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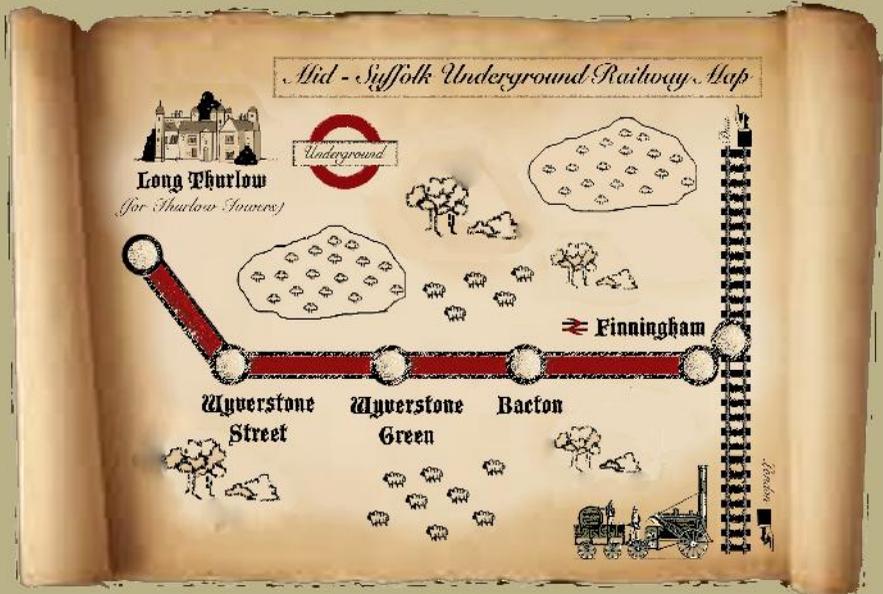
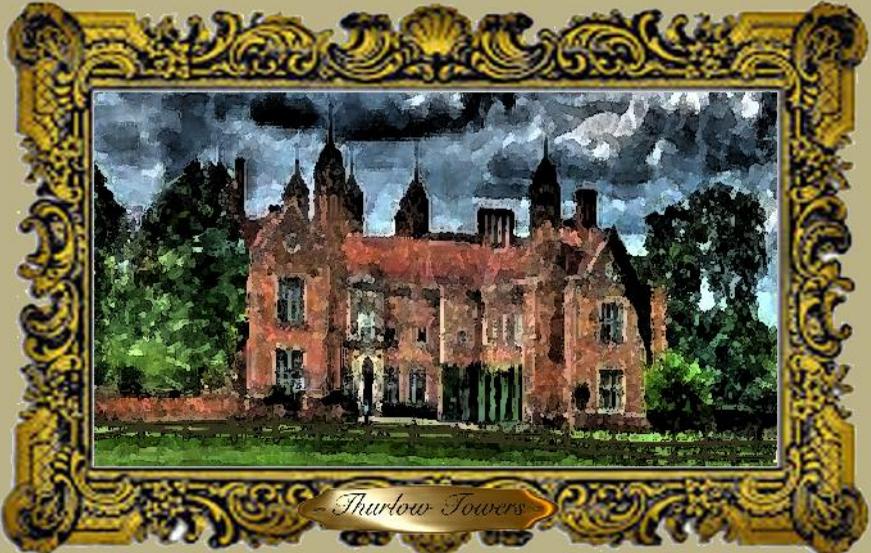
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Please note that the deadline for submissions to this magazine is the **15th** of the previous month, i.e. 15th January for the February edition.

To contact the Parish & Community News, send a contribution, or for those of you who contribute to the magazine regularly, please e-mail your information to ajmanley@icloud.com by the **15th of the previous month at the latest**. You don't need to format it if you are happy to leave it to us.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**April 2015**

Mon 13th	7.30pm	Bacton & District W.I. - Members stories on a subject of their own choosing page 21
Sat 11th & 25th	10.00am - 12.30pm	Wyverstone Community Cafe page 11
Tues 14th	2pm - 4pm	Community Circle Club - Cotton Village Hall page 11
Tues 14th	2.30pm	Mother's Union - in St Mary's Community Room 'Diocesan Treasure' by Keith Foulds M.U.
Tues 14th	7.30pm	Horticultural Society - 'Auriculas' by Barry Gayton
Sat 18th	10.00am - 12.00noon	Community Circle Café - at Cotton Village Hall 
Mon 20th	7.30pm	RBL Women's Section - Flower Arranging - Glynis Penton
Tues 21st	7.30pm	Bacton & Cotton History Society - "The Paston Family" page 25
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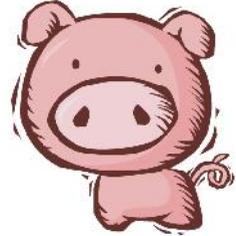


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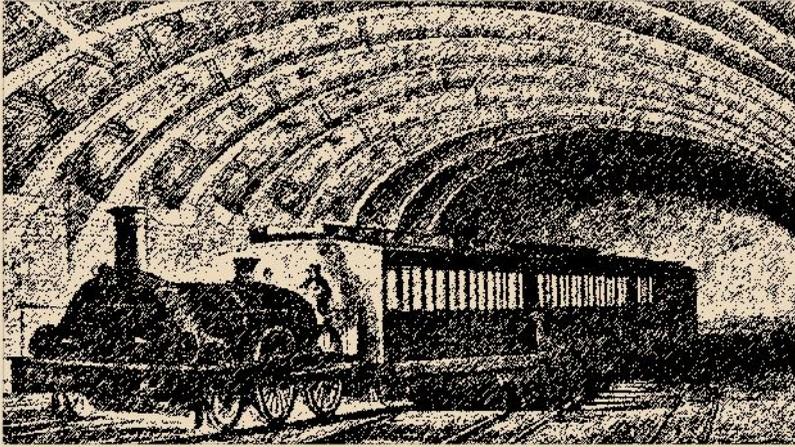
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From your April Correspondent



The Lords of Bacton and the Mid-Suffolk Underground Railway.

Largely forgotten, the bizarre story of the rise and spectacular fall of one notable local family is worth re-telling: Josiah Smith was an 18th century local landowner who made a vast fortune by speculating in sugar-beet futures and breeding pedigree ferrets. Involvement in politics eventually led to him receiving a peerage with the title Lord Ashfield of Bacton. By this time of his death, the first Lord Ashfield had amassed a country estate covering land from Finningham through to Walsham. His son continued with politics, and also built a large manor house near to the village of Long Thurlow. However things went seriously awry with the arrival of the 3rd generation: Albert was born in 1823, an odd child who became fascinated with the new technology of the railways.

His childhood was divided between the mansion at Thurlow Towers, and the family's London house. He was renowned at Eton for bunking off lessons to go train-spotting, and he became obsessed with the newly opened underground railways which were being built beneath the capital. Aged 24, he was summoned home to Suffolk on the sudden death of his father, and found himself the sole inheritor of the family estate, title and fortune. This dreamy and somewhat eccentric youth was wholly unprepared for the

responsibilities that now lay on his shoulders. He had no interest in farming or politics, and with money no object, he concocted a madcap scheme to build his own underground railway on the family estate. Friends, family and advisers attempted to dissuade him, but he became fixated with the idea and engaged the premier railway engineer of the age, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, to design it. Brunel thought the scheme laughable, however, he also saw the opportunity to make a fast buck, so drew up the plans, collected his fee and handed over the construction to a local engineer, Robert Kerridge.

The design was simple: connecting to the main line at Finningham station, passengers would descend about 30 feet down to the new underground platform, where the single track tunnel carried the train westward, with stations at Bacton, Wyverstone Green, Wyverstone Street and Long Thurlow, with a private staircase directly from that station into Thurlow Towers. Construction began with great fanfare but the costs had been hopelessly underestimated. It's not clear how far the work reached, but by 1865 the project was in trouble, and Albert, Lord Ashfield too. The family coffers were empty, the estate bankrupt, and his grandfather's prized herd of ferrets sold. After a meeting with angry creditors, he returned to Thurlow Towers a broken man. What happened next has caused much speculation over the years: Dismissing his staff, Lord Ashfield locked himself inside the house. A few minutes later, smoke was seen coming from the upper storey. By the time the local fire volunteers arrived, the house was ablaze and could not be saved. (An easterly wind swept the smoke and residue from the fire onto the next village of Badwell, which has been known as Badwell Ash ever since). Nobody saw Lord Ashfield escape, but no remains were found in the collapsed ruins either. Did he descend to that half-completed platform and escape through the tunnel? Nobody knows, and although there were rumoured sightings in Belgium, Nyassaland and Patagonia over the years, he was never seen in Suffolk again.

The estate was divided amongst creditors, the tunnels bricked up, and in time the whole thing was forgotten. But now, a small group of local history enthusiasts has uncovered the story, and would like to uncover more. How much of the Mid-Suffolk underground railway still remains? Could it be re-opened as a heritage tourist attraction? The only way to find out will be to have a look. An initial investigation has been funded by the National Underground Train Society (NUTS), and excavations will commence on the 1st of April.

Dave Twaddle
Secretary, Mid-Suffolk Underground Society

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(NB: No meetings during July, August, and December 2015.)

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Reader's Letters

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Just Gardening

I've long had a passion for Orchids. If you've never been given an Orchid as a present or just treated yourself to this thing of beauty you've missed out.

There are so many varieties in colour and size. I have a number in my collection placed around the home. You can if you so desire, colour co-ordinate your Orchids, matching your room colour and settings. The pure white variety will look good anywhere. I have a lime green variety just coming into flower with fourteen flower buds on the spike. I train the new flower spikes as they grow using green tomato canes, they blend in nicely with the leaves and the new flower heads need to be supported. I use a dark green wool to tie in the spikes of flower. I find this is strong enough for the job and doesn't look out of place or damage the plants.

The great advantage with Orchids is the length they remain in flower. One of mine has been in bloom since last September, a small variety, with a beautiful dark red centre and bright yellow around the outside of each flower. Still with good numbers of flower on the stalk. Ready to continue in flower for some time to come. Had I spent £20.00 on a bunch of flowers they would have been long gone, some bunches don't even last a fortnight.

So If it's value for money your looking for Orchids are the way to go.

There are a number of rules to follow, they won't tolerate standing in water. I keep my Orchids quite dry during the resting period over the winter. Then, when late March/April arrives, I plunge my plants into a bucket of water, give them a good soaking and allow them to drain well. I make up my own Orchid feed according to the instructions on the bottle, after their first feed of the new growing season I feed them after every third watering. Don't let them get too hot in full sunlight - my plants are in semi-shade. I have found the best results have been when I've had my plants over-wintered on a North Facing window sill.

Dust the leaves from time to time, I give them a wipe over with a piece of damp kitchen roll, and they like misting spray in the summer.

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Happy Gardening Norman Parcell

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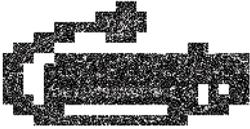
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Car Wash – Saturday 2nd May 2015 - Advance Notice - We will be holding one of our legendary car washes on Saturday 2nd May 2015 at the scout HQ. We will be serving bacon rolls, cakes, tea and coffee while you wait. Please come along and support us. All funds raised go directly to 1st Bacton Scout Group.

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. Could we please ask that if you are using the bottle & clothing banks to **only** use them for bottles and clothing and take your remaining rubbish to the stowmarket recycling centre. Please be vigilant to others abusing this facility.

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

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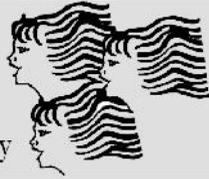
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**BACTON &
DISTRICT
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by Amanda Manley



Our President Angela Cook was back with us for our March meeting when we had a talk by Wildlife Photographer Paul Sawyer. We discovered that Paul is a Butcher by trade but he brought 50 of his photographs to show us and we were not surprised to find that he also makes money from this hobby. Paul was very knowledgeable about his craft but the most important quality he needed, and indeed possessed in abundance, appeared to be patience. He had learnt that the best shots don't always happen by chance and he let us into some of the secrets of his trade which had allowed him to create some masterly photographs over the years. Much of his success, however, seemed to rely on him setting up and then waiting for hours, or sometimes days, for that perfect moment. He had been rewarded for his patience by some stunning shots of wild deer, hares and Kingfishers amongst others, which we felt we could never hope to achieve. However he did confess to visiting a property in Montana U.S.A. where an animal trainer lived. Here he was able to set up shots of 'wild' animals such as Tigers, Wolves and Grizzly Bears with little or no sense of danger. As Mr Punch always says, 'That's the way to do it!'

Our next monthly meeting will be on **April 13th**. Unfortunately our Speaker on Tudor Costume cannot be with us after all so the meeting will be self-generated. Some of our members will

entertain us by talking about items which are meaningful to them. This should be an interesting and possibly quite revealing evening!!
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7.30 and would welcome
new members and visitors.*

**COTTON
PARISH COUNCIL**
Colin Hall



Cotton Parish Council met on the 19th March and a report of this meeting will appear in the next issue.

Several residents have reported dog walkers failing to clear up mess after their dogs especially along Cotton Lane. We would like to remind dog owners/walkers that it is an offence not to clear up after your dog and you can be liable to a large fine, it is the policy of Parish Councils in the Mid Suffolk area to report incidents to the appropriate authority.

If you are considering standing for election to the Parish Council and have not submitted your nomination papers you have until **4pm on Thursday 9th April** to present them at Mid Suffolk District Council offices in Needham Market.

The Annual Parish Meeting & AGM of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 13th May 2015** in the village hall

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PARISH COUNCIL**
Glen Horn



Mr Andrew Sumner attended the meeting as the newly appointed Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and gave details of how local people can become involved in the scheme.

Several potholes and areas of carriageway damage had been reported to parish councillors, and subsequently reported to Suffolk County Council Highways Department. There is a programme of road repairs scheduled for early March.

New Community Speedwatch signs have been erected, and further Neighbourhood Watch signs are also being erected.

A new emergency defibrillator has been installed at Wyverstone village hall, made possible by the fundraising efforts of the village hall committee, and in partnership with the East of England Ambulance Service.

The defibrillator itself is extremely easy to use, and does not require any training to be able to use it.

The village hall will be hosting a health-check day, with healthcare professionals in attendance, providing health advice and answering questions.

As with all parishes, the election on 7th May means that a new parish council will need to be elected. Anyone interested in standing is encouraged to contact the clerk, Glen Horn, who will answer questions or provide any information. Alternatively, please speak to your current parish council, or download forms from the MSDC Website.

The village website needs to be updated, and the new parish clerk, Glen Horn, will be taking over the day-to-day maintenance of the site, but any help would be much appreciated, along with stories and information.

Please contact either Council Chairman Andrew Mellen on 01449 782971, or Glen Horn on 01449 258131.

**BACTON
PARISH COUNCIL**
Jane Brookman



The Parish Council met on 16th and 23rd February 2015. The report on the meeting held on 16 March 2015 will be included in the May edition as the deadline for the April magazine is prior to the March meeting.

Police Report

The Police confirmed that there had been two crimes reported both at the same location on 18 January 2015 where there was a theft of a black metal letterbox from a driveway and also a forced entry into a garden shed.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council supported the application for a first floor extension over an existing kitchen at 36 Woodward Avenue.

The Parish Council had no comments to make regarding the application for a Certificate of Lawful Development at Coppings Farm, The Street, Bacton. The application in relation to Lynton, Rectory Road, Bacton for the erection of an outbuilding and continued use of land for domestic purposes (retrospective application for retention and completion of building and for continued use of land) was considered. The Parish Council supported the application for the continued use of the land for domestic purposes subject to conditions and objected to the retention and completion of the building.

Village Litter Pick

The Village Litter Pick will take place on **Saturday 18 April 2015** commencing at the Village Hall at

10.00 am. Everyone is welcome to come along and take part in the annual spring clean of our village.

BACTON PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 7 MAY 2015

Bacton Parish Council is made up of 9 Councillors and meets each month (except August).

Matters considered are those which affect the general well-being of the village and the management of land owned by the Parish Council. The Parish Council is consulted on planning applications and the council's observations are considered by Mid Suffolk District Council when deciding planning applications.

Election notices will be issued by 23 March 2015. Nominations papers are available from the Returning Officer, Mid Suffolk District Council (01449 724500) or from the Parish Clerk (01359 230897) and must be hand delivered by the candidate or someone on their behalf by 4 pm on Thursday 9 April 2015.

If you would like any further information please contact the Parish Clerk on 01359 230897 or [**bactonparishclerk@gmail.com**](mailto:bactonparishclerk@gmail.com)

Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 27 April 2015** at 7.30pm 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/>

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

BACTON AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

In March, the long awaited Beard Shaves took place.

The meeting began with the Exhortation and Silent Tribute. Members and visitors were welcomed by the Chairman Sandra Welham. A power point presentation on Beards and Facial Hair was run by Susie Gray with commentary by Sandra.



Colin Kemp and Will Gray then went under the scissors expertly wielded by hairdresser Zoe Grindley and what a transformation!



Colin had grown his thick beard from scratch especially for the evening and Will, who has worn a beard for the last

50 years, had grown his longer for the occasion.

Both had grown their hair as well giving Zoe plenty to go at. Both Colin and Will emerged looking younger without the frizz and to date a total of £919 has been raised by Bacton RBL Women's Section. Many, many thanks go to Colin and Will, Anita, Zoe, Susie, the members and the generous sponsors who all made this happen.

Refreshments were served by Cynthia Elmer and Carol Bartrum and the draw was run by Doreen Wynne and Joyce Griggs.

The business then followed including deciding to go to Yoxford Antiques Centre and Gardens in July for the outing.

Angela Elmer and Maureen Gardiner were congratulated on becoming grandmothers again recently.

Peggy Dryden was wished well following her recent operation and fall. The evening closed with the singing of The National Anthem.

BACTON & WYVERSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Diane Gladders welcomed everyone and said there was not much business for the March meeting except ideas needed for a Saturday outing in June.

The Plant Sale date is provisionally booked for Saturday, 23rd May, 2015.

Member Sheila Brown said there will be a **Coffee Morning for the William Brown Trust on Saturday, 21st March, 10-12 am in Bacton Village Hall.**

The speaker was Michael Perry of Thompson & Morgan who gave a power point presentation on New, Different and Unusual Plants. He is the New Product Development Manager at Thompson & Morgan and has worked there for 17 years. They are the UK's largest mail order Plant Company and have developed innovative packaging.

There are no open weekends now as the trial site has moved to a secret location.

Michael ran through some of the "New Kids on the Block" which included Pink "Scents of Summer", Osteospermum "Blue Eyed Beauty", Begonia "Garden Angels", Climbing Fuchsia "Pink Fizz", Begonia "Apricot Shades", a black hyacinth, a Tomato which has potatoes at the base and tomatoes at the top and many more popular plants which have been developed to be larger, or more compact, better coloured, rust resistant, longer flowered, weather resistant, self supporting, etc.

There were also broad beans that do not have to be overwintered,

tomatoes with no side shoots to remove, spineless courgettes, etc.

Thompson & Morgan also give prizes to the public for discovering plants with special attributes in their own gardens and photo competitions with prizes of up to £250.

Diane thanked Michael by saying he had given us lots of ideas.

The monthly draw was won by Sandra Welham.

Monthly Competition results:

5 Hellebores with complimentary Foliage.

1. Sandra Welham.
2. Tricia Lawrence.
3. Will Gray.

My Favourite Garden Hand Tool.

1. Will Gray.
2. Owen Wilson.
3. Peter Churchyard.

A photograph of my shed.

1. Will Gray.
2. Sandra Welham.
3. Peter Churchyard.



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**For further information phone
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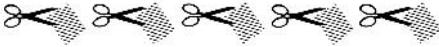
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VILLAGE CRAFT GROUP



At our last meeting of the craft group, one of our members demonstrated Encaustic Art. This is a method of using coloured melted waxes to form pictures. We then took it in turns to experiment with the technique, whilst the rest of us carried on with whatever work we had bought with us. Even the non arty amongst us had a go (it's not compulsory) and were surprised at how easy it was to produce a recognisable image!!

At time of writing several of our group have loaned items we have made, for a small exhibition in St. Mary's Church for the Mothering Sunday service, representing things that mums do. The following week six of our members are travelling by coach to the Stitch and Craft show at the NEC in Birmingham. No doubt we will return laden down with goodies but with lighter purses!

If you would like to pop in and see what we do on the 2nd Monday of each month, between 9.30 and 12 noon, you will be most welcome, especially if you can't "do anything". There are numerous types of hand or machine work that can be tried. So if you want to learn or try out something new, now's your chance. Finish a patchwork quilt that your mother started, (as one of our group are doing), find the best way to hold your work in a frame, read a pattern. If you can't see as well as you used to, try out a magnifying lamp which will make life so much easier.

Come and find out what you could achieve, our tuition is free.

OLD NEWTON CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season is nearly upon us, the new grass square is being rolled and manicured for its first outing in early May.

Playing Matters

Adult nets start Sunday 5th April 1000hrs with new coach Keith Flanagan.

Junior nets start Tuesday 14th April from 1800-1930hrs with new coach Keith Flanagan.

Future Events

16-17th May- Norfolk Cricket Tour, members if you are going contact Kevin Swinburne.

28th June – Camille's Appeal for further details contact Kevin Swinburne, k.swinburne@talk.com

11-12th July - Old Newton Cricket Classic for further details contact Charlie Cuff, charliecuff@hotmail.co.uk or Kevin Swinburne, k.swinburne@talk21.com

If you wish to join either the adult or junior teams or support the club by becoming a non playing member contact k.swinburne@talk21.com lizzy@gipping.wanadoo.co.uk charliecuff@hotmail.co.uk

Find us on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oldnewtoncc/>

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We are located at Old Newton Sports and Social Club.

Liz North



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Spring may well be upon us – our bulbs are about to open and the days are warming up so the children can play outdoors without quite so many red noses!

We are having our traditional **Spring Jumble Sale on April 25th at Bacton Village Hall from 2pm**. Donations would be gratefully received – you can either bring to the Playcentre during the week before (w/c 20th April) or leave at the Village Hall on the morning. We would love to see you there – we will have teas, coffees, cakes, a tombola and a warm welcome to all.

We have limited spaces available in all our rooms (from 0-5 years for Daycare, sessional etc) and 5-14 years for Before and After School and also we open each school holiday. Please see our Facebook page or website for details or contact us on **01449 780079**.

A PLEA FOR HELP! We are falling behind with our technology equipment and unfortunately the cost of replacing it all comes at a higher price than we can afford, as we try to prioritise any spare money to benefit the children directly when we can. Our computers all currently run on XP and were all donated some years ago. Is there anyone out there that has a PC they no longer require that runs on Windows 7 or above with good memory and a decent processor that they would be willing to donate to the group? This is a big ask I know but 'if you don't ask you don't get'. Or any firms that could donate towards the cost of replacing our computers? These are required for the children, the office work and also for the staff to complete the paperwork necessary for the children's records.

We also need to upgrade and buy some better technology equipment for the children, which is what we hope to do with our fundraising money this year (as well as having to buy basics such as paint, paper, pens, sand – the list goes on!). This is a learning area that is changing and moving on at a great rate of knots!

Here's to a fun filled and busy Summer Term!



On Sunday 26th April I will be taking part in the **London Marathon**, one of the causes I will be running for is **Cotton church**, I would be extremely grateful if you would be kind enough to sponsor me please, there are sponsor forms at the church,

at Collins of Cotton plant centre (opposite Finbow's yard, station road) and at No 1, Peters meadow, Mendlesham road, (the home of Mr. and Mrs Hales,)

Thank you so much. Claire Bardsley (Hales)

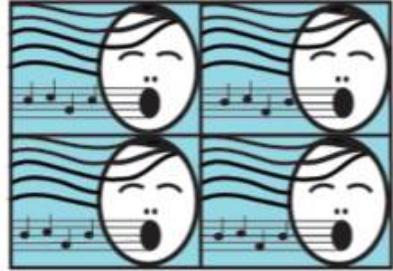
Suffolk Walking Festival 9th - 31st May 2015

We are fast approaching that time of year again when the air will start warming up, the bluebells will be blooming and the Suffolk countryside will be enticing us to dig out our walking boots and start exploring. What better way to do this than to join in the annual Suffolk Walking Festival which takes place 9th - 31st May. The programme is packed with over 90 guided walks around medieval villages, market towns, along the coast and through gentle landscapes across the county.

The eclectic mix of walks includes Sketch Book Strolls for children (there's also one for adults) with a local artist around Brandon Country Park; a seven mile hike called Food Glorious Food through Thetford Forest to the award-winning restaurant at the Elvedon Hall Estate for lunch; A Scottish Visionary and His Fairytale Village, starting from Thorpeness along the coast as well as Beachcombing for Beginners on Felixstowe beach.

You can follow in Benjamin Britten's footsteps along 'Curlew River' and learn about the composer, his music and the wildlife that inspired him; walk the Horseshoe Trail and learn about horse racing in Newmarket; explore the Ponds of Helmingham Hall, walk in the footsteps of Thomas Gainsborough around Sudbury or learn about John Constable as you amble through 'Constable Country'.

JUBILEE



LADIES CHOIR

The 'Jubilee Ladies Choir' would welcome new members who love to sing.

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Di Balaam on 01449 736374

There are far too many walks to list here, so please visit www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk to look at the programme and to book your tickets. You can also pick up a brochure from you local tourist information centre.

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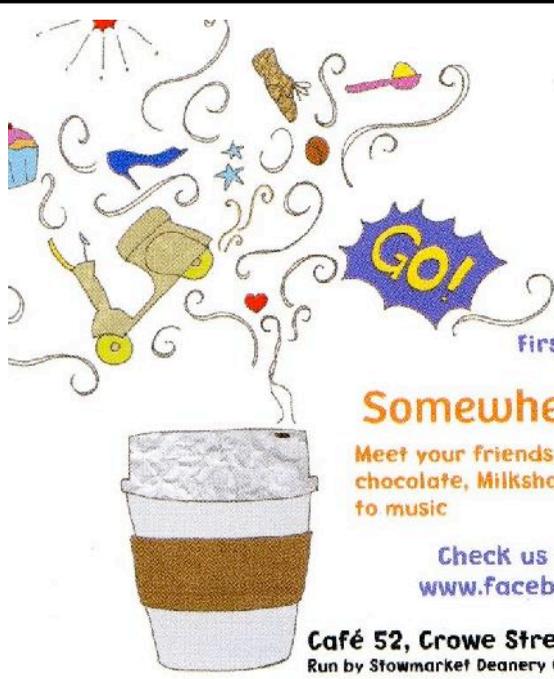
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Mothers' Union Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to our **Coffee Morning on the 10th March**, we raised over **£100** for the work of the M.U. in Suffolk, the rest of the U.K. and our link diocese in Africa. One of our newest projects in Suffolk is to give a 'Welcome Parcel' to all students attending the University in Ipswich and this is much appreciated.

I will be holding another Coffee Morning later in the year to aid the work done for young people in our own community. Keep a look out for details!

Again, many, many thanks.

Linda Last.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 21ST APRIL 2015, 7pm at PARK FARM, Wyverstone

ALL WELCOME

We would love to have some new members to join our friendly Committee.

No experience needed, just a willingness and enthusiasm to help us raise much needed funds for our beautiful church.

Come along and see what we do!

A Word in Your Ear...

Here comes April. The clocks have been put forward, and the daffodils eventually won their battle with the last flick of winter's tail. In the fields are the low spring crops, and the feathery cloud of willow, we hear the swish of a helmeted cycling club, heads down, flying up the B1113, smell the hot cross buns and tuck into roast lamb.

Wherever I go people are asking how long it will be before the benefice gets a new priest in charge. The short answer – writing this in mid-March – is that we don't know. The post is advertised on the diocesan website (<http://www.cofesuffolk.org/>). Go to the section marked Vacancies if you want to have a look. It is also advertised on a national list of clergy vacancies. It is hoped that applications will be received so that shortlisting can take place after Easter, and interviews can be held at the end of April. Those are the plans.

In the meantime the work of the church continues. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday March 29th. The sombre mood of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday give way to the great celebration of the Resurrection. *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!* One more Easter morning to add to the hundreds that have been celebrated in our churches. Easter Day is to be celebrated as a feast of happiness and gratitude.

First world war memories are still in our minds. One Easter weekend, I stood in Tyne Cot cemetery near Ieper (Ypres). The skies which in 1916 had been heavy with gun smoke were now clear in the sunshine. The thunderous roar of shelling, which never stopped day or night for two years, was replaced by larks high overhead. The towns of Ieper and Poperinghe on the horizon, which had been left as heaps of smoking rubble now re-built and bustling. The mud, which had been so deep it swallowed horses and men, was now totally re-landscaped. And in that same brown earth, which swallowed so many young lives, as far as the eye could see, young shoots of spring wheat were waving in the breeze. Apart from the acres of graves around me, it was as if the war had never happened. The battlefield had undergone its own resurrection. The whole scene spoke of the Easter hope of resurrection to eternal life, the hope that Jesus left for ever, to those whom he called friends. At Easter, we catch fragments of that Easter message, like Mary Magdalene, who, meeting Jesus at the tomb that first Easter Day, saw the one who dragged her from her misery and raised her up so she could look him in the face.

A very happy Easter to you all.

Barbara Bilston

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SIDESMAN'S ROTA FOR ST. MARY'S BACTON - April 2015

5th 8.00a.m.....Robert Black
9.30a.m.....Brian Last & Linda Last
12th 9.30a.m.....Carol Bartrum and Rosy Black
19th 9.30a.m.....Mike Hall & Pat Hall
26th 9.30a.m.....David Black & Brian Manley

26th (4th SUNDAY OF EASTER)

St Mary's Bacton 9.30am Holy Communion Revd Margaret Wainwright
St Andrews Cotton 11 am Morning Worship Sheila Wright
St George's Wyverstone No service
St Andrews Wickham Skeith 9.30 Holy Communion with healing
Canon Barbara Bilston
St Mary's Old Newton 11 am Mattins Canon Sally Fogden
4 pm Fun @4 Elaine Miller
St Nicholas Gipping No service

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE**April 2015****2nd (MAUNDY THURSDAY)****St Andrew's Cotton** 7.30pm Benefice Eucharist**3rd (GOOD FRIDAY)****St George's Wyverstone** 10.30am Meditation Canon Barbara Bilston**St Andrews Wickham Skeith** 2.00pm Stations of the Cross Sheila Wright**St Mary's Old Newton** 6.30pm The Passion Story in words & music**5th (EASTER DAY)****St George's Wyverstone** 6.00am Sunrise Service and Easter Eucharist
Canon Barbara Bilston**St Mary's Bacton** 9.30am Easter Family Communion
Canon Barbara Bilston**St Andrews Wickham Skeith** 9.30am Easter Family Communion
Revd Margaret Wainwright**St Andrews Cotton** 11.00am Easter Family Communion
Revd Margaret Wainwright**St Mary's Old Newton** 11.00am Easter Family Communion
Canon Barbara Bilston**St Nicholas Gipping** 3pm Easter Holy Communion BCP
Revd Margaret Wainwright**12th (2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER)****St Mary's Bacton** 9.30am Family Communion Canon Sally Fogden**St Andrews Cotton** 11am Holy Communion
Canon Barbara Bilston**St George's Wyverstone** *No service***St Andrews Wickham Skeith** 9.30am Family Communion Canon Barbara
Bilston**St Mary's Old Newton** 11am Family Service Sheila Wright**St Nicholas Gipping** *No service***19th (3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER)****St Mary's Bacton** 9.30am Holy Communion Rev Christine Everett**St Andrew's Cotton** *No Service***St George's Wyverstone** 11.00am Morning Service Sheila Wright**St Andrew's Wickham Skeith** 9.30am Holy Communion
Canon Barbara Bilston**St Mary's Old Newton** 11.00am Holy Communion (ext) Elaine Miller**St Nicholas Gipping** *No service*

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MASS TIMES:

Saturdays (First Mass of Sunday):

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2015

All the following services are at Our Lady's Catholic Church, Stowmarket:

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April:

We remember how Jesus gathered with his Twelve Disciples to eat the Last Supper, washed their feet as an example of service and gave us the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist as the abiding Memorial of his Passion and Death.

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 pm.

Good Friday, 3rd April:

Catholics observe Good Friday as a Day of Fast and of Abstinence from meat.

We commemorate the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross for us all.

Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00 pm; Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm.

Holy Saturday, 4th April:

After waiting in spirit during the day at the tomb of Christ, we celebrate his Resurrection and our new life in him at the Easter Vigil and First Easter Mass at 8.00 pm. There is no evening Mass at Woolpit Church on Holy Saturday, 4th April.

Easter Sunday, 5th April:

With Masses at 8.30 and 10.15 am we share our joy that the Lord is risen.

We wish you a very happy Easter.

Father David Finegan

ST. ANDREWS'S CHURCH COTTON 2015

CLEANING ROTA

April

3rd - Joyce Vincent, Chris Marston & Maz Purkis

24th - Chris Carr & Diane Dickinson

FLOWER ROTA

April

Mrs Helen Mead

All arrangers for Easter please

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

"Cotton St Andrew's Churchyard Working Party:-

Last Saturday of each month **9.30 a.m.** Please join us for a couple of hours useful work in the fresh air to keep our surroundings beautiful!"

COTTON METHODIST CHURCH 2015

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

A warm welcome awaits everyone.

April

8th - Led by Mrs E Kearsley MA **12th** - Led by Mrs J Keys,

19th - Led by Rev Rita Carr with Holy Communion,

26th - Led by Mr B Clow

May

3rd - Led by Mrs R Logan

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Exciting New Fundraising Event: To help raise funds for the children's visit this year we are holding a joint event with Needham Market Football Club on the evening of May 2nd. This will be a Pig Racing evening together with a Hog Roast and for those of you who have not been to a Pig Race before you can be assured of a great night out. Pig Racing and Tote provided by The Lions Club of Stowmarket. Come along and watch the pink fluffy pigs as they race up the track. Have a bet and cheer on your favourite as they reach the winning post. Enjoy a fabulous Hog Roast and dessert, all included in the ticket price. Anyone wishing to sponsor a Race can then name that race and anyone can become a "Pig owner" for the evening for only 2.50 per pig, per race. The Pig owner gets to name the pig and if the pig wins a race the lucky owner will also receive a prize.

On April 10th we will be travelling to Belarus to meet with the families of the children who will come in this years group visit. We are happy to take letters for anyone who has been communicating with a child from this area, please let me have any correspondence by 8th April latest. Many of our supporters who sent individual shoe box Christmas presents to children this last Christmas have received thank you letters which show how very much the thought of someone thinking of them is appreciated.

We have been asked to take some clothing for the children of an extremely poor family living in the village looked after by our contact Father Dennis Snytko. There are two children in the family, a boy aged 10 and a girl aged 12 so if anyone would like to donate an item of clothing for one of these children we (and they) would be very grateful.

As always all clothing donations are welcomed as if they are not suitable for the children coming in the group visit (aged 8 to 11) then we endeavour to send as much back for siblings and families as possible so please do keep supporting us.

Donations can be dropped at the Charity Shop in Needham Market High Street (please state they are for the children) or call me on 01449 760343 if you need to arrange a collection.

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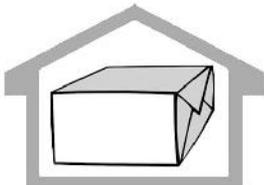


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Roger Hance FRPS AFIAP BPE5* gave a talk on 23 February about close up and macro photography. This was a 'how to' lecture and he brought in some of the equipment he uses when going out on shoots, which he encouraged us to look at. He also gave us lots of hints and useful tips to help us to produce photographs as amazing as his, which included wild flowers, birds and snakes.

On Thursday 26 February we went to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford for a photo shoot. The heavens opened as we arrived so we kept mainly to the hangars. We were lucky enough to see the American Air Museum just before it was closed for a year long redevelopment project.

At our club meeting on 9 March we watched the CD containing the images that had been accepted for the East Anglian Federation Exhibition. It highlighted to us how subjective photography is; some we thought were amazing and others we were left wondering what the judges had seen in them.

Next meetings:

Monday 13 April: Jane Goodall ARPS will give her much acclaimed lecture

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Monday 27 April: Open competition 4 to be judged by Alan Sarsby

Monday 11 May: AGM

Monday 8 June: Open competition 5, Incorporating Len Backhouse Trophy (PDI) & Cyril & Mary Hall Salver (Prints) to be judged by Roy Essery DPAGB

Regular meetings are held at Stowmarket Community Centre, Hillside IP14 2BD, usually on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month between September & June. We start arriving at around 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start.

We'd love to see you, so why not join us? All you need is a camera – any camera and a real interest in using it. Our members use DSLRs, compacts and bridge cameras.

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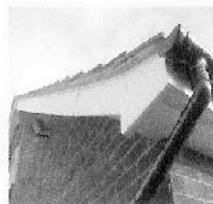
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Problems with transport can heighten rural isolation and access to community resources, which are key to maintaining independence and central to the future delivery of care and support in Suffolk. This has also been a sentiment resonated among the Age UK Suffolk voice reference panel, which is comprised of over 80 older people – whom the majority are at the higher end of the immobility scale.

Healthwatch Suffolk is therefore seeking to understand your experiences of accessing transport services to healthcare services in Suffolk. Specifically, it wants to understand how the current system affects you, both positively and negatively, in the hope of improving services for all.

It is easy to take part and it only takes a moment to give your views. You can complete a survey online using the following link:

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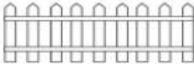
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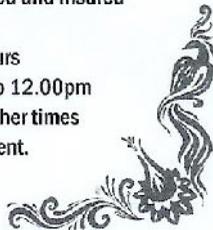
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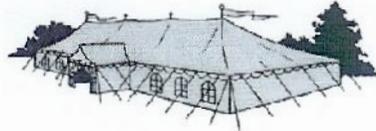
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