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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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From your May Correspondent

RETURN OF THE SWALLOWS

The month of May is when we can expect the return of our swallows after they have been overwintering in warmer climes. They will have travelled from southern Africa across the Sahara, on into Spain and across France. Some birds follow the west coast of Africa thus avoiding the Sahara, and other European swallows travel further east and down the Nile Valley. Swallows put on little weight before migrating. They migrate by day at low altitudes and find food on the way, catching insects on the wing. Despite accumulating some fat reserves before crossing large areas such as the Sahara Desert, they are vulnerable to starvation during these crossings. Migration is a hazardous time and many birds die from starvation, exhaustion and in storms.

Once here both adults build a nest from mud and plant fibres in buildings or on ledges. Existing nests are returned to year upon year, and there are apparently instances where nests have been re-used for nearly 50 years.

I must admit I have put up netting to keep swallows out of my stables having battled for 2 or 3 years with the huge amount of mess they create and leave behind them. The swallows I've had in my outbuildings have reared two clutches of eggs during the period from May to September and, at the rate of 6 young ones per nest that is a lot of birds. I know there are many people in the surrounding area who have barns and who welcome these annual visitors for their beauty, grace and cheeky antics so I don't feel I will be causing any hardship.

The picture on this month's cover illustrates the story, by Oscar Wilde, entitled 'The Happy Prince'. Oscar Wilde's reputation as a wit and a world class cynic is widespread and many people probably think of him as irreligious and hard-hearted. He has, however, written works which show not only the usual cynicism but at the same time poignancy, pathos and a perhaps unexpected connection with religion. This short story tells how a swallow, having stayed late after the summer migration, lights upon the golden statue of the Happy Prince. There follows a very beautiful tale of love, generosity and self sacrifice which I believe everyone should read in their life-time. This and another of his short stories 'The Selfish Giant' are two of the very few pieces of literature I have read which have the power to reduce me to tears with their beauty and message of redemption. If you have never read them my advice would be to search them out, and see if you agree with me!

Amanda Manley

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MAY 9th & 23rd

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Kettle's Calling



Where....The Community Room, St Mary's Bacton

When?2pm - 4pm

MAY 11th (No Kettle's calling on Bank Holiday Monday 25th)

June 1st, 15th and 29th

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Why not come along for tea, toast, cakes and savouries?

Why not bring a friend?

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

Please let us know if you would like a lift.

Cotton Community Circle Tuesday Afternoon 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 July, August, and December 2015.)

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This event will draw together a range of tractors, including examples seen at work in the fields of Suffolk during the last 100 years.

Vehicles on display will include the Museum's **Burrell Ploughing engines**, some of the earliest surviving engines to come out of the factory at Thetford, Norfolk, as well as a working steam tractor and early petrol tractors that take us through both World Wars and into the days after WW2 when every farm moved from horse to tractors.

Barry Salmon, Steam and Grease Team volunteer at the museum says "We have many local supporters who have wonderful collections of tractors. This will be a unique and fascinating event that shows how tractors have changed over the last 100 years."

There will be demonstrations of different aspects of tractor development, including cultivation activities in one of the Museums demonstration fields. We will also be offering the chance to win a ride in the 'jump seat' of a modern 250 horsepower Case while it struggles through the heavy clay lands of the Museum site!

Traction '15 coincides with National Mills Weekend, so the Alton Watermill at the Museum will be in action with demonstrations of corn sacks being lifted to the top of the mill using just water power.

The Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday (and Bank Holidays) 10am – 4.30pm and Sunday 11am – 4.30pm.

For admission prices see - <http://www.eastanglianlife.org.uk/visitus>

The Museum of East Anglian Life is situated in Stowmarket, Suffolk. It is an open air museum set in 75 acres of countryside, with over 20 historic buildings and collections of over 35,000 objects explaining the rural and social history of East Anglia.

For more details - Tel: 01449 612229

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Reader's Letters

In January the front cover of this magazine showed a finger pointing, Kitchener-style, with the slogan 'Your Community Needs You'.

The article inside encouraged people to join the parish council, but the shortage of new recruits does not just affect local politics. Many village organisations struggle to find new members. This is a shame because there is something rather special about living in a village.

Our children were raised here but all live in London now, and ask why we don't move back to the capital. We try to explain. It isn't just the prohibitive cost of London housing: it is the anonymity.

When we – or anyone else reading this magazine – walk down the road, we see dozens of familiar faces. You might not know all their names, but you know who they are – and they will know you. It's the same with the kids. They met at the school bus stop, youth club or because they had weekend jobs in Bacton Stores.

As parents, we found friends at the school gate and later when we joined local organisations. But over the years as one AGM followed the next, we noticed how difficult it was to find new members.

Times change and people have the right to choose to stay at home. However it is a choice which will remove the specialness of village life.

It isn't just the villages which will miss out. Research has shown that involvement in community activities is better for our mental and emotional wellbeing: it helps protect us against depression and growing old before our time.

So Bacton, Cotton, Wyverstone and Westhorpe need us – and people who have chosen to live in a village need their communities too.

Ann Kent

Dear Editor,

I was delighted to read your correspondent Dave Twaddle's article on the subject of Lord Ashfield and the Mid Suffolk Underground Railway.

I am a direct descendant of Lord Albert Ashfield as he was my Great Grandfather and was surprised to learn that the research appeared to draw a blank on what happened to his Lordship.

As stated he was in fact in Belgium where he met and married a rich brewing heiress.

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Ann Twerp.



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Just Gardening

Gardening is such a pleasure because you never quite know what you are going to get. The Purple Bergenia's I've had flowering in my garden for some time, have this year, thrown up a complete white variety, so I hope it continues in that colour.

The Snake's Head Fritillary's have also done very well this year. They are in a sunny, well-drained position, which doesn't dry out in summer. This helps to multiply the bulbs for the following season.

I've had over two hundred daffodil blooms in my garden this year. Different sizes and colours, they have made a very nice display. Following on from them are the Narcissi that tend to come into bloom slightly later than the daffodils. The Primroses have been exceptional in colour and the plants seem larger than usual. Last year I planted a new variety of Narcissus called Bridal Crown. They are a tight collection of blooms on each stem, beautifully white with very delicate yellow centre. Bridal Crown was awarded the RHS Award of Garden Merit. If you can purchase some of these bulbs they are well worth it.

I've planted a number of Alchemilla Mollis, Lady's Mantle in my borders this year so I'm expecting them to provide an extra light green leaf colour and yellow flower. Should look quite nice.

I've introduced a new Bearded Iris as well, a named variety of Edith Wulford, in a beautiful purple and yellow colour. It's part of my new project of a Cottage Garden.

Re-cycling, give it some thought. There is so much household waste going to land-fill sites these days. As gardeners we can help. If you are going to throw it away think about, can I use it in the garden? This year I have collected all the cardboard inserts of toilet rolls. Cutting them in half, fill them with a good quality potting compost and all my Runner Beans are growing in them. Also I've planted my Sweet Peas. The good thing about these tubes, is the roots will grow through the cardboard, when it comes to planting in the ground there is no disturbance of the roots system and the cardboard will degrade in the ground adding to the fibrous nature of the soil. Also you can use cardboard egg boxes for individual seed planting rather than paying out good money on the peat pots available in garden centres. Plastic bottles, cut the bottoms off, use them as plant cloches. If you are planting a new shrub and are not sure if the water is getting down to the roots, use a large plastic water bottle put it in the ground upside down put a hole in the top have the bottom of the bottle level with the soil and fill with water. You will have a ready made watering system going straight to the roots.

Happy Gardening Norman Parcell



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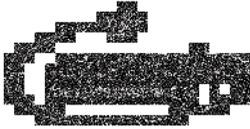
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Advance Notice - We will be holding one of our legendary car washes on Saturday 2nd May 2015 at the scout HQ. We will be serving bacon rolls, cakes, tea and coffee while you wait. Please come along and support us. All funds raised go directly to 1st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

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

1st Cotton & Bacton Guides, Brownies & Rainbows

If you or your daughter would like to know more about joining visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested or call **01449 780193**

Guides & Brownies meet on Wednesdays in Bacton Village Hall during Term Time.

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William Brown Trust Coffee Morning

Our coffee morning on the 21st March was every bit as successful as previous years. People came early and stayed most of the morning, browsing the stalls, buying Preserves, Cakes and having a go on the ever popular tombola. They drank coffee or tea, nibbled on yummy cakes and scones and caught up with other villagers and friends. It had a real family feeling with supporters coming from Harlow, Stowmarket, Cotton and Wyverstone as well as lots from Bacton.

We are very pleased to report that we made a brilliant £453.10 on the day and have received donations since, making £638.10 in all. Whilst on money matters we are proud to tell you that in total we raised £1,170.70 during 2014 and since starting with our first coffee morning in 2010 we have reached the amazing sum of £8,466.95!

We can't thank you all enough for your continued support over the past six years since Bill passed away. Especially our band of willing helpers, our friends and neighbours for their donations and family members who make the long trip up to Suffolk. Lastly thank you of course to the Parish Magazine who advertise our events every year.

Sheila, Richard and Wendy Brown
On behalf of the William Brown Trust.

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

**COTTON VILLAGE HALL
A.G.M 20th May 2015**

BACTON
PARISH COUNCIL
Jane Brookman



The Parish Council met on 16 March 2015. The report on the meeting held on 27 April 2015 will be included in the June edition as the copy deadline for the magazine is prior to the April meeting.

Police Report

There has been one reported crime since the last meeting which was theft of 300 litres of heating oil from a front garden in Pound Hill.

Footpath Report

The fallen tree on St Mary's playing field has been cleared and improvements have been made to the continuation of Pulham's Lane footpath with a new bridge and steps cut into the bank.

Notice Board on Shop Green

Cllr Paul Wigglesworth has made a new notice board for Shop Green. Half of the notice board will be for the Parish Council to use to display agendas of meetings and relevant documents the other half is for the local clubs and organisations to use to advertise their events. Commercial advertisements will be removed.

Grass Cutting in the Village

A new contractor has been engaged to carry out the grass cutting for the Parish Council in Bacton.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council supported the planning application for the conversion of a redundant agricultural barn to a

single dwelling at the Manor House Christian Rest Home, Church Road, Bacton.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 27 May 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Bacton. This is your opportunity to come along and hear about village topics and other issues that affect Bacton. If you haven't been before, why not give the meeting a try? It's a great opportunity to put your view across or just sit and listen and meet other residents.

Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 18 May 2015 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
Colin Hall



At the meeting held on March 19th the Council supported an application for the conversion of a garage into living accommodation and the demolition of an old out building to be replaced by a new construction at Red Roosters, Cock Road.

A grant of £400.00 to St. Andrew's Church P.C.C. for the upkeep of the churchyard was approved.

A suggestion that a bench should be placed in the Dandy Corner area was discussed but it was felt that considering the use of the lane by large

agricultural vehicles at suitable site was not available.

It is hoped that signs reminding dog owners/walkers of their responsibilities to clear up after their animals will be erected in some areas in the near future.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 29th April a report will appear in the next issue. The Annual Parish Meeting & AGM of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 13th May 2015 in the village hall.



Chairman Diane Gladders welcomed everyone to the April meeting and said it was good to see Colin Kemp back following his operation and also welcomed gardener of the future Arran.

Sheila Brown reported that her recent Coffee Morning raised £638.10 for the William Brown Trust.

The outing date was set for 20th June and Diane will look at prices for various destinations ready for the next meeting when £10 deposit will be needed.

There will also be an outing to a Carnivorous Plant Nursery on 14th July followed by a meal at Stoke Ash White Horse.

The annual Plant Sale date has now been confirmed as Saturday, 30th May and there will also be a cake stall and refreshments. Look for the posters which are being printed by Keith Parsons.

Diane welcomed back speaker Barry Gayton from Santon Downham who

is known as "the succulent man" but the talk this time was on Auriculas which he has grown for the past 7 years and says modestly he only dabbles in. He then proceeded to show slides of his collection of 1500 varieties which he grows in raised boxes and others standing on elevated wire mesh. He also has an Auricula Theatre. Barry recently spent 2 days just removing all the dead winter leaves from his plants.

Auriculas are susceptible to rotting in the winter so to avoid this should be protected from the rain but not the cold. As vine weevils enjoy the roots, auriculas should be divided into new compost in spring, completely removing the old compost, and planted in 4" pots.

Seed grown from the green straight off the plant should have 100% germination with no need to cover the seed, using general purpose compost with a little added grit for potting up. They should flower the second year. The slides showed the many variations of flower, some of which have a lovely bloom covering them. His own personal favourites included 'Maggie' and 'Sandmartin'.

Diane thanked Barry for his extensive talk and his garden will be open to the public on 5th July.

The monthly draw was won by Angela Jenner.

Monthly Competition winners:

An Auricula in a Flower Pot.

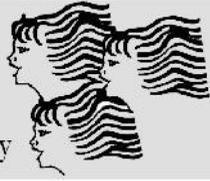
1. Sandra Welham.
2. John Gladders.
3. Tricia Lawrence.

Photograph of Spring Flowers in my Garden.

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BACTON & DISTRICT W.I.

by Amanda Manley



Our April meeting began with the usual business but then took on an unusual turn as our speaker for the evening had unfortunately to cancel because of ill health. Our solution to fill the gap was to find 5 'volunteers' to do a 10 minute slot each on a subject of their own choosing.

We began in dramatic fashion with an account by Rosy Black of the pioneering heart surgery she had at Papworth Hospital in the 1960s. A chance visit to a mobile X-Ray unit had revealed a hitherto undiscovered problem which resulted in Rosy having to undergo 2 life-threatening operations. Fortunately for us she pulled through and has gone on to become an invaluable member of our community.

Dot Brown was the unfortunate speaker who had to follow this breathtaking tale of life and death. She entertained us beautifully, however, with the story of a dog she used to own that had an incredible talent for enriching the lives of the sick and elderly. Spotting the potential in his gentleness and love of human beings she volunteered him as a hospital visitor and he took to the task as if to the manner born. Apparently he had an instinct for exactly what was needed and, after offering himself up to be stroked by all who wished to do so, he would be given a biscuit and a bowl of

tea before setting off for home. Dot finished with a description of a Helicopter trip bought for her by her husband for a 60th birthday present. She has a passion for helicopters and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, finishing by recommending that everyone should try it!

Barbara Evans was the next to step up with the story of the Cogwheel Trust. This is a children's charity in Uganda which supplies education and shelter, as well as practical things such as food and clothes, to disadvantaged children. There is a lot of hard work involved for the Trustees and the people who run the charity but an awful lot of good is done and it seems as if many many children probably owe their lives and happiness to the Cogwheel Trust.

Our third speaker was Nolly Curwen, an experienced needlewoman who runs a successful monthly Craft Club in Bacton Village Hall. She told us how she started as a small child threading sewing cards and this fired her enthusiasm for needlework. Her father was apparently a 'Traveller in Silks' and she was often able to take advantage of a supply of remnants to make clothes for her Teddy Bear. The clothes she made showed great attention to detail with proper snap fastenings and buttons etc. Later in life she became proficient in her field by taking and passing the City and Guilds exams for 'Embroidery and Design' and later the same for 'Patchwork and Quilting'. Nolly now has a huge knowledge of fabrics, threads and techniques and is a great perfectionist in every piece of work she undertakes.

Last but not least was myself and I had decided to talk about my ancestry search. My ancestors were Silk Weavers in Bethnal Green in London and I was able to show copies of a certificate won by my 2nd great Grandfather for Figured Silk Weaving as well as a photograph of him at his loom. I also have a photo of him and his family - wife and two daughters (sadly his son didn't go into silk weaving) wearing medals for silk weaving. I feel very lucky to be in possession of these old photos and the information in them certainly helped me in my search.

It is always interesting to learn more about the lives and interests of our fellow members and I hope everyone found the evening as entertaining as I did.

Our next meeting is on May 11th when Anne Etheridge will talk about 'Shade and Light' in Gardening.

As always Visitors are welcome at £3 per session.



BACTON BOWLS CLUB

As was mentioned in the March edition of the Parish News, we are looking for new members for the Bowls Club and there would be coaching available for anyone interested in joining us.

The good news is that this coaching will begin on the first Saturday evening in May 5.30 - 7.30pm under the direction of our president John Gibson.

Coaching will continue throughout the bowling season and it is entirely free. All we ask is that you wear suitable footwear, such as trainers, so that you do not damage the green. A lot of time and money has gone into maintaining the green and it is very important that we care for it in the proper manner.

Do come along and give Bowls a try.

We have equipment that you can borrow and you are assured of a warm welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE W.I. CRAFT COMPETITIONS

for the Bacton Fayre on 1st August 2015

1. A Salt Dough Plaque depicting a Nursery Rhyme or Childrens' Story. No larger than 10" (25.4cms) square.
2. An A4 collage of a Woodland Scene using string or wool.
3. A Car or Train made from re-cycled household materials. Maximum space allowed to display this will be a 16" (40.64cms) square base and a height of 12" (30.48)

4. Four separate Squares 6"x 6" (15.24cms x15.24cms) each knitted in a different stitch using D.K. yarn.
5. A Limerick on the subject of 'Time'.

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All funds raised from this event will go towards the Boys Brigade back room project. The Children use this room weekly and it is in great need of updating and modernising.

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20th May

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*We welcome
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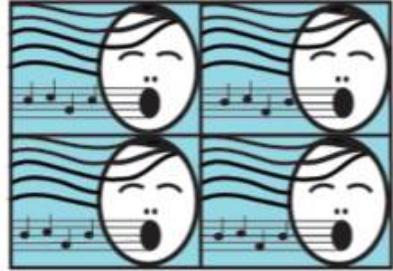
Suffolk Walking Festival 9th - 31st May 2015

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 Elveden 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'.

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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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Refreshments - Produce - Tombola

Sunday June 7th at 5.30pm



Songs of Praise
in the Church



St Nicholas Chapel, Gipping
Annual Mini Fete

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Tuesday 2nd June starting 7:00 pm

Draw - Tombola - Cakes - Plants - Bric a Brac - Bowling - Etc

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Friday June 19th - 7:00 pm

CLIVE PAINE LET LOOSE!

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We look forward to a lively and entertaining evening learning more about the history of this very special building.

Tickets, on the door only, £6
(light refreshments available)

A Word in Your Ear...

Oxford at 6 o'clock on May 1st, when Magdalen Tower echoes to the sound of an ancient Easter Eucharistic hymn and madrigals - followed by the much more modern custom of undergraduates jumping off the bridge into the river (occasionally with catastrophic consequences). The ancient customs of May Day range from girls rushing out and washing their faces in the dew to improve their complexion, to the ceremony of crowning the May Queen. May Day marked the end of winter and the beginning of summer, so it was greeted with music and dancing. Now we celebrate by flinging the doors open, and sitting outside and before long the smoke and aroma of barbecues floats over the neighbourhood.

Rogationtide falls in May when the parish and the parson used to walk the parish boundaries blessing the crops and praying for a good harvest as they went - and hoping to stir up some of the laggards who hadn't been to church.

An Anglican clergyman who despised conventional parish boundaries is one whose death we commemorate this month. May 24th is the day the Church honours the brothers John and Charles Wesley. John Wesley wanted to preach to the world, but he met with powerful resistance and hostility from many bishops and priests. Hounded out of some churches in London, he set out to evangelise the nation, or the part that would listen to him. His journals make fascinating reading, as does Roy Hattersley's excellent portrait of him (*John Wesley: a brand from the burning*). Barred from many of the churches, he took to preaching in the open air, anywhere at all that anyone would listen to his message of salvation and his powerful message influenced people in a way he could never have foreseen.

In the 1770s John Wesley came to East Anglia, to Colchester and on to Norwich. In Norwich diocese we read that he was actually invited to preach at Lakenheath, and was well received there. Charles was a preacher too, but it is as a hymn writer he is best remembered, having given us some of the most inspiring hymns ever written. "I wish" he said "I had a thousand tongues to sing his praises" and he left us *O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise*. Both Wesley brothers remained Anglican clergymen to their dying day. It was only after their death that the evangelical movement they had started developed into the Methodist Church which has played such a vital role in the revival and the religious life of this country, and throughout the world.

So as we prepare to emerge from our winter fastness, into the warmth of spring and life and growth, let us thank God for the rich inheritance that came to us from two men whose living faith has inspired generations.

Barbara Bilston

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

3rd 8.00a.m.....Robert Black
9.30a.m.....Brian Last & Linda Last
10th 9.30a.m.....Carol Bartrum and Rosy Black
17th 9.30a.m.....Mike Hall & Pat Hall
24th 9.30a.m.....David Black & Brian Manley

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

May 2015

3rd (5th SUNDAY OF EASTER)

St Mary's Bacton	8am Holy Communion BCP	Canon Barbara Bilston
	9.30am Family Service	Sheila Wright
St Andrew's Cotton	<i>No service</i>	
St George's Wyverstone	6.30pm Praise in the Community	Elaine Miller
St Andrew's Wickham Skeith	9.30am Family Service	Wickham Skeith team
St Mary's Old Newton	11am Holy Communion	Canon Barbara Bilston
St Nicholas Gipping	3pm Evening Prayer	Canon Barbara Bilston

10th (6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - ROGATIONTIDE)

St Mary's Bacton	9.30am Holy Communion	Canon Barbara Bilston
St Andrew's Cotton	11am Holy Communion	Canon Barbara Bilston
St George's Wyverstone	5.30pm Rogation service following Beating the Bounds walk	Canon Barbara Bilston
St Andrew's Wickham Skeith	9.30am Holy Communion	Revd Margaret Wainwright
St Mary's Old Newton	11am Rogationtide Family Service	Elaine Miller
St Nicholas Gipping	<i>No service</i>	

14th (ASCENSION DAY)

Old Newton	7pm Ascension Day Benefice Communion	
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17th (7th SUNDAY OF EASTER)

St Mary's Bacton	9.30am Holy Communion	Revd Christine Everett
St Andrew's Cotton	<i>No service</i>	
St George's Wyverstone	11am Holy Communion	Canon Barbara Bilston
St Andrew's Wickham Skeith	9.30am Holy Communion	Canon Barbara Bilston
St Mary's Old Newton	11 am Holy Communion	Canon Sally Fogden
St Nicholas Gipping	<i>No service</i>	

24th (PENTECOST)

St Mary's Bacton	9.30am Holy Communion	Canon Sally Fogden
St Andrew's Cotton	11am Morning Worship	Peter Paine
St George's Wyverstone	<i>No service</i>	
St Andrew's Wickham Skeith	9.30am Holy Communion with healing	Canon Barbara Bilston
St Mary's Old Newton	6.30pm Sung Evensong	Canon Barbara Bilston
St Nicholas Gipping	<i>No service</i>	

31st (TRINITY SUNDAY)

St Mary's Old Newton	10am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION	Canon Barbara Bilston
	4pm Fun @ 4	Elaine Miller

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May

3rd - Led by Mrs R Logan **10th** - Led by Rev Jack Bingham
17th - Led by Mr Derek Ames **24th** - Led by Dr Barbara Chipperfield
31st - Led by Deacon Hilary Smith

Saturday May 9th 'Spring Fayre and Plant Sale' - 10am to 12 noon.

Usual stalls, refreshments.

Everyone welcome for services and Spring Sale

James William Herbert Laws (Jimmy)

8th May 1932 - 22nd March 2015.

Sadly passed away on the 22nd of March at home after suffering from a long illness.

The funeral took place on the 7th of April at All Saints Church Wetheringsett .

Jimmy was very much loved and respected. A well known character owner of J.Lawes Emporium which was fondly known as 'the Harrods of Bacton'.

Owner of many horses and carriages Jimmy's love and knowledge of horses and driving was unsurpassed. A true gentleman who will be greatly missed.

ST. ANDREWS'S CHURCH COTTON 2015

CLEANING ROTA

May

8th - Joyce Vincent, Chris Marston
22nd - Chris Marston & Diane Dickinson

June

12th - Chris Carr & Joyce Vincent
26th - Maz, Chris Carr & Chris Marston

FLOWER ROTA

May - Mrs Joyce Vincent

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

FLOWER FESTIVAL. 13/14th June

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CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S LIFELINE MID SUFFOLK LINK

As the 2015 visit of the children approaches again this year we are once more appealing for donations of clothing. These children really do arrive with nothing except the clothes they travel in so if anyone has anything that they could donate to these children 14 girls and 4 boys, requiring clothes of age sizes 6 to 13 , we would be very grateful. Summer and Winter clothes are appreciated as although they visit us in the summer they return home to winters that often are colder than minus 25 degrees!

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. This will be the second group we will bring from this area but still 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 trip to a Camel Oasis and we also hope to repeat our great experience of last year being a trip to London. This was so successful that our Sponsors have very kindly offered to repeat the event for 2015. The Leaders who came with the children said it was an extremely educationally beneficial event as well as a tremendous day out.

Another new fundraising event this year is to be a "Big Barn Bash" on June 28th. This will be a Barn Dance with a Country & Western Theme, outdoor open fire cooking and dancing to a 6 piece band, Box Car Kelly & the Railroaders. Further details will be given in next months newsletter or can be obtained from our website under the Fundraising Heading.

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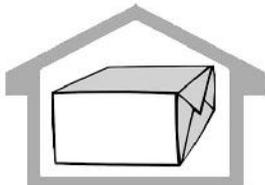
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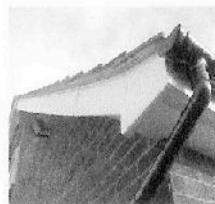
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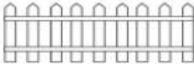
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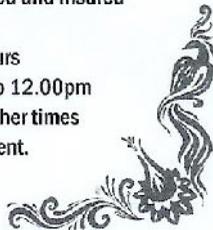
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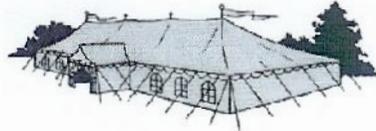
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