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EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

BACTON MODERN SCHOOL



OFFICIAL OPENING
and
DEDICATION

FRIDAY, 8th MAY, 1964
at 2.15 p.m.

New School's Staff at Bacton

BUILT by East Suffolk Education Committee at a cost of £136,000, Bacton Secondary Modern School opened its doors on Tuesday to 230 boys and girls from the Haughley, Bacton and Melfordham areas. Here is the staff after a pre-term meeting held in school: Mrs. J. Cubbin, girls' physical education teacher (from Stowmarket Secondary Modern School); Miss W. E. Fray, geography and religious instruction (Norwich Training College); Mrs. K. I. Taylor, arts and crafts (Haughley V.C. Primary); Mrs. K. M. Stephenson, deputy head teacher (Snettisham Secondary Modern School, Snettisham); Mrs.

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BACTON SCHOOL OPENED: Miss M. B. Powell, matron of St. George's Hospital, London, opening the Bacton Secondary Modern School, in the school hall on Friday.



Bacton's Caretaking and Catering Staff at the time of the opening. left to right: Chris Bryant, Alec Betts, Betty Moore, Kathy Last, Bert?, Jessy Jolly and Irene Bloom

Page 22 East Anglian Daily Times, Monday, November 9, 1967



Former teachers and pupils from Bacton Middle School meeting on Saturday night.

Back to schooldays of swinging sixties

HAPPY schoolday memories came flooding back when ex-pupils and staff danced to the music of the 1960s at Bacton Modern School opened in 1963 and its first pupils left in 1967.

Twenty years on, 87 people, including ex-pupils, wives and husbands and ten members of staff from the 1960s, were reunited on Saturday in the same building, now Bacton Middle School under the comprehensive system.

"We were the first pupils to go completely through the Modern School and we thought it would be nice to have a reunion," said Mrs. Rita Brundell (nee Herr) who arranged the event with Mrs. Jean James (nee Barkby).

"We enjoy not being at school and the reunion was a really super evening with background music from the 1960s to get us in the mood."

"Most people still live fairly locally although one of our former teachers travelled from Lincoln and some of the girls came up from the south of England."

"We all wore more hats in case there were problems with identification. But we soon recognised each other and enjoyed talking about old times," said Mrs. Brundell.

Four of the former Modern School staff still teach at the Middle School and one of them, Mr. Robert Young, thanked the organisers.

The other six teachers at the reunion no longer teach at Bacton but came back for the evening.

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PARISH NEWS

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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.

If you do not have email, please deliver your contributions with a contact phone number to :-

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2015**July**

Day/Date	Time	Event
Mon 6th	7.30pm	Bacton & District W.I. - John Oliver 'Styling your hair'
Sat 11th & 25th	10.00am - 12.30pm	Wyverstone Community Cafe page 11
Mon 13th	9.30 - 12noon	Village Craft Group - at Bacton Village Hall
Mon 13th	7.00pm	RBL Women's Section - Outing to Risby Barns, to include a meal. First pick-up 12.00noon page 22
Tues 14th	6pm	Horticultural Society - The Carnivorous Plant Nursery at Stoke Ash page 22
Tues 21st	2.30pm	Mother's Union - Wave of Prayer at St George's Church, Wyverstone
Tues 21st	7.30pm	RBL - Old Newton Sports and Social Club

August

Day/Date	Time	Event
Sat 1st	12.30pm	Bacton Fayre - on the Manor Meadow Back Cover
Sun 2nd	12.00noon	Summer Luncheon - The Manor Meadow Buffet Lunch, Entertainment and Auction of Promises page 15
Sat 15th	2pm	RBL & RBL Women's Section - Jumble Sale at Bacton Village Hall

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Angela Cook, Chairperson, The Friends of Mendlesham Health Centre

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On Monday 31st August both surgeries will be CLOSED.

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If your condition is life threatening please call 999.

From your July Correspondent

From the Editor: We have featured Bacton Middle School on our cover this month as July 2015 sees the closure of the school after 48 happy years. I am sure that many people in the village and beyond will have fond memories of this school and I hope that we have done it justice. I personally have no experience of it as a school but have been involved in many local Pantomimes performed on its excellent stage.

The front cover is a montage of photographs and clippings provided by our local history recorder Rose Graham, and the following article has been researched and written for us by Ann Kent whose four children passed through the school.

Fond Goodbyes to Bacton Middle School

This month sees the end of an era for Bacton and the surrounding villages. There will be no more youngsters in their bright red uniforms walking, biking or being driven to the middle school. Bacton Community Middle School will close at the end of the summer term despite the opposition of parents and staff. As yet no one knows what will happen to the site.

The building opened in 1963 as a secondary modern (this was before comprehensive education) and took 250 children from the Bacton, Haughley and Middlesham areas. It became a middle school in 1978 providing education for around 450 pupils.

Hav Wilkins first worked there as a 19 year old technical assistant in 1970 and returned four years later as a fully qualified teacher. He recalls that there was an attractive lawn area with trees where the car park was later established and remembers the excitement over the installation of a swimming pool. As a handicrafts (later technology teacher) Hav taught every pupil who came through the school. He says,

“The population was growing fast and there wasn’t much opposition when it was decided to keep the younger children and send the older ones to the high school. The new middle school system allowed the younger pupils a chance to mature in a protective environment before going to the high school, but it also meant that from the age of nine they had the chance to be taught by specialist teachers – something which seldom happened in the primary schools.

“Bacton went from being a very good small secondary modern with about 200 pupils to a much larger, but still very good middle school with about 450 pupils.”

It was the national curriculum which spelled the beginning of the end for middle schools. Under the new system middle school children were moving to the high school half way through a key stage. It was claimed that Suffolk children were underperforming as a result, although this was challenged by opponents to the closures. Nevertheless, in 2007 Suffolk County Council decided on a staged closure of middle schools, to be completed by 2013. However the county could not afford to follow this timetable and so the already protracted process was further delayed by two years. This created problems in recruiting and retaining staff. Although it remained a good school under the headship of Ian Belham, some parents inevitably withdrew their children early.

Retired art teacher Greta Hansen who also taught every child in the school, remembers, “It was a lovely atmosphere at the school and the kids loved it. I thought we often got the best from the pupils by keeping them until their 13th year; certainly the standard of art work was quite often comparable to the exam work at my previous (high) school. Although there was a consultation process the authorities had already made up their minds. It was an appalling decision and I feel very sad about it.”



Four more middle schools in Suffolk are to close after the county council backed plans to continue a move towards a two-tier education system. The council started to close middle schools in 2011 but suspended the roll out due to a lack of money. Its cabinet has unanimously agreed that the scheme should continue. Campaign group Suffolk Action For Truth had objected to the plans saying the move to a two-tier system coincided with recent poor performance.

The council's decision means Combs Middle School, Needham Market Middle School, Stowmarket Middle School and Bacton Community Middle School will close in 2015. Graham Newman, cabinet member for education, said it was a "fact" that pupils educated within a two-tier system outperformed those educated within a three-tier system.

BBC report 26 February 2013

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

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NB: Community Circle Club meetings and Cafés take a break during July and August and start up again in September.



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Just Gardening

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If you have hanging baskets it's also essential to water almost on a daily basis. Any wind, even a slight wind will dry out your baskets in hours. I water my hanging baskets early morning and late evening. Remember to feed about every third watering. You can look upon hanging baskets, as you would human beings, if you don't feed and water them they will die. If you purchase hanging baskets at a local nursery they can be quite expensive. It's an investment in colour for the whole summer, therefore you need to protect your investment and looking after the baskets doesn't take a great deal of time but the benefits are enormous. I look at other people's hanging baskets and think to myself all that money has been spent on baskets but are just fading away for the need of a good watering. Depending on rain water alone will not be enough.

I've added another Heuchera to my collection, this one is a variegated variety in light green with red spots on the leaves, called Sun Spot. Looks really good in and around the other colours I have.

My tomato plants are in grow bags and watering takes place every day, usually early morning. No flower trusses on the plants yet. As they grow I use green garden ties to hold them in place and supported by bamboo canes. I'm also growing pepper plants in grow bags as well, looking forward to the results.

If you have any formal hedges make sure they have a general clipping. Give your shrubs a general clipping just to keep them in shape. My Forsythia has long since finished flowering and is a mass of fresh green leaves. I have just found time for its annual trim which keeps the shape I require.

My runner beans are romping up their string and cane supports, again regular watering is essential.

Keep the hoe going in your flower borders just break up the soil surface but most importantly it keeps the weeds down. Also by breaking up the surface when it rains the water has a chance to get down to the plant roots rather than just running off a compacted surface.

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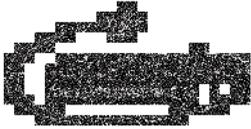
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Guides (10-14 years) 7.30 –9.00pm
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Mini Fete & BBQ – We are holding our annual mini fete & BBQ on Friday 3rd July 6.30pm at the Scout HQ. We will have our usual stalls, games and BBQ with a car boot this year. Car boots can be reserved at £5 per car. Please contact the Scout Group Secretary if you are interested. Please come along and support your local scout group for a fun filled evening..

Bacton Flower Show – We have been asked to do the BBQ again this year at the Bacton Fayre & Flower Show on Saturday 1st August, again, please come along and support your local Scout Group. These types of events raise much needed funds for our group - We look forward to seeing you there...

Beaver Section – Our Beavers had a sleepover in the Scout HQ a couple of weeks ago and have started working towards their outdoor activity badge.

Cub Section - Our cubs have just returned from their annual District Camp at Athlington Hall – Eye. The theme this year was pirates, Mendlesham won the best pirates chest competition and we came second in the tug of war. We took a mixed boy and girl group to camp this year who were all very well behaved and fantastic ambassadors for the Bacton Scout Group.

Scout Section - Our Scouts have got their district camp at the end of June to Hallow Tree, Nacton, where I know

they will equally enjoy the weekend and they have their annual group camp in August to look forward to.

Helpers Required - We are still looking for people to assist / become leaders / parent helpers and any help would be greatly appreciated. All posts are voluntary and require a CRB check but if you are interested in giving something back to your community and would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact the Group Secretary.

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

BACTON
PARISH COUNCIL
Jane Brookman



The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 18 May 2015. The report on the meeting held on 15 June 2015 will be included in a later edition as the deadline for the printers is the same as the date of June meeting.

Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Richard Peaty and Cllr Paul Wigglesworth were elected Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

District Councillor Jill Wilshaw

Cllr Peaty welcomed Cllr Wilshaw, the newly elected District Councillor for Bacton and Old Newton. Jill's contact details are

jill.wilshaw@midsuffolk.gov.uk and 01449 781194.

Police Report

No crimes have been reported since the last meeting.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council supported the application for 1 Earlsbrook, Bacton for the erection of a two storey rear extension and the erection of a first floor level front extension.

The Parish Council objected to an application for The Bull Inn, Church Road, Bacton for the erection of 3 detached three bedroom dwellings with alterations to form a new access and drive.

Thank You

The Clerk, Jane Brookman has tendered her resignation and wishes to thank all

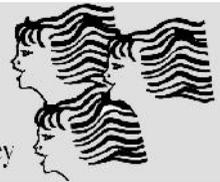
those who have supported her and made this such an interesting and rewarding role.

Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 20 July 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/>.

**BACTON &
DISTRICT
W.I.**

by Amanda Manley



Bacton W.I. met on June 1st for a talk by Pip Wright on 'A Pictorial History of Margaret Catchpole' This turned out to be a very interesting history, illustrated with slides, about the hitherto mentioned Margaret Catchpole who was reputedly born in Nacton in 1762 to a poor family of agricultural labourers. From these very ordinary beginnings she went on to distinguish herself as a resourceful nurse, a steadfast lover, a cunning horse thief, an ingenious jail-breaker and finally a well respected and useful member of good society in Australia.

As a young teenager she met and fell in love with a sailor called Will Lord, who was also a smuggler. Though he drifted in and out of her life over the succeeding years she remained faithful in her love and eventually ended up in jail for stealing a horse to be with him. He clearly loved her equally but their love was ill-fated and, though reformed,

he was killed in a skirmish with the Revenue men. Our heroine was subsequently transported to Australia.

Once there, however, she carved out a career for herself as a successful and well-respected Mid-Wife and Margaret died in 1819 in New South Wales, Australia having led a life of great adventure and extraordinary experiences.

What this tale tells us, I think, is that women in the 18th/19thC were a lot more resourceful and daring than most of us had ever thought!

If you would like to know more about her there is available a short History written by the Rev Richard Cobbold, Rector of Wortham.

Our next meeting will be on July 6th when John Oliver will be styling the hair of one of our members.

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WOMEN'S SECTION**

15 members and 1 guest met for the annual garden meeting in June which was again held at Squirrel's Hall, Wattisfield by kind permission of Peggy Dryden and family.

After a welcoming drink served by Ian, the Exhortation and Silent Tribute were duly rendered.

It was a very cool evening and the ladies gathered in the warm converted barn and were welcomed by the Chairman Sandra Welham.

Bacton Fayre Lucky Dip Stall was organised.

The recent County Day meeting at Needham Market was attended by 8 from Bacton and members Pat Scott and Sandra Welham gained a first prize each in the County Needlework and Handicraft Competition.

The outing to Risby Barns leaves Bacton at 12 noon.

The next 'B' Group meeting at The Red Gables, Stowmarket on Thursday, 18th June will have Gary Quinn speaking on his holiday in Ghana.

Peggy then invited the ladies to try the competitions:- Balls in the buckets was jointly won by

Maureen Chambers, Ann Gipson, Ann Askew and Barbara Burrows. Darts Sandra - Welham.

How many raisins in the jar - Joyce Griggs. How much old money - Henrietta Hazell. Bowls - Beryl Ellis. All were given a prize by Peggy.

The lovely gardens were looking as immaculate as ever and were admired by the ladies.

A very tasty tea was prepared by Peggy who served this with daughter Ann.

A draw was run by Joyce Griggs and Doreen Wynne raising £47.

Peggy, Ian and Ann were thanked by the chairman for organising another lovely evening and presented with a clematis and given a round of applause.

Peggy was also given a card for her birthday which was the next day and "Happy Birthday" was sung to her.

**BACTON & WYVERSTONE
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Vice Chairman Graham Jenner stood in for Chairman Diane Gladders at the June meeting and he had received lots of apologies for absence.

The summer outing to Norfolk on 20th June will leave Bacton Village Hall at 9 am and will cost £20 and there were spare seats if anyone would like a nice day out to West Acre Garden Centre, Castle Acre and Gooderstone Water Gardens.

Treasurer Trish Lawrence reported that the recent Plant Sale had made a total of £353.50 made up of Sale of Cakes £88.50, Refreshments £43 and Plants £222.

The evening visit to the carnivorous plant nursery at Stoke Ash followed by a meal at The White Horse, Stoke Ash, will leave Bacton Village Hall at 6pm on 14th July.

4 new members were welcomed to the meeting.

Graham then introduced Tom Proctor of Black Duck Farm Edibles which is a new part of Blacksmith Cottage Nurseries near Dickleburgh.

After working as an elephant keeper at a zoo in the Midlands for 11 years, he began to question the health benefits of certain foods and now works in a huge white polytunnel growing and promoting these healthy foods.

He had many unusual ideas and facts . Did you know, for example, that one cup of cooked rhubarb contains as much calcium as a glass of milk and that chickens love to eat the leaves with no harmful effects.

Graham thanked Tom for what had been an entertaining talk and Tom said that he also does a talk on Chicken Keeping which is very popular now. The monthly raffle was won by Anita Kemp.

The Rose Show was kindly judged by Tom and there was a good entry.

1 Hybrid Tea.

1. Diane Gladders. 2. Will Gray.
3. Maureen Chambers.

2 Hybrid Tea.

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

1 English Rose (named).

1. Diane Gladders.
2. Bryan Symonds. 3. Will Gray.

3 stems Floribunda.

1. Will Gray. 2. Bryan Symonds.

A Rose for Fragrance.

1. Maureen Chambers. 2. Diane Gladders. 3. Sandra Welham.

A Miniature Rose.

1. Will Gray.
2. Maureen Chambers.
3. Diane Gladders.

An Arrangement Incorporating Roses.

1. Sandra Welham. 2. Will Gray.
3. Diane Gladders.

My Favourite Rose.

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Murder most foul

Murder, Mystery and Mayhem on May 16th

For some men, the potting shed is as close as they get to a castle. But what happens when a ruthless woman decides to demolish the shed to make room for a summerhouse? In our recent Murder Mystery Play, it was obvious who the victim was going to be. Exit Wendy Jones, played by Amanda Manley. But with everyone having a motive to kill this horrible woman, who was the murderer?

It turned out to be Susan Morris (played by Angela Cook). Angela! Who would have thought it?

Once again Bacton village hall with its soft lighting and well fitted kitchen provided a perfect venue – just the right size for our capacity audience. The event, organised by the Friends of St Mary's raised more than £600 towards the maintenance of our magnificent medieval church.

Thanks go to all those who supported the event as audience members and helpers, proving that fund raising can be fun. We should also thank our director, Cath Lockwood and all the other cast members who gave so generously of their time including Laurel Green, Peter Gipson, Amanda Manley, Jeff Deane, Liam Walsh and Norma Lambert. *And a special thank you* to Eleanor Peaty who came home from London to replace a missing cast member – the night before the performance!



The murderer unmasked!

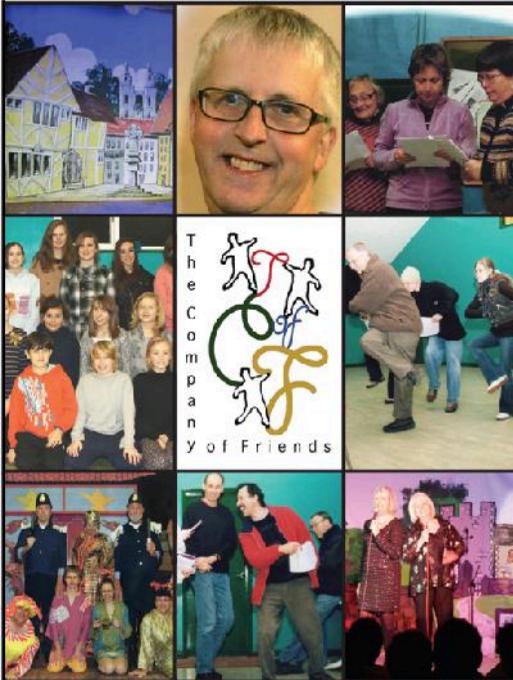




Logos from our successful pantomimes produced on the stage at Bacton Middle School



Dick Whittington



The cover of our April 2013 magazine and an excerpt from the April Correspondent.

‘Who would have thought that idle conversation over a dinner table in 2008 would reveal that we had a writer of Pantomimes in our midst? And so the Friends of St George’s Church Wyverstone, got together with the Friends of St Mary’s Bacton and coerced the talented Mark Wilson into producing Aladdin, The Company of Friends’ first ever pantomime. What none of us who were involved in that initial meeting could ever imagine was how professional a production it would be. We just didn’t realize the amount of untapped talent we have in our neighbourhood. Actors and dancers; choreographer and musicians; seamstresses and scene painters; designers, electricians and sound engineers – they all worked together to produce a Pantomime of exceptional quality.’

CHERNOBYL CHILDRENS LIFELINE

As the date of the group arrival becomes imminent we would like to say a very big thank you to all of our supporters who have helped to make this years visit possible.

Many people have dropped donations into our Charity shop but have not left their contact details so I have been unable to write personally to thank you. If you prefer to remain anonymous then of course we respect this but I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge how grateful we are for your contributions.

Without all the clothing, shoes, toys and medicines donated by the Local Community we would find ourselves in the position of so many other Links that have had to cut the number of children in the group as their funding was insufficient. We do try to give as much support as possible to the children, their families at home and also the Host Families who take the children into their homes for the whole month. Yes, the main purpose of the children's visit is for Health Recuperation but how brilliant is it that we can also give them memories to take home that will last them a lifetime!

It is very very unlikely that any of the children who come in the group will ever leave Belarus again let alone come back to England. Occasionally a child is fortunate enough to receive an invitation for a Private Visit but with the increasing costs of air fares and visas we are seeing the number of these invitations becoming less and less each year.

The day after the children arrive we hold a "Clothing Party" for them, this is a very important event for the children as having arrived with only the clothes they are wearing they will be able to choose clothing for themselves and any siblings at home. The children do not mind that the clothing is second hand, it is amazing to see the look on their faces when they see all the clothes on display and know that they can choose whatever they want from what is available.

As this is an ongoing program we are always happy to continue to receive donations of clothing for the children throughout the year, any age is appreciated as we not only provide clothing to the children when they come here but also to their brothers an sisters at home plus other children who, for various reasons, are unable to be included in the program. We currently support families in Belarus with children age from birth to 17 years of age.

We are always grateful for your support and hope it may continue long into the future.

Elizabeth Parker

Link Chair

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Ever wondered what we are allowed to throw into our recycling bins? The list has now got longer. According to Mid Suffolk council the following can be recycled provided they are clean, dry and loose.

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What does the Cap on Care Costs mean for you?

We have seen an increase in the number of clients and individuals contacting us regarding advice about the care cap. Those that have to pay towards their care believe they will be protected by a “Care Cap” that will ensure that there is a limit of £72,000 on the total they will ever have to pay for their care costs. This is not as simple as it first sounds and has been described by some as a ‘cap that doesn’t fit’.

What is the Care Cap? The government are introducing a cap on the cost of long term care. The cap is set at £72,000 and once this has been spent the Government pay the costs. The idea is that this will protect people from using up all of their savings in order to fund their care. This sounds like a good idea and in theory it is. However there are several issues with the proposal that affect how the cap will work in practice for older people.

Firstly, you need to be assessed by your Local Authority as having needs that are high enough to be eligible for care. You will then need to have a care account opened with your local council.

The next thing to consider is the fact that the cap only includes money spent on ‘care costs’. For people needing residential care this will mean paying extra for accommodation, food and any other ‘living costs’. These extra costs do not count towards the cap. So in reality, most people will have to spend far more than £72,000 before becoming eligible.

Another consideration is that the cap only includes spending on care services at the rate a council would pay for that same service. Councils are able to arrange deals from their care providers because they are buying in bulk, individuals paying for their own care will often pay a higher rate than the council does for the same care. Again these ‘top up payments’, do not count towards the cap.

Finally the cap on care has been set at an amount that is more than twice as high as was originally suggested by the Dilnot Commission. By setting the cap at such a high level will mean most people will never reach it. It has been estimated by the Department of Health that just 8% will benefit from the care cap. Money people have already spent on their care won’t count towards the cap. The Cap on Care will be introduced in 2016.

Next month we will be giving tips on how to stay hydrated during summer.

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A Word in Your Ear...

The church calendar for July positively sparkles with saints. St Thomas on the 3rd, gets an undeservedly bad press, He had the courage to say what other people were probably thinking, St Benedict on the 11th.who left a rule of life which many Christians still keep. There's Mary Magdalen on the 22nd, James on the 25th – and that's not even counting the one saint's day everybody remembers in July – St Swithun on the 15th.

However the church's calendar is commendably inclusive, and gives us a chance to celebrate other outstanding Christians who while not being saints, through their lives and work have left their mark on the faith.

July 1st is the day we remember the Venn family, a remarkable clerical dynasty from father to son, which lasted from the time of Queen Elizabeth 1 to the twentieth century. Revd Henry Venn was at Oxford at the same time as the Wesley brothers and like the Wesleys was an Evangelical clergyman. Whilst the Wesley brothers changed the Church of England by putting themselves outside it, Henry Venn changed it by staying within it. He served his curacy in London's leafy suburbs, then plunged straight into the dark satanic mills of Huddersfield. He was a gifted preacher and converted people to the gospel on an industrial scale – 900 in 3 years. Alas the smoke and dirt ruined his health. *I leave you a dying man* he said and moved south to Yelling near Cambridge – where he lived for another 27 years. There he encountered the formidable Countess of Huntingdon, a powerful lady of Evangelical persuasion, and he preached in some of the Evangelical chapels she set up,

Men like Henry Venn, his son John (a founder of the Church Missionary Society) and his grandson Henry worked to change the focus of the church. They put mission at the top of their agenda, They got together with other Evangelicals like Charles Simeon and John Newton. Together they were the movers and shakers of their time They were clear about their mission, secure in their ministry and totally dedicated to the message they were preaching. They had a gospel to proclaim and they inspired others – like Lord Shaftesbury - who brought in Factory Acts to protect workers, especially children, from exploitation.

As we continue to search for a new priest in charge for this benefice it is a good time to call to mind the example left us by men like the Venns and the Wesleys and others. It was Rowan Williams who once memorably remarked: *There are Christian people in every generation who make God believable.* What he meant was don't just look for them in dog collars, or being quoted in the newspapers – though of course there are some! He meant don't just look among the great and the good, look for them in your road, behind the coffee urn, visiting the unknown and needy, the ones who are ready with a generous explanation when other people have made a negative judgement.

It is for us all – together - to make God believable in this generation.

Barbara Bilston

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12th 9.30a.m.....Carol Bartrum and Rosy Black
19th 9.30a.m.....Mike Hall & Pat Hall
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St. Mary's Bacton	8:00	Holy Communion	Canon B. Bilston
St. Mary's Bacton	9:30	Family Service	Helen Matter
St Andrew's W. Skeith	9:30	Family Service	W. Skeith team
St. Mary's Old Newton	11: 00	Holy Communion	Canon B. Bilston
St Nicholas' Gipping	3: 00	Evensong	Canon B. Bilston
St George's Wyverstone	6:30	Praise in the Community	Angela Cook

12th (Trinity 6)

St. Mary's Bacton	9:30	Family Communion	Canon B Bilston
St Andrew's W. Skeith	9:30	Holy Communion (ext)	Sheila Wright
St. Mary's Old Newton	11:00	Family Service & baptism	Canon B Bilston
St Andrew's Cotton	11:00	Joint service with the Revd Rita Carr Methodist Church at St Andrews	

19th (Trinity 7)

St. Mary's Bacton	9:30	Holy Communion	Revd C. Everett
St Andrew's W. Skeith	9:30	Holy Communion	Canon B Bilston
St. Mary's Old Newton	11:00	Holy Communion	Revd Jenny Vereker
St George's Wyverstone	11:00	Holy Communion	Canon B Bilston

26th (Trinity 8)

St. Mary's Bacton	9:30	Holy Communion	Revd C. Everett
St Andrew's W. Skeith	9:30	Holy Communion + healing	Canon B. Bilston
St Andrew's Cotton	11:00	Morning Worship	Sheila Wright
St. Mary's Old Newton	6:30	Evensong	Canon B. Bilston



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July

5th - led by Mr Bill Humm, **12th** - led by Rev Rita Carr-shared worship at St Andrew's, Cotton, **19th** - led by Mrs Stella Davies,
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FLOWER ROTA

July - Mrs Joan Milward

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

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who made the Flower Festival over the week-end of 13/14th June such a successful occasion. We all had fun decorating the church and there was such a great atmosphere amongst the very clever flower arrangers. This time we even had two male contributors. The interpretations of poems were amazing and a great deal of thought had been taken to make the church look and smell delightful.

There are so many people to thank and you know who you all are, without you, we could not have put on this very successful flower festival (despite the unseasonal weather)

Thank you all.

Christine Marston



"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!"



Preferred bidder announced for Suffolk's community health services

The preferred bidder has been announced to deliver NHS community health services for the population of Suffolk.

West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust and Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust have worked together on this. The contract will be held by West Suffolk Hospital.

Patients will continue to receive the same safe, high quality services, by the same staff in the same locations.

Community health services are currently delivered by Serco, as part of a three-year contract, which will end as planned on 30 September 2015. The new provider will take over on 1 October 2015.

The providers will deliver a range of adult community services, specialist children's services and community hospitals. It will work across the whole of the county, with the exception of the Waveney area, serving in excess of 600,000 people.

The contract has been awarded by NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk and NHS West Suffolk clinical commissioning groups, the local GP-led healthcare commissioners.

Julian Herbert, accountable officer, NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk and NHS West Suffolk clinical commissioning groups said: "We were determined to find the right organisation to deliver safe, high quality community healthcare services for the population we serve.

"Over the coming months we will be working with the current provider and the new providers to ensure a smooth and seamless transfer of services. We want patients to continue to receive good quality community healthcare services.

"I would like to offer my thanks to the hard working staff at Suffolk Community Healthcare who do a marvellous job in making local healthcare services the best they can be."

Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust chief executive Roisin Fallon- Williams said: "This is an innovative, collaborative bid we have entered into with West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust and Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust. There is a great deal of work we still need to do but today's news of preferred bidder status

signals a new approach to the way in which we can work together across the local NHS to provide seamless community care and we look forward to working with the excellent clinical teams across Suffolk."

Nick Hulme, chief executive of The Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust said: "Today's news brings a new era to the way in which we can provide seamless care in the hospital and in the community. We are breaking new ground in the way we have worked with our partners in putting together our proposal and would like to thank them and the many members of our community who have helped shape our bid. We look forward to closer working with our GP, social care colleagues and community staff whose contribution is key to the success of this venture. We see this as the start of a journey of integration, with improved community access and efficiency to provide sustainable quality care in Suffolk."

Professor Dr Stephen Dunn, chief executive at West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust said: “The announcement of preferred bidder supports our existing work, long term plan and those of our partners, to deliver the highest quality health service through integrated working. In practice this means patients will benefit from a partnership of local NHS trusts with experience in delivering award-winning care.

“By providing a more joined up service we will be able to break down the organisational barriers that can get in the way of great patient care. Together we will make the most of opportunities for community services, primary care, hospitals and social care to work together to reduce pressure across the system and provide the right care, in the right place at the right time.”

Abi Tierney, Serco chief executive, said: “I am immensely proud of the team in Suffolk and of the work they have done over the past three years. Despite the operational and financial challenges we have faced, we are now delivering a first class community service for the people of Suffolk and it is arguably now one of the best in the country. Everyone has worked tirelessly to deliver that service and we will ensure that we go on doing so until the end of our contract this autumn so that we hand it over in excellent order to the new providers.”

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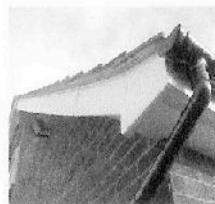
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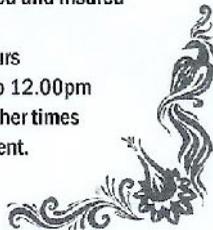
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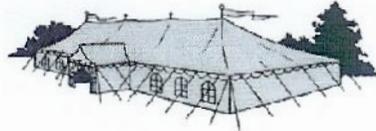
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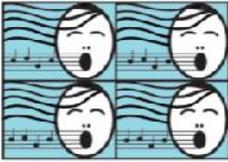
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The Feedback Centre is accessible via a variety of devices including mobile phones, ordinary PCs and tablets, just by going to Healthwatch Suffolk's website - **www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk**. People can easily and anonymously rate the care that they received in an engaging and simple way from wherever they are.

It is important that everyone has the chance to be heard. People can therefore share their views using numerous methods including physical comment postcards (by freepost), by telephone or directly with staff at community events across the county.

Recent research has shown that half of the public who considered complaining about NHS services did not. Many people were put off because they expected the process to be too bureaucratic and others believed it would make no difference. Healthwatch Suffolk believes that by helping patients to more easily express their views we can improve health and social care.

Tony Rollo (Chair of Healthwatch Suffolk) said:

"We are here to make sure that the patient voice comes through loud and clear to the professionals who make decisions about health and social care in the county. As an independent organisation, we hope to gain the trust of the public to tell us their full experiences of local services; the excellent and the good, as well as where things need to improve. We hope that by creating a familiar tool, we will be able to engage many more people in celebrating and improving health and social care here in Suffolk."

For more information please visit the Healthwatch Suffolk website (www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk), email info@healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk or call 01449 703949 to speak to a member of the team.

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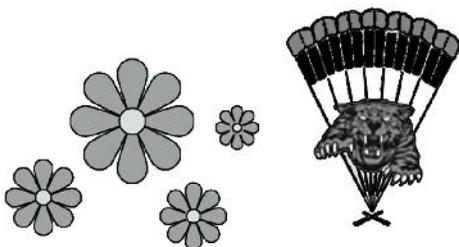
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