigated.

Suffolk Local History Council has requested that Cotton PC ask for a volunteer to act as the Local History Recorder (not too arduous a task), if any person is interested please contact the Clerk or any Councillor.

The next meetings of the Council will be on the 24th April & 29th May.

Village web-site

www.cotton.onesuffolk.net



Bacton Children's Sunflower Challenge

Seeds and instructions are still available from Jeffries of Bacton for any children up to 14yrs wishing to take part that have not yet received seeds through the Primary School or Under 5's

**Prizes for the Tallest
and the Best Looking Sunflower
at the Bacton Fayre**

Saturday August 2nd 2014

BACTON

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Parish Council met on 17 and 24 March 2014.



Lighting in the Village

Some of the street lights in the village are the property of Suffolk County Council and maintained by them, other lights are owned by the Parish Council who pay for a contractor to maintain and repair the lighting units. Recently a number of Parish Council owned lights have been out, flickering or in need of cleaning. This work has now been carried out with the exception of the light outside The Rectory in Church Road which is due to be rectified shortly.

Planning Applications

Former Gospel Hall, Station Road, Cotton. Use of land for stationing of a Portacabin and shipping container. The parish council did not support this application due to the visual impact, potential increased vehicle movements and the location of the container on the railway line embankment.

Lynton Cottage, Rectory Road, Bacton. Erection of outbuilding and continued use of land for domestic purposes (retrospective application for retention and completion of building, and for continued use of land). The Parish Council supported the application subject to the removal of any future permitted development rights for the whole site and that the three outside boundaries of the land to be used for domestic purposes should be planted and maintained with indigenous hedging.

Lynton Cottage, Rectory Road, Bacton. Erection of single storey side extension to dwelling; installation of new dormer window and new porch/entrance door (retrospective application in part for building works). The Parish Council had no objections to the single storey side extension but requested that the installation of the new dormer window at first floor level should be hinged in such a way so as to protect the privacy of the adjacent property.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 May 2014 starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Bacton. This is the meeting to which local clubs and societies are invited to give a brief report of events during the past year and plans for the future. Hannah Barton from Stowmarket Citizens Advice Bureau will be joining us to outline the services they have to offer local residents and remind communities that they offer free, impartial and confidential advice to everyone. They are able to help whatever the problem and have a dedicated team of Advisors that can help with a range of issues from benefits, debt, employment, housing, relationship, health, consumer, tax, education and immigration. Everyone is welcome.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 May 2014 at 7.30 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/>

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The April meeting began with the Exhortation and Silent Tribute remembering former member Muriel Hegarty.

The annual outing will begin with a carvery meal at The Winch Public House near Kings Lynn, followed by a visit to Walpole St. Peter Flower Festival on Tuesday, 3rd June, leaving at 10.30 am.

The Poppy Picnic at Middlegate Farm, Bacton, will be held on Monday, 9th June at 3 pm. A trail will be made then of 2 pence coins following an initiative from the National Office.

Two members will be attending the meeting on May 8th at Bacton Football Club re the proposed commemorative concert to

mark the beginning of World War One on 11th October in St. Mary's Church, Bacton.

Cynthia Elmer is still collecting prizes wrapped in either blue for males or pink for females for the Lucky Dip Stall at Bacton Fayre.

The speaker was Jeanette Baldry who spoke and ran a good power point presentation on The History of Abbot's Hall, Stowmarket. There have been several prominent families living here over the years, all of whom have contributed greatly to Stowmarket life.

The last inhabitants were the Longe sisters, Enid and Vera, who never married and gave land for the museum and then left the house to the museum following their deaths in 1925 and 1927. Jeanette was thanked by Sandra for all the interesting information which must have taken hours of research.

Following the draw and refreshments, the National Anthem was sung and a Happy Easter wished to everyone. Bacton RBL members are invited to the **next meeting on 19th May** when the speaker will be from East Coast Truckers.

World War One

A Commemorative Exhibition at the Bacton Fayre

Some years ago a small exhibition was staged commemorating the people of Bacton who served in WWI. I was grateful to several local families who loaned photographs and memorabilia for that exhibition. That material will form the core of an exhibition to be staged at Bacton Fayre 2014. It would be better if we could commemorate the lives of all who served during that awful time as there are still gaps in the records.

Do you have, or do you know someone who may have further photographs or material regarding anyone from Bacton who served in WWI? Do you have any material relating to life in Bacton during the period 1914-1918? This material could be in the form of diaries, letters, press cuttings or parish magazines. If you could loan this material, it will be carefully copied and returned to you within a few days.

It would be a fitting tribute to those who served if we can fill in the gaps and prepare a full and meaningful archive. Please help if you can.

**Contact - Rose Graham – 780201
or rose.graham@gavros.co.uk
or Peter Gipson 780128,
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Garden Open	Date open
Rickinghall Village Gardens, Grundle Farm nr Diss IP22 1BN	18 May 2014
Bevills, Sudbury Road, Bures CO8 5JW	1 June 2014
Haughley Park, nr Stowmarket IP14 3JY	8 June 2015
Heron House, opening with 4 neighbours, Aldeburgh, IP15 5EP	15 June 2014
Little Thurlow Hall, nr Haverhill, CB9 7HY	15 June 2014
The Barn, Westleton, nr Yoxford IP17 3AN	22 June 2014
The Priory, Stoke by Nayland, CO6 4RL	22 June 2014
Columbine Hall, Stowupland, nr Stowmarket, IP14 4AT	28 June 2014
Riverside House, Clare, CO10 8NS	29 June 2014
Glemham Hall, nr Woodbridge, IP13 0BT	13 July 2014
Willow Farm, The Green Saxtead, Woodbridge IP13 9QB	13 July 2014
Tollemache Hall, nr Ipswich, IP8 4RT	20 July 2014
Horringer Hill House, Bury St Eds IP33 2EE	27 July 2014

Useful contact numbers:

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Support in emergencies 01603 426361

If you would like me to talk to your local group about the work of the Red Cross (or for anything else) contact Jane Dow on 01284 727247

janedow@redcross.org.uk

BACTON BOWLS CLUB



Calling all 'would be' bowlers! Interested in learning how to play outdoor bowls? Well then, now is your chance. Starting on Saturday evenings at the beginning of May and continuing into June, coaching for those completely new to the game, and for those who would like to give it a try, will be available.

The sessions will last from 5.30pm - 7.30pm and will be free of charge. All equipment will be provided but we do ask that you wear trainers so that you do not damage the green.

Give it a try and I am sure you will enjoy the experience. You will be most welcome.

Any further information needed contact our secretary John Unwin on 01449 781125.

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The Rotary Club Of Stowmarket have reached a landmark. For the last 9 months the Club have been collecting drinks cans to raise cash for the **Teenage Cancer Trust unit at Addenbrooke's in Cambridge**. The centre of this effort has been at Jeffries garage in Bacton and in March the total raised reached £1000. So all those bags of cans collected and dropped off with Philip Jeffries have made a huge pile and now a great sum of money.

Local youngsters suffering from Cancer will be referred to our County Hospitals. But, thanks to the national charity Teenage Cancer Trust, a dedicated ward has been set up in Addenbrooke's Hospital. There has been arranged a younger persons' style of living and the Rotary money goes towards the myriad of extras that the NHS just can't provide. But those extras such as colour and music and space will make a stay in hospital just that bit more bearable.

So the Rotary Club asks that the empty drinks cans keep coming for this very worthwhile cause. And Jeffries garage will be pleased to see their can crushing machine being put to ever greater use.



CRAFT FAYRE

Saturday May 10th

10 – 3pm

BACTON VILLAGE HALL



lots of lovely handcrafted gifts for you and your family

Refreshments served all day

50p entrance for Hillside Animal Sanctuary

Looking forward to seeing you there?

A Word from the Rectory

Dear Everyone

I'm back from my sabbatical and have had a wonderful time. My granddaughter Annabel was born on January 7th and is growing at a great rate – when I last nipped over to Oxford to see her she was just learning how complicated life is. If you want to suck your thumb and you're holding a rattle, you have to drop the rattle first or bash yourself on the nose!

While I've been away, I have had the chance to catch up with quite a few of my family and friends in other parts of the country, and I spent six very interesting weeks looking at how rural parishes in the Oxford Diocese manage their affairs. There were several ideas we might want to look at here, and I'll be sharing them with our PCCs in the future.

Then I had ten amazing days in the Holy Land, visiting places where Jesus walked during his life on earth. It was stunning to see the remains of a boat that sailed on the Sea of Galilee during Jesus' lifetime and to realise in a whole new way what an extraordinary experience it must have been for God to share our human life. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem (I've seen the place now!) that was as new for God as it was for Mary and Joseph; and when he chose not to run away and hide from the soldiers he knew were coming to arrest him, but to let them take him and do whatever they wanted to him, then God learned to know suffering and death from the inside. There are times when it's so difficult to be human, when life seems full of nothing but pain and confusion. Jesus shared that to the full – I touched the rock of Calvary where he died. But suffering doesn't have the last word. As Bishop Desmond Tutu wrote, "Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death; victory is ours through Him who loved us."

And if you fancy doing your bit to help some of those suffering in the hardest places of today's world, come and enjoy the **Soup and Puds Lunch for Christian Aid at Old Newton Methodist Church on May 13th!**

Yours with love,
Liz Varley.

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Fr David Finegan 612946

SIDESMAN'S ROTA FOR ST. MARY'S BACTON - May 2014

May 4th 8.00a.m......Robert Black
9.30a.m......Brian Last & Linda Last
Coffee.....Linda Last
May 11th 9.30a.m......Ron Southgate & Carol Bartrum
Coffee.....Ruth Southgate
May 18th 9.30a.m......Brian Manley & Rosy Black
Coffee.....Carol Bartrum
May 25th NO SERVICE.....

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

May 2014

Sunday May 4th (THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER)

8:00am BCP Holy Communion	Bacton	Revd Liz Varley
9:30am Family Service	Bacton	Revd Liz Varley
9:30am Flower Festival Service	Wickham Skeith	Worship team

No Service at St Andrew's, Cotton

11:00am Holy Communion	Old Newton	Revd Liz Varley
3:00pm Evensong	Gipping	Revd Liz Varley
6:30pm Praise in the Community	Wyverstone	Wyverstone team

Sunday May 11th (FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

8:00am BCP Holy Communion	Old Newton	Revd Liz Varley
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Bacton	Rev. Liz Varley
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Wickham Skeith	Rev. Jan Fowler
11.00 a.m. Extended Communion	Cotton	Peter Paine
11.00 a.m. Family Service & Baptism	Old Newton	Di Barker/ Rev. Liz Varley

No Service at St. George's, Wyverstone

Sunday May 18th (FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

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

No Service at St. Andrew's, Cotton

11.00 a.m. Extended Communion	Old Newton	Peter Paine
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship	Wyverstone	Rev. Liz Varley

Sunday May 25th (ROGATION SUNDAY)

11.00 a.m. Benefice Rogation Service	Cotton	Canon Barbara Bilston
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Thursday May 29th (ASCENSION DAY)

7.00 p.m. Benefice Communion	Gipping	Rev. Liz Varley
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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER BACTON

FUNERALS

March 27th

Muriel Hegarty

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All are welcome.

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New members are needed!

COTTON METHODIST CHURCH 2014

**All services at 10.30a.m. unless stated otherwise -
A warm welcome awaits everyone.**

May

- 4th** - Service led by Rev. D Thompson
11th - Service led by Rev. Jeffrey Bloomfield, with Holy Communion.
18th - Service led by Miss Jennie Benfield
25th - Service led by Rev. Ralph Taylor

ST. ANDREWS'S CHURCH COTTON 2014

Churchyard working parties 9.30-11.30a.m.
Saturday 31st May

Lent collection for the Stowmarket food bank.

This year we will be collecting tinned food for the Stowmarket food bank. There will be a box in the church which will be put in the porch when the church is closed.

FLOWER ROTA

May - Mrs. Jane de Beer

CLEANING ROTA

May

9th - Joyce Vincent and Chris Marston **23rd** - Chris Carr & Maz Purkis

June

6th - Diane Dickinson & Joyce Vincent

20th - Chris Carr & Maz Purkis

Please swap with someone else on the rota or let me know if any of these dates are not convenient. **Chris Marston. 781567**

Car Boot Sale

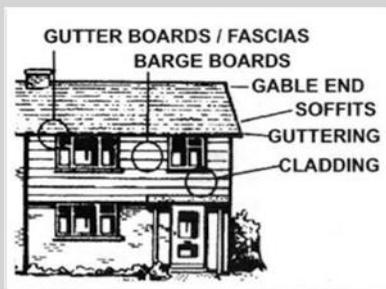
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When this article goes to publication three of the Charities representatives will be in Belarus where we will have the opportunity of meeting with the children who have been selected by the local authorities. As no children have travelled from this area before many of the parents are very concerned as they do not know where or to whom their children are going. Our job will be to explain our program and reassure them that their children will be looked after as part of the family they will join. We have many exciting experiences lined up for the Children this year including a Christmas Party being hosted by The Salvation Army in Stowmarket. Whilst this might seem a strange thing to do in the middle of summer it will be a great experience for the children as they do not celebrate Christmas as we do when they are home. I believe Santa may even be making an early visit!

Also a first for us this year is a trip to London. This has never been possible before due to the cost and logistics involved but Mr P Munson of Beestons Coaches has very kindly donated the use of a Coach and Driver for the day allowing us to take the children on the experience of a lifetime. If you ever ask anyone in Belarus where they would like to see in England they will all say they dream of going to London. I recall once taking a child who was with us on a private visit and after she had been on the London Eye she told the interpreter that now she had seen "the Whole World". Apart from the fun factor this trip will be a very important Educational Trip for the children and we will be making a special "Memory Book" during the visit for them to be able to take home and show not only their parents but Teachers and School friends too.

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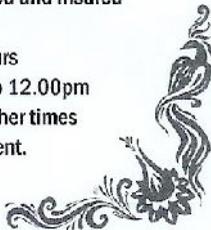
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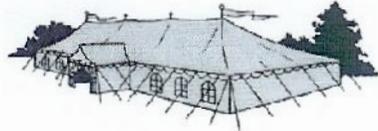
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