

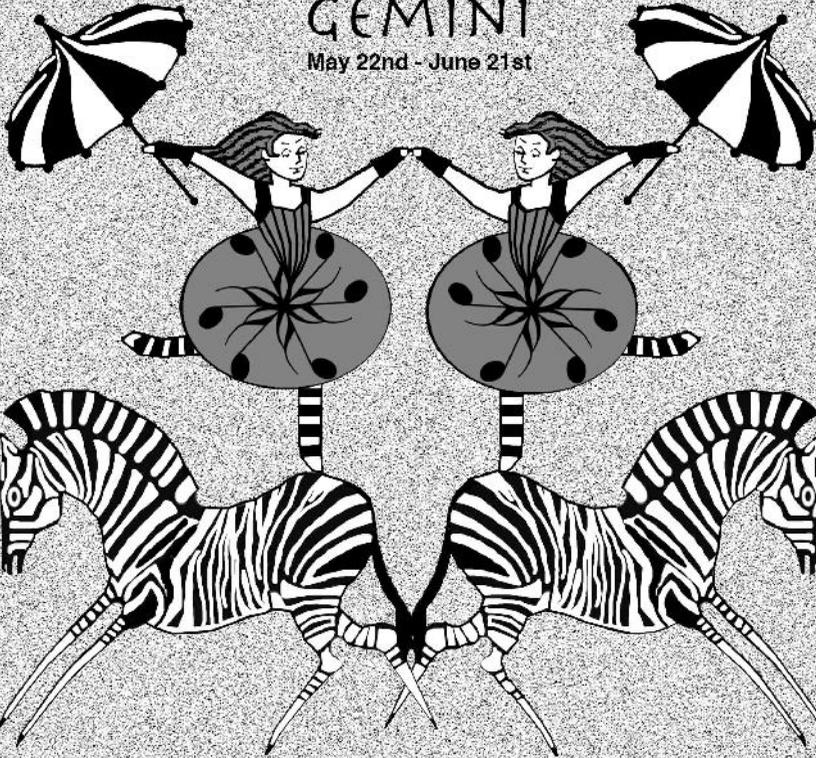
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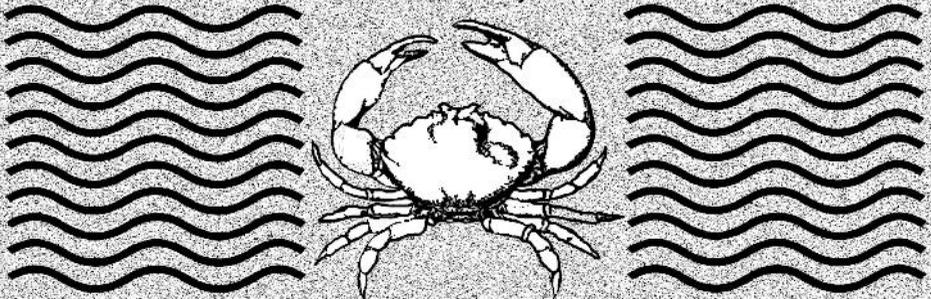
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From your June Correspondent

Gemini May 22 - June 21 The element associated with Gemini is Air.

Gemini is the third sign of the zodiac, and Cancer the fourth, between them they cover the month of June.

Some people swear by the signs of the Zodiac and use them to influence their decisions in daily life, others think they are bunkum. If the stated characteristics of your zodiac sign seem to fit you then you may decide to believe in it, but if you see yourself as quite different you may not be quite so quick to acknowledge any truth in it.

The characteristics of a typical Gemini are said to be that, amongst other things, they love to talk! This certainly applied to my mother, and my granddaughter, also a Gemini, is already a delightful chatterbox. Geminis are also said to be 'the proverbial life and soul of the party' and no-one who knew my mother would ever dispute that this description fitted her to a T. *'Geminis also have a surplus of imagination waiting to be tapped, can a Gemini be boring? Never!' The Twins want to connect, they just do it their own way and their lightness of spirit and youthful exuberance help them to appear forever young'.*

On the whole I would say that my mother was probably a 'typical Gemini'.

Cancer - 22 June - 22 July

The element associated with Cancer is Water

It is said that those born under the sign of Cancer often move in a circuitous way to achieve his/her goals, much as a crab moves sideways towards its destination. They are said to be very loyal to friends and family and hold tightly onto the things that make them happy. They are brave, courageous and protective but can also be shy, reserved and moody. *'They can have an off-beat sense of humour which others don't always relate to but have great understanding for the problems of others'.* I must admit that one of my children is a Cancer and I can see many of the traits described here.

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Reader's Letters

London Marathon 2014 Update

I just wanted to say a thank you to all those people who have supported the fundraising for my London Marathon charity Get Kids Going over the last few months by attending our pamper afternoon, the flower arranging evening and through sponsorship especially local businesses Kingfisher Press and Peggs Joinery for their generous donations.

A big thank you also has to go out to my wife Amanda for all her assistance in organising both the pamper event and flower arranging evening which helped raise over £1,000 and for the support she and my children have given me over the months during my training for the event.

The day itself was an amazing experience, with the streets of London packed with people everywhere you looked whilst making your way around the course, lots of people were cheering words of encouragement and handing out fruit and sweets to keep the runners going. Several friends and my family also made the trip to London to support and cheer me on around the course and be part of what was a very special day.

It took 15 minutes for me to cross the start line from my starting position and then a further 4 hours and 35 minutes to complete the course, the last few miles being the hardest but the crowds lining the embankment played a crucial part in helping me get to the finish line. The moment of having a London Marathon medal placed around your neck just after crossing the finish line made all the months of hard work training and fundraising well worth it, that and the fact that thanks to your help I have raised £2,900.50 (£3081.50 with Gift Aid).

This is far beyond what I had expected to raise and will make such a difference to a young disabled athletes life by enabling them to have a specialised wheelchair to pursue their sport.

Once again thank you to all those who helped me to exceed my fundraising target.

Andrew Harvey

Reader's Letters

Is it just me, or do other readers grind their teeth every time they see an event described as a fayre? Why use a middle English word to describe a modern event? If we must, then shouldn't we go the whole hog and call it a somer fayre? Then we could have our Criste's mass fayre in the winter and concerts could be either midswegan for old English or we could rush into the 16th century with a consort?

It all seems as fake as ye olde tea shoppe, which is not any kind of English at all. Couldn't we just call our upcoming August event in Bacton a summer fair?

All the best AnnKent, Bacton

ANGELS FOR SCHOOLKIDS

The project to install angels in the roof of St. Mary's, Bacton, has taken a new turn. Instead of applying to install angels along the length of the roof, we are now asking for permission for two figures. It would be good if one of them could commemorate Bacton Middle School which is due to close next year. We have asked young people from the school to design their idea of what a Bacton angel might look like. The pupils' angels will be judged by the Haughley sculptor, Rob Lewis, and there will be a prize for the best. Their ideas will help in creating the finished design for the "Bacton school angel" which we hope will eventually take up residence on the painted section of the roof (the Canopy of Honour). We will need to raise money for the angels from past pupils and anyone else who would like to donate.

We have been advised to start with just the two angels, but our real hope is still to see angels fly on all the bare ends of our lovely double hammerbeam roof.

Sue Middleton, Ann Kent, Liz Varley

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JUST GARDENING

There is a great deal of routine work to be done in the garden at this time of year. Think about some shading for your tender plants. Finish planting out your summer bedding plants.

Prune hardy shrubs when they have finished flowering.

All my daffodils have been dead-headed and over the last week or so I have been twisting the daffodil leaves folding them over and placing a strong elastic band around. This will enable the leaves to still take on energy from daylight and nourish the bulbs for next year. After the leaves have completely died down it's just a matter of clearing the debris away and into your compost container.

I'm cutting my lawn now on a regular basis and it is showing dividends for my efforts. It's looking very green and in good condition.

My tomato plants are doing very well. I have selected three plants from a tumbling variety called Tumbling Tom Red. These have been planted up in a hanging basket. I'm just going to allow them to grow over the edges of the basket and see what they produce. I'm trying a black variety of tomato, for the first time, called Black Opel which should provide some interesting conversation. Also a golden variety called Golden Sunrise and a sweet and neat orange colour, Lemon Sherbet can't wait for the results.

My fuchsia's are really doing very well now. I have a number of different varieties in flower. I have started to wire in a frame of support canes and training two selected varieties of fuchsia into fans. I shall have between three to five support canes depending on the amount of growth and stop them when they reach a height of twelve inches. I will write later in the year and comment on my results.

Keep dead heading your roses and think about a top dressing.

Happy Gardening

Norman Parcell

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AGM – We held a successful AGM on Thursday 15th May and the committee have been re-elected with an additional committee member signed up.... As always we are extremely grateful to all parents, helpers and committee members who support the group throughout the year.

During the last year the scouts have enjoyed a variety of activities on troop nights working toward various activity and challenge badges. They have made paracord key chains, wooden wind chimes, balsa gliders, buddy burners, learnt map skills and fire safety as well as learning about the work of the disaster relief charity Shelterbox.

Our Cubs Scouts have attended the District Cub Camp at Athlington Hall – Eye. The Challenge camp was held here at Bacton HQ as well as the district fun night. The cubs have been working towards their Astronomy, Chefs badge, Air activity badge and have completed a night hike. 1st Bacton also took part in the district football this year and came runners up.

Our Beavers have made trips to Stonham Barns mini golf, Haughley Park, Cedars veterinary practice and Duxford Imperial Air Museum. The Beavers were superb ambassadors of Bacton Scout group.

Also this year we have been working on our Outdoor challenge badge which culminated in 8 Beavers staying overnight at the Scout HQ gaining them their Outdoor Challenge badge. The Beavers have also worked on several other badges and they have been successful in achieving their Air Activity badge, Creative Challenge Badge, Friendship challenge badge and the Fitness challenge badge.

Bacton Cricket match – Scouts have agreed to do the BBQ and refreshments for the Bacton Cricket Match on 6th July and we hope to see as many of you as possible at this event.

Summer Fete & BBQ - We will be holding our Summer fete & BBQ on Friday 4th July with the usual games and prize draw. If anyone is interested in coming along and holding a stall at this event, please contact the secretary. Cubs and Scouts will not meet on this night but we do expect them all to come along and help or spend some cash!!!

Bacton Flower Festival – We are very excited to be providing the BBQ this year at the Bacton Flower Show and hope again that you will feel able to support us.

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Our May meeting was rather late due to the Bank Holiday and finally took place on the 12th of the month.



It was our annual Resolutions meeting when we decide what cause we would like the National WI to campaign about in the following year. Usually there are several to choose from but this year there was only one. We were asked whether we thought a campaign to persuade people to carry organ donor cards would be a good idea. The majority were for the idea and our delegate at the annual meeting will be informed.

We were then free to enjoy a talk by our speaker Adrian Mole who had come to tell us about Ballroom Dancing. He was a very interesting speaker and we discovered there were lots of things we didn't know about ballroom, the dances, the history, the competitions and the politics. Adrian told us that when the Waltz first came to England, in the mid Georgian period, the Times newspaper tried to get it banned. It was considered unseemly as previously there were no dances in which unmarried couples danced closely together. Anyone who watches 'Strictly Come Dancing' may have wondered why couples dancing in hold must look away from each other in a very exaggerated way. This was, apparently, because it was thought to be acceptable if couples had no chance of communicating intimately with each other during the dance.

Knowing as he does several of the professional dancers from 'Strictly Come Dancing' he was also able to tell us something about that programme and how it works. Adrian is locally born and bred and teaches regularly at Old Newton as well as giving private lessons and organising crash courses for couples getting married and beginners wishing to get off to a flying start. At school his teachers advised him that he would never make a career out of ballroom dancing so he qualified as an accountant. How wrong they were! In fact he started his own dance school in Bacton on a Friday night twenty years ago and has been going strong ever since. Due to the wonders of the internet his classes at Old Newton currently attract people from all points of the UK and all over the world.

We were also able to welcome three visitors and we hope that they enjoyed the meeting and that we will be seeing them again in the future.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday June 2nd** when Brian Faulkner is coming to tell us about **'The life of a Vet'**.

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BACTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Horticulture was not on the agenda for the May meeting as instead a General Knowledge Quiz was held to make a change.

Members and friends of other organisations were present and were welcomed by Chairman Diane Gladders who kept the business minimal.

There are 3 spaces left on the coach for the Sandringham Flower Show outing on Wednesday, 30th July. There will also be a June outing and a visit to Abbot's Hall, Stowmarket, is in progress.

Plants and cakes were needed for the annual Plant Sale on Saturday, 17th May.

Diane welcomed Jenny and Richard who were acting as quizmasters and said it was lovely to be back again. 8 teams were formed and there were 10 sets of questions under the headings of A Brief History of Time, Sport and Leisure, TV Characters, Famous Women, Geographical Threesomes, Have I Got News for You, Kings and Queens, Name That Film, The Music Round, Potluck.

A halftime break was held for refreshments and a chance to finish off the form to match pairs of people, places and other twosomes.

The winning team was 3 Roses and a Thorn who were presented with chocolates by Diane.

The quizmasters were also given gifts and thanked by Diane for a very well run Quiz.

There was also a good draw with prizes donated by the members.

Monthly Competition winners:

Cress grown in an unusual container.

1. Tricia Lawrence. 2. Maureen Chambers. 3. Sandra Welham.

6 lemon biscuits to recipe provided.

1. Michelle MacAusland, 2. Sandra Welham. 3. Tricia Lawrence.

Diane thanked everyone for attending.



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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.

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BACTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Jane Brookman



The Parish Council met on 16 April, 28 April and 8 May 2014.

Parish Council Chairman

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Paul Howlett retired as Chairman and as a Parish Councillor. Cllr Black, on behalf of the Parish Council thanked Paul for his service to the Parish council since 2002.

Bernard Coxhead was duly elected as Chairman.

Planning Applications

Severalls Cottage, The Street, Bacton. Conversion of first floor of existing double garage to study with shower room and external access staircase and landing. The Parish Council supported this application.

Rosia House, Tailors Green, Bacton. Erection of single storey side and rear extension. The Parish Council supported this application but commented on their concern about the possibility of additional vehicles and that clear access for emergency vehicles all times was required.

Turkey Hall, Turkey Hall Lane, Bacton. Replacement of 8 windows. The Parish Council supported this application.

17 Woodward Avenue, Bacton. Removal of single storey side extension. Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. This application was supported by the Parish Council.

Outcomes

Lynton Cottage, Rectory Road, Bacton. Extension. Granted.

Lynton Cottage, Rectory Road, Bacton. Continued use of land for domestic purposes. Refused.

2 Oakfield Road, Bacton. Change of materials. Amendments satisfactory. Wind Turbine, Potash Farm, Potash Lane, Wyverstone. Application reported to Planning Committee meeting.

Litter Pick

Thanks to those that joined in on 12 April 2014 to collect litter and ensure that the village looked its best for Easter.

Police Report

One reported crime since the last report; a humane trap placed on private land had been intentionally damaged.

Ways to Pay Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Council

Following the end of the contract with Customer Services Direct (CSD), Mid Suffolk and Babergh have combined their finance teams into a shared service. The majority of people use Direct Debit to make payments and this method will not be affected. However, for some people the way that payments are made will have to change, Mid Suffolk has contacted those affected and given them advice on how to pay in the future. The options are – direct debit, credit or debit card (a charge applied for credit cards) on the MSDC website or automated telephone payment number, on-line banking (CHAPS and BACS), standing orders, cheques or postal orders.

MSDC's new bank details for payments are – Lloyds Bank PLC, sort code 30-99-85, for Council Tax and Business Rates account number 00716577, for Council House Rent account number 00708698. Automated telephone payment number – 0845 372 4122.

Summer Sundays Rounders League

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For more details please contact

Maddy.Knox@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 9 June 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/>

**COTTON
PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

Colin Hall



Cotton Parish Council met on the 24th April when a planning application for a 2 storey extension at 2 Goodrich Close was approved.

Councillor Gibbs attended a meeting in Bacton to discuss staging an event to commemorate the outbreak of World War 1 he said that the event would probably be a concert to be held in St. Mary's Church Bacton. Further details will be announced later in the year.

The Council is still looking 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.

A report of the Annual Parish Meeting & The Parish Council AGM held on the 29th May will appear in the next issue.

Village web-site:

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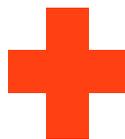
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Little Thurlow Hall, nr Haverhill, CB9 7HY	15 June 2014
The Barn, Westleton, nr Yoxford IP17 3AN	22 June 2014
The Priory, Stoke by Nayland, CO6 4RL	22 June 2014
Columbine Hall, Stowupland, nr Stowmarket, IP14 4AT	28 June 2014
Riverside House, Clare, 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
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A Word from the Rectory

Dear Everyone

I was very sad last month to hear that John Merritt had passed away on the evening of Good Friday. John was a familiar member of the Bacton community, zooming around on his buggy whenever he was well enough, and always ready with a hug and a yarn from his seafaring days. We held his funeral at the new crematorium in Nacton, but a lot of his friends from the village were unable to be there, so we have decided to hold a memorial service at St. Mary's Bacton on Monday June 2nd at 2 p.m. John was the person who first suggested the Kettle's Calling afternoons, so we shall have a short service to remember him and celebrate his life, then a slap-up Kettle's Calling tea in his honour. Everybody who remembers John, or who didn't actually know him but would like to find out more about his fascinating life, is warmly invited to come along.

Our friends in Old Newton are having a busy month, with Open Gardens on Sunday June 8th ending with Songs of Praise in the church at 6 p.m. and the annual Choir Concert in church on Saturday June 21st at 7 p.m., and on Wednesday June 25th, Kath Andrews is holding a Coffee Morning at 12 Finningham Road, Old Newton, in aid of our Archdeacon's appeal to raise money for the charity that helps his autistic son. Then there's the Gipping Mini-Fete on Tuesday June 10th at 7 p.m., and Messy Church in Bacton Village Hall at 3 p.m. on Sunday June 29th, and the Friends of St. George's Fashion Show in Wyverstone Village Hall on Thursday July 3rd at 7.30 p.m. – it's all happening here on the Suffolk Plateau!

I hope you too are having a busy and happy month, as the light evenings draw out to their longest and the weather warms up and the gardens move on from spring bulbs and blossoms to the full panoply of summer flowers. The loving hand of God's creativity is very much to be seen at work in our villages at this time of year, in all of you lovely people just as much as in the gardens – every one unique.

Yours with love,

Liz Varley.

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

June 1st 8.00a.m......Robert Black
9.30a.m......Brian Last & Linda Last
Coffee.....Ruth Southgate
June 8th 9.30a.m......Rosy Black & Carol Bartrum
Coffee.....Margaret Finbow
June 15th 9.30a.m......Mike Hall & Pat Hall
Coffee.....Linda Last
June 22nd 9.30a.m......Brian Manley & David Black
Coffee.....Carol Bartrum

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER BACTON

BAPTISM

April 27th - James Simon Barnes

CREMATION

May 13th - John Robert Merritt

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

June 2014

Sun. June 1st (SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION)

8.00 a.m.	BCP Communion	Bacton	Rev. Liz Varley
9.30 a.m.	Family Service & Baptism	Bacton	Rev. Liz Varley
9.30 a.m.	Family Service	Wickham Skeith	Worship Team

No Service at St. Andrew's, Cotton

11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Old Newton	Rev. Liz Varley
3.00 p.m.	Evensong	Gipping	Canon Sally Fogden
6.30 p.m.	Praise in the Community	Wyverstone	Wyverstone Team

Sun. June 8th (PENTECOST)

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Old Newton	Rev. Liz Varley
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Bacton	Rev. Jan Fowler
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Wickham Skeith	Sheila Wright
11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Cotton	Rev. Liz Varley

No 11 a.m. Service at St. Mary's, Old Newton

No Service at St. George's, Wyverstone

6.00 p.m.	Open Gardens Songs of Praise	Old Newton	Di Barker
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Sun. June 15th (TRINITY SUNDAY)

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

No Service at St. Andrew's, Cotton

11.00 a.m.	Extended Communion	Old Newton	Sheila Wright
11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Wyverstone	Rev. Liz Varley

Sun. June 22nd (FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Old Newton	Rev. Liz Varley
9.30 a.m.	Extended Communion	Bacton	Sheila Wright
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Wickham Skeith	Rev. Liz Varley
11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Cotton	Sheila Wright
6.30 p.m.	Sung Evensong	Old Newton	Rev. Liz Varley

No Service at St. George's, Wyverstone

Sun. June 29th (ST. PETER & ST. PAUL)

10.00 a.m.	Benefice Communion	Wickham Skeith	Rev. Liz Varley
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DEANERY DAY WITH BISHOP ALAN

Our parish is part of the Catholic Deanery of St Edmund, a grouping of nine parishes centred on Bury St Edmunds. The new Bishop of East Anglia, Right Reverend Alan Hopes has already made three official visits to this deanery, to consecrate the new Catholic Church in Haverhill, to celebrate a Mass in Lent there for people from across the deanery and then just after Easter, to consecrate the new altar in the recently redecorated Catholic Church in Bury St Edmunds.

On Sunday 29th June, the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Bishop Alan will be joining people and clergy from all the parishes for a Deanery Day celebrating our Faith at Moreton Hall Preparatory School, Bury St Edmunds, from 2.00 to 5.00 pm. The Bishop will celebrate Mass at 2.30 pm and then there will be a barbeque, stalls, and activities, fun and games, something for young and old alike. There is an open invitation to everyone from our parishes to come along to welcome Bishop Alan and to enjoy the day together.

Father David Finegan



The AGM of the Friends of St. Mary's, Bacton will be held in the church at **7 p.m. on June 12.**

All are welcome.

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CLEANING ROTA

June

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20th - Chris Carr & Maz Purkis

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Chernobyl Childrens Lifeline - Mid Suffolk Link

Kevin, Pete & I returned from Belarus on 20th April after a very hectic 10 days. Our journey began arriving in Minsk arriving about 7.30pm.

Everyone had gone to great lengths to make sure we felt welcome. No matter how poor a family might be there was always a full table of food, we are very aware that when we are not there the staple diet is still soup and potatoes. “Our” family, with whom we have visited now for many years, still insist that we take the bedroom and they sleep on the floor.

Whilst we were in Cherikov we took the opportunity to visit the “radiation exclusion zone” around the area. It looks even more bleak now as the authorities have burnt off all the land to prevent forest fires. What was concerning is that we saw land being farmed, I thought we must have left the exclusion zone but I was wrong. Apparently where the corn is grown the radiation is “not too bad” but where the cattle graze it is still very high so the milk is taken for processing where it is mixed with “good milk” until the levels of radiation are acceptable!

After the weekend we set off to drive to Belazoorsk where the children from this years group have been selected. A few hours after we arrived we went to the school with our interpreter Tanya and there we met the children selected for this years group together with their parents or guardians. We explained the program to all of the parents and showed them a video of last years group and the activities that took place. Many of the parents said that this really helped reassure them as no one had ever been to England before and they were sending their children away to a country and people they did not know.

Having left Belazoorsk we travelled back to Minsk where we visited the No 1. Baby home that we have supported over the years. I was quite shocked (and personally upset) to find many of the children we had come to know over the last few years had gone. Since my visit last November all the children over 3 years old had been sent to Home No 3. as they (the authorities?) now want to turn No 1. Home into a hospice for babies. I understand that No 3 Home is very much more old fashioned and run under the old USSR type regime, the Home takes children from 4 to 18 years.



The Exclusion Zone

After visiting the Baby Home we went to the Children's Cancer Hospital at the Lesnoi Settlement on the outskirts of Minsk. There we met with the senior Psychologist Elena Klochko. Thanks to Elena's advice earlier in the year we were able to take a great many things for the children that we had previously not thought of. Although the soft toys are still no 1 favourite thing to have all of the children were really pleased to receive the Foil Picture Scraping kits and other craft items as well. Parents were given Tea in special hand made wallets that had been donated and for children who had lost their hair, colourful headscarves and bandanas. These items and many more were donated by supporters of the group and Elena has asked me to say a very big thank you to everyone who has been involved in this project. We met with a little girl called Violetta who I have seen over the last 6 years that she has been in hospital, she is only 12 years old now so half her life has been spent in the Cancer unit.



Violetta

Despite this she is a very intelligent and articulate young lady. We gave Violetta a Doll that had a key in the back and when wound up, the head moves and a song is played. Violetta took one look at it and said "it lives" and would not put it down after that. Both she and her brother had Leukaemia but no bone marrow donor could be found. Fortunately, the children's father was found in Israel and agreed to become a donor for the children. We are delighted to report that Violetta has now recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital and will go to live with relatives as her mother must remain in the unit with her brother who is still seriously ill but hopefully will recover as well.

On Saturday we visited with Father Denis and his family at their flat in Minsk. Although the family live in the flat during the week at the weekends they travel to the village of Schwaby which is where they used to live before being forced to move to Minsk when the village school closed. Father Denis usually spends most of his time in Schwaby living in a little home, not much bigger than a garden shed from where he carries out his work with his parishioners. Although the village is quite small and a lot of families have moved out, there are still some children there. Father Denis's wife had made a request for clothing for about ten boys aged 8 to 15 year and once again, with the help of the donations received from the Link we were able to take two big laundry bags of clothing for Father Dennis to distribute.

Chernobyl Childrens Lifeline cont...

When the children return home we will send additional luggage with warm winter clothing for older people and Father Dennis will collect this from the airport to take to the village. As it was Easter weekend, a very important religious date, the family not only fed us with tea and cakes (as it was Lent) but the mother, Anna, had prepared a special Easter Cake for each of us take home.

Maybe a strange request, but, Father Denis has a personal interest in collecting memorabilia from World War I & 2. He has asked if anyone should have any photographs they don't want of soldiers in uniform from these two periods he would be very grateful .

He is also looking for a WW Tin Hat with chin strap. If anyone knows where we can get one of these for him, please let me know as it would be great to be able to give it to him next time we visit.

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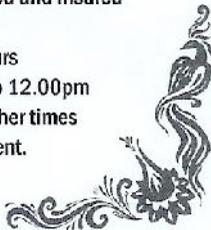
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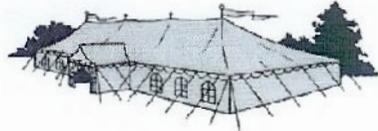
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