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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2016****July**

Day/Date	Time	Event
Sun 3rd	8.00am	<b>Car Boot Sale</b> - Cotton Village Hall and Field page 37
Mon 4th	7.30pm	<b>Bacton &amp; District W.I.</b> - 2 Old Bags with Janice Hughes page 22
Mon 4th	first pick-up at 1pm	<b>RBL Women's Section</b> - Outing to Elvedon courtyard
Sat & Sun 9th & 10th		<b>Gig in the Garden</b> - at Wicks Farm, Mendlesham page 32
Mon 11th	9.30am - 12noon	<b>Village Craft Group</b> - at Bacton Village Hall
Mon 11th	7.30pm	<b>RBL Women's Section</b> - Outing page 19
Tues 12th	7.30pm	<b>Bacton &amp; Wyverstone Horticultural Society</b> - Evening visit to Ivy Chimneys, Gissingham Garden of Iris Stanley page 23
Tues 19th	7.30pm	<b>RBL</b> - Old Newton Sports and Social Club - Mr Jim Lowe speaking on dementia awareness
Tues 26th	2.30pm	<b>Mother's Union</b> - Wave of Prayer at St George's Church, Wyverstone
Sat 30th	2.00pm	<b>RBL Jumble Sale</b> - Bacton Village Hall page 27

**August**

Day/Date	Time	Event
Sat 6th		<b>Bacton Fayre Fun Dog Show</b> <i>Inside the Fayre Showground</i> All Classes £1 to enter page 25 
Sun 7th	12.00noon	<b>Summer Luncheon</b> - on the Manor Meadow page 37

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## A Fergie Story

When I chat with people about hobbies, I cautiously say I collect old tractors, machinery and rust, they often look at me with sympathy and, trying to find something to say which might strike a chord, stumble out the only thing they know about tractors with words to the effect, 'have you got a little grey Fergie?' I'm afraid the answer is 'Yes I have'.

In the late 1920's tractors were helping the country produce more food albeit most power on farms was still being provided by horses with tractors helping with heavy jobs like ploughing and driving stationary machinery with a belt, such as a thrashing tackle. In Northern Ireland a clever engineer and inventor Harry Ferguson managed to find a way of linking a mounted implement to a tractor such that they operated as one, mainly for ploughing. The idea was so radical in its concept that he patented the idea. In the 1930's he started producing tractors built by David Brown Ltd. who later produced their own designs. After falling out with David Brown and then during the War, Harry started working with Henry Ford producing tractors in America, sadly that relationship also ended up in tears too.

During the War the Standard Motor Company in Coventry was producing military vehicles and the Bristol Hercules aero-engine for Bomber Command. As war ended the aero-engine factory was standing empty, so Harry did a deal to use the place for tractor production, ultimately using the new two litre car engine originally designed and used in the Standard Vanguard.

The grey Fergie was produced from 1946 until 1956 and over half a million were made. To most farmers it was their first tractor but it revolutionised farming output across the world. Harry not only produced huge numbers of tractors from his factory he also designed and sold a wide variety of implements to go with the tractor, some of which could only be used on the Fergie. So if you bought a Fergie the chances are you bought a whole load of other stuff from the company – Harry Ferguson was a great designer but also a good business man.

In the mid-1950s there was a need for the company to move on and expand so the Ferguson Company joined forces with Massey Harris from Canada and the name changed to Massey Ferguson, a name we still see on local farm machinery today.

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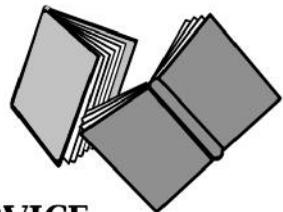
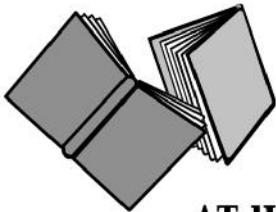
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### **1st BSG NEEDS YOU!!!**

We are desperately trying to find new leaders and a pack assistant for our cubs and scout sections. We need reliable individuals who want to help make a difference in our local young people's lives. Positions will be subject to a DBS check and are voluntary. Cubs and Scouts meet on Friday evenings and there will be some camps you would be expected to get involved with. We currently have two leaders and an assistant that have submitted resignations pending replacements, we therefore need some fresh enthusiastic blood... So if you think this might be for you please do not hesitate to contact the secretary – Karen Hall-Price or the GSL – Michele Cole for an informal chat and more information. We would love to hear from you...

### **Report from the Chairman – Provided at the May AGM.**

The task of running this scout group is never ending it can be satisfying and also tiring to our leaders and committee. The undertaking does not end on a Monday evening after Beavers or a Friday after Cubs and Scouts. You can see for yourselves that we have committee meetings throughout the year, our leaders have training to do

and programmes to prepare. There are agendas and minutes to write, reports to the district and essentially letters to the parents. To cap all that we have our fundraising efforts.

The work goes on. And it goes on thanks to our team of leaders, our treasurer and our group secretary. They are all without any doubt an amazing group of people who allocate many hours of their private lives to ensure this scout group is run properly and efficiently. Because of their devotion to scouting in all its forms your sons and daughters can benefit from all the advantages that a child can gain from being a member and who can, in later life, fit successfully into society and look back upon the great time they had in scouting.

We are not however without difficulties and worries. Yes our young membership has been on the increase but our leaders have remained at the same levels. This is why I used the word 'tiring' at the beginning. Our leaders are under considerable strain and pressure. They are all working people; they all have other responsibilities, additionally some in District Scouting and with families of their own. My appeal to the people of our villages is this; we must recruit more leaders- come and help us in this cause. Training is available and you can benefit from the satisfaction of knowing that you have been involved bringing youngsters into the team of adulthood.

I have said before, we are not a child sitting service- there are many many benefits to be gained from sending a

child into scouting but we need help to accomplish our aims. Finally, my sincere thanks to our wonderful leaders and supporters who donate so much to the cause of Scouting. Without them we would not be here.

**Books** – We would like to bring your attention to the fact that Jason Scruby – Finbows Yard - has been and continues to sell excellent quality second hand books with all proceeds coming back to 1st Bacton Scout Group. Again a really big thank you to Jason and his team at Finbows and to everyone who donates books for him to sell and to those that buy them... Thank You.

**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 if you are using the bottle banks to only use them for the bottles and clothing banks provided and take your remaining rubbish to the Stowmarket recycling centre and please be vigilant to others abusing this facility.

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

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

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

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## Just Gardening

It's not been the best start to this years summer but finally plants are beginning to grow. My hanging baskets were planted out last month with a combination of trailing Lobelias and variegated ivy around the edge. Then further in the basket I've planted deep purple and pink Petunias with either a Pelargonium, Geranium or Fuchsia for variety. I used a multi purpose compost, mixed in a slow release fertiliser and water retaining granules but you still need to water hanging baskets on a regular basis because even one day of strong drying winds will extract all the moisture out of your baskets. I have written in previous articles about a design of a dry river water bed in my garden. The length of ten metres and the shape have now been achieved. I have used a membrane to prevent any unwanted weeds from appearing and about two tonne of 20mm washed shingle has been placed on the membrane. That has settled down and now I'm introducing 40mm washed shingle to give some definition and giving the impression of curves in the dry river bed. After this is done I will place a small number of larger bolders just to finish off. Then I will be planting out plants associated with a dry Mediterranean climate. I still think our summers are going to get hotter in the future and our gardens will have to change to accommodate that change.

My Gardeners Delight and Money Maker tomato plants are growing very well. They are staked and tied-in with all the side shoots taken out. I usually stop my outside tomato plants at four to five trusses of flower according to strength. A regular watering programme of tomato plants is very important and feeding with a liquid feed is essential.

My experiment of growing seed potatoes in a used One Tonne Sack seems to be doing very well. I started off by folding the sides down by half, filling the sack with my own leaf mould, compost and top soil. As the potato plants have grown I have earthed them up as you would if they were in the ground. Now the sides of the sack have been unfolded to the full and they are still growing well. I have plenty of top growth it only remains to see what the results of the yield will be.

Cut the lawn regularly and edge up the borders, this always makes the garden look neat and tidy. Plus there is something about the smell of freshly cut grass. Don't forget to take some time out, just to sit down and enjoy your garden with a nice cup of tea.

**Happy Gardening - Norman Parcell**



## The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Street Party in Wyverstone 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Despite the wet start and end to our event, we believe everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Party. The organising committee would like to say a huge thank you to ALL those helpers who baked a vast variety of delicious cakes, helped set up and worked tirelessly on the day, mostly in the rain.

Nutz & Boltz kept spirits up, as did Fran the children's entertainer. Finally a special thank you to our wonderful residents who turned up, despite the weather, in their droves, some in fancy dress, to celebrate the day.

Thank You.



### Letter From Bacton Manor

We are very grateful for the numerous messages we have received thanking us for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Picnic on our lawn on Sunday 12 June.

We were delighted to share our garden with so many new friends and neighbours but the thanks should really go to the Parish Council and all the organisations and individuals who worked so hard to make the occasion such a success.

Hopefully this is just the first of many village events we might host at the Manor.

David & Diana Chambers



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY MA'AM

In Bacton a Birthday Celebration Party was held on the afternoon of Sunday the 12th of June on the lawn of Bacton Manor courtesy of new residents David and Diana Chambers. I was unable to attend but understand it was a memorable occasion. The weather was kind and there were a variety of cakes supplied by Bacton W.I. and teas/drinks organised by the Brownies and Guides.

Rosemary Black provided a very appropriate Figurine of the Queen gently waving a white gloved hand (powered by a tiny solar panel on her handbag) which formed the centre-piece of the main Birthday cake (see right).

David and Diana Chambers rise to the occasion in patriotic dress.



Games and competitions were organised for the children and it looks as if great fun was had by all.

Thanks go to all who took on the organisation of this event, all who offered their help on the day, and those who supplied cakes and refreshments. Last but not least thanks to all those who turned up to enjoy the festivities, we hope you had a wonderful time

Amanda Manley



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## Congratulations and best wishes

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Married in Colchester in 1946, Ernie, the son of a farm foreman from Boxted Hall and Margaret Keeble the daughter of a cowman from Old House Farm in Great Horkesley cycled to Colchester Registry Office together with Margaret's sister Ena. Having been informed two witnesses were necessary, the ever resourceful Ernie was not cycling back without a bride. Excusing himself he popped into the shop next door and persuaded a customer to do the honours. After the ceremony they cycled back to Boxted collecting fish and chips on the way and enjoyed their wedding breakfast, finishing off with apple dumplings !



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

**Brownies** (7-10 years) 5.45 – 7.15pm  
**Guides** (10-14 years) 7.30 – 9.00pm  
**Rainbows** (5-7 years) 5.30 – 6.30pm  
at Bacton Primary School during Term Time.



On a very wet evening in June, members met for the annual so called “garden” meeting at Squirrel’s Hall, Wattisfield.

Following the Exhortation and Silent Tribute, members were welcomed by Chairman Sandra Welham who said how lucky we were to be able to meet in a lovely barn in such weather. Correspondence included a Branch Closure Form and this was duly signed. The fate of the Branch Standard is still to be decided.

The recent last ‘B’ Group meeting at Bacton with speaker Debra Preston on her career as an Executive Housekeeper in top London Hotels had been much enjoyed by everyone present.

Also the recent County Day at Needham Market which celebrated Her Majesty the Queen’s Birthday in style. Sandra received a 2<sup>nd</sup> certificate for a knitted cardigan in the County Needlework Competition held here. Our Branch outing to Elvedon Courtyard on 4<sup>th</sup> July with first pick-up at 1 pm, was finalised.

The ladies are going ahead with a Harvest Supper in Bacton Village Hall on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September but not in the name of the RBL Women’s Section as the Branch will then be closed. Former members and their partners

will be invited with a film show presented by Will Gray and members kindly offered donations of food and draw prizes for the occasion. Peggy Dryden then invited everyone to try the competitions she had organised. Winners were Darts – Sandra Welham, Bowls – Barbara Burrows, How many Pints in the Fish – Angela Elmer, Balls in the Bucket – Henrietta Hazell and Number of Peas in the Pot - Sandra Welham. Confectionary prizes were kindly handed out to the winners by Peggy. The ladies then enjoyed a scrumptious spread prepared by Peggy. The Draw was run by Doreen Wynne and Joyce Griggs and Sandra thanked them together with Peggy, Ian, Ann, Paul and John for all they had done

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## **HM THE QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

The Bacton Parish Council celebrations of Her Majesty's 90th Birthday took place on Sunday 12 June on the lawn at Bacton Manor, as have many similar village celebrations over the last 100 years, with thanks to Mr & Mrs Chambers for its use on this occasion.

The rain stopped in time for the 3pm start and more than 250 residents of the village enjoyed an afternoon of music from the Stowmarket Concert Band, games and entertainment. The occasion was marked by the singing of the National Anthem and Happy Birthday followed by the cutting of a birthday cake, complete with HM The Queen waving to us all.

The words of one resident who attended echoes the sentiments of many-

*"Myself and more importantly my family thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, it was a great idea and lovely to see many familiar faces getting together for our Queen."*

The success of such an event doesn't happen without the hard work of many people and the participation of all those who attended. The Parish Council would like to thank the other village organisations who helped, the WI for the cakes, the Guides for the teas, the Royal British Legion for their bowling game and the many individuals who helped before, during and after.

## **MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Parish Council met on Monday 23 May 2016 and Councillor Peaty and Wigglesworth were re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

The Parish Council noted the parking of vehicles on the grass at Shop Green and are investigating how this can be discouraged to protect the green space, both here and on the other greens in the village.

The Parish Council's attention had been drawn to various locations in the village where the pavements are overgrown. The SCC website asks that these are reported on the Highways portal and SCC will, if they consider appropriate, contact the landowner. The website link is:- <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highway-maintenance/report-a-highways-issue/>

The Parish Council had heard objections from local residents during the public forum to the planning application 1606/16 Adjacent Copper Field, The Street, Bacton IP14 4LF - Erection of 5 bedroom dwelling, change from agricultural to residential use. After discussion the Parish Council decided to object to this application.

The following planning applications were noted as having been granted by MSDC:

0680 / 16 – Yeoman's Cottage, Swilltub Lane, Bacton IP14 4HW - Erection of 1 1/2 storey pitched roof extension following demolition of existing pitched roof extension. Erection of single storey extension with pitched

roof following demolition of existing flat roof garage store/link, erection of attached pitched roof carport garaging, change of use of strip of land (agricultural) to north of site to domestic curtilage, creation of vehicular access to highway and new driveway.

1553 / 16 - Tudor House, Shop Green, Bacton IP14 4LG Erection of a detached garden room.

0570/16 - Canhams Farm, Old Newton Road, Bacton IP14 4HH 29-Apr-2016 GTD Grant Demolition of existing grain dryer and silo building. Erection of 1500 tonne bulk grain store with associated bulk gas tanks and landscaping including 1m bund. Re-cladding of west elevation existing grain store.

The next two meetings of the Parish Council are on 18th July 2016 and 19th September 2016. There is no meeting planned for August.

**COTTON VPA**  
**(Village Produce Association)**  
**at the Village Hall, 7.30pm**

**20th July**

**Summer Outing** to Bure Valley Railway - Train journey from Aylesham to Wroxham, Visit Wroxham Barns and Three Willows Garden Centre.

**Pick up** 9.05am Pound Hill, Bacton, then Music Museum, Trowel & Hammer 9.15am Cotton Church

**No meeting during August**

**Annual Show**  
**Saturday 3rd September**

*We welcome new members  
and visitors*

The Police are investigating reports that six vehicles had been damaged overnight Friday 10th June 2016 into early Saturday morning. The majority of the damage was caused to wing mirrors.

They have conducted house to house enquiries and posted leaflets into properties where there was no answer. This has produced limited results. The Police would therefore like to urge residents to contact police via 101 or 999 if they witness(ed) suspicious and/or criminal behaviour. 'If we get called at the time, the more likely it is for police to get a successful outcome for victims'.

If residents have information relating to these specific investigations please can they please **contact the police on 101 or email - [stowmarket.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stowmarket.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)**

Please can residents who have CCTV/dash cam footage review it to see if they have recorded anything evidential.



At our meeting on June 6th we were able to view our entries in the W.I. competitions at the Suffolk Show. Our president, Angela Cook, had kindly picked them up from the showground and brought them to the meeting. We have not yet received the official final results but were awarded two firsts and creditably high marks for two other entries. Some members made beautiful 'Fiddle Mats' for residents in care homes to 'play' with and wonderful soft toys for young children. These two classes were not judged but the soft toys and fiddle mats will be distributed where they are most needed.

Our speaker, Jason Salisbury, came to give us a very interesting talk about his life in Dairy Farming. His early life was apparently very unsettled and from Shropshire he moved around the country a lot, leaving school with no qualifications and simultaneously leaving home to work on a dairy farm. His career progressed through breeding dairy cows and working at the Agricultural Unit of Cambridge University (where he met his future wife) onwards, through many vicissitudes, to the farm he currently owns in Creeting St Mary.

The thing that shone through Jason's talk, which was full of humour and pathos, was his real passion for what he

does. That passion allowed him to secure a bank loan against all the odds to pursue his dream of owning a small herd of Guernsey cows and making cheese. We were provided with tasters of his Suffolk Gold, Suffolk Brie and Suffolk Blue cheeses and all were creamy and delicious (even the Blue which I never eat!) We are very lucky that he settled locally as the cheeses are stocked in local shops such as Rolfe's of Walsham and Alder Carr Farm shop, and he also sells Guernsey milk from the farm. This is available from a dispenser in re-usable glass bottles so is very Eco friendly as well as being delicious. Private tours of his farm are available and our W.I. are planning a possible trip in 2017.

Our next meeting is on Monday July 4th and is entitled 2 Old Bags.



### (JULY 2016)

Hello again from us all at Bacton Under Fives! Our Summer Term is drawing to a close and we will say a fond farewell to all the children leaving us for school in September. We will still see many of them at our Breakfast and After School clubs and of course our Holiday Club. We are taking bookings NOW for Summer Holidays! We are running a new 'Playscheme' for five weeks on Tuesday to Thursday each week with special themes each day – this is for 5 years and over and will be completely separate to the rest of the groups. We

have some super days planned – tepee making, beauty parlour, gaming wars, water fun, bake-off, painting fun (but not a brush to be seen!), working with wax and plaster and more besides! See our facebook page or website or give us a call for more details. Special ‘playscheme days’ are 10am to 3pm and just £15 a day. (£40 a week if all 3 days booked.) We are of course open **EVERY** day of the holidays (with the exception of bank holidays) so whatever your needs we aim to cater for them! We have spaces for 0-12 years – give us a call if you would like more details.

Looking ahead to September we have spaces available in all our rooms. There is 15 hours free for every 3 & 4 year old and there is some funding for 2 year olds too. We run a parent and child session on each Friday during term time, Little Explorers, from 9:15am to 11:15am. There is no session on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Wishing you all a lovely summer!

From us all at Bacton Under Fives  
Contact us on **01449 780079** or  
Email us at  
**bactonunderfives@btconnect.com.**



It was Diane and only Diane on the top table for the June meeting as both the Secretaries were absent.

The Annual Outing coach on 25<sup>th</sup> June will pick up first at Westhorpe bus stop at 9 am followed by Bacton Village hall at 9.05 am. There are still some spare seats for the trip to Hyde Hall and Beth

Chatto's gardens, arriving at about 10.30 am and leaving 1.30 pm for Beth Chatto's which takes about 45 minutes and home by about 6 pm. Both gardens have good catering facilities.

Treasurer Trish Lawrence reported that the May Cake and Plant Sale had been the best ever and £418.55 profit was made. The plants made £212.20, Cakes £105.55 and refreshments £50.80.

The judge for Bacton Fayre Flower Show will be Sarah Cook.

The agreed £60 donation from the Horticultural Society for someone to staple the Flower Show programmes was not needed after all.

When entering the competitions it is advised to be careful on pot sizes and to keep to the schedule.

Programme Secretary June Spreckley said those wishing to visit Ivy Chimneys at Gislingham for the Evening Visit on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, should meet at Bacton Village Hall at 6.45 pm. The club will be paying the entrance fee and June will check out the route beforehand.

Chairman Diane Gladders then welcomed Tim Fuller of Plantsman's Preference Nursery at Lopham who had stepped in at short notice. He arrived armed with a very large bucket containing groups of cut flowers and grasses that grow in the same conditions and said the majority need ordinary soil.

Using 3 examples for each group, the categories for conditions needed were dry shade, full sun and drained, part shade or full sun if moist, full sun and tall plants that are tolerant of wind, sun and drought tolerant, herbaceous and well drained in full sun, large in ordinary

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soil in the sun, shade and moist in pale colours to lighten up an area, dry shade, full sun and well drained.

There were some very pretty examples of delicate grasses, unusual perennial geraniums, dianthus, perennial foxglove and white cornflower to name but a few. In short, there was something attractive to grow in any conditions.

Diane thanked Tim and said it had been good to have a live display which we were able to touch and smell. Tim had also brought along a good selection of plants to sell.

His nursery in Church Road, Lopham, is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday in summer but closed in the winter.

Tim also kindly judged the Rose Show.

**Results:**

**1 Hybrid Tea.** 1. Bryan Symonds.

2. Anita Kemp. 3. Will Gray.

**2 Hybrid Tea.** 1. Sandra Welham.

2. Bryan Symonds. 3. Will Gray.

**1 English Rose (named).**

1. Will Gray. 2. John Gladders.

3. Diane Gladders.

**3 Stems Floribunda.**

1. Bryan Symonds. 2. Will Gray.

3. Peter Churchyard.

**A Rose for Fragrance.**

1. Bryan Symonds. 2. Diane Gladders.

3. Tricia Lawrence.

**A Miniature Rose.** 1. Sandra Welham.

2. Maureen Chambers.

3. Tricia Lawrence.

**Mixed Roses in a Vase.**

1. Diane Gladders. 2. Will Gray.

3. Bryan Symonds.

**My Favourite Rose.**

1. Diane Gladders.

2. Maureen Chambers.

3. Sandra Welham.

The Monthly Raffle was won by Will Gray.

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## The Battle of the Somme

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916, exactly a hundred years ago, one of the biggest battles of the Great War started. The Germans were besieging the French fortress of Verdun, and a British attack on the Germans would relieve the pressure on the French. It was planned to commit all those hundreds of thousands of volunteers who had answered General Kitchener's call for recruits to his great citizen army. Men had been encouraged to join up with their friends and colleagues, and special battalions had been formed: the Hull Commercials, the Accrington Pals, the Grimsby Chums and many, many more. These regiments had great esprit and they became flourishing teams, but however good their training, they were still raw recruits. They could never, thought the General Staff, master those intricacies of modern soldiering, nor could they be expected to be flexible or to deal with the unexpected.

So the General Staff came up with a plan for the battle whereby these raw recruits, Kitchener's Army, would have only have to play a simple part. All they had to do was to go over the top, and walk to their objective where the enemy would all be dead. The plan started with the biggest artillery bombardment that the world had ever seen. Hundreds of guns fired millions of shells on to the German positions and on to the barbed wire entanglement in front of the trenches. This huge and ferocious barrage would kill all the Boche and cut down all the barbed wire leaving the way clear for the infantry, all those Grimsby Chums and Accrington Pals, to walk from our front line to their objectives.

At H Hour on 1<sup>st</sup> July, the moment when the infantry went over the top, the artillery would provide a curtain of fire that would creep slowly forward in front of the Chums and the Pals, and keep any surviving German heads down. The artillery was just so clever and sophisticated.

So what went wrong?



To start with, the Germans had deep concrete bunkers, and during the huge and ferocious bombardment before the battle, they sat in safety, deep underground. The artillery had churned up the ground, and it had failed to cut the barbed wire, so the Chums and the Pals, laden down with mountains of kit, were unable to keep up with the creeping barrage. The wire was still in place, and the Germans were back in their front line, alive and shooting.



There was only one possible outcome. As one eloquent staff officer put it, there were twenty thousand killed before lunch.

Newspapers back home published casualty lists, and Accrington, Grimsby, Hull and many other places saw how many of their young men had been killed:



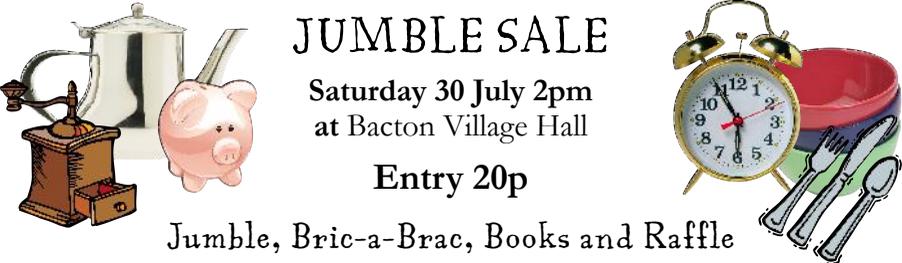
there were streets where every family had lost a son or a father. The tragedy was real, universal and morale sapping. Never again should this happen. So the Chums, the Pals and the Lads battalions were broken up. Men from anywhere were posted in and survivors were posted out. The army became one

great machine, where technology, artillery and aeroplanes, machine guns and mortars, tanks and trucks, became almost more important than the men who fought in the trenches.

The Battle of the Somme finally petered out in November 1916. One soldier from Bacton died: Pte Richard Woods 2 Suffolks was killed on 20<sup>th</sup> July, and one from Cotton: Pte Robert Joseph Reeve 13 Canadian Royal Highlanders was killed on 8 September 1916. In all, there were over a million casualties, of which 419,654 were from the British Commonwealth. Of these, 95,675 were killed and missing in action.



The names of the missing are inscribed on the Thiepval Memorial which overlooks the battlefield.



## JUMBLE SALE

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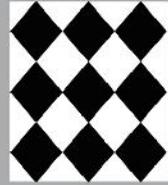
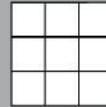


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In 1942 at 18 years of age Hubert is called up from his farming job to join the Army. Although a Suffolk man he is posted to the King’s Own Scottish Borderers and after some hazardous winter training in Yorkshire his company - D company - is moved to Worthing. Here they are billeted in empty hotels and are amazed at the massive movement of vehicles and men around them.

They are suddenly and without ceremony moved into more secure accommodation behind some tall barbed wire fencing. They didn’t know where they were going or when.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> June ‘44 they were loaded onto landing craft, finally landing on the French beaches, landing on Sword Beach with water at chest height the rifle and ammunition needed to be kept dry. He describes life on the beach as lively with attacks from aircraft and machine guns located inland!

All of his company made it ashore and they headed inland to relieve Caen. In the event they bypassed Caen and with the Canadians on their left they headed for the Falaise Gap. Here they enjoyed the dark chocolate issued back in Blighty.

Hubert is wounded and loses a finger to a sniper. He reports to the medics where the Sergeant Major asks, ‘What are you doing here Leggett?’

D company lost eight men that morning.

The company moved onto Arnhem to defend a bridge awaiting the arrival of the Airborne Division. Here he was injured again this time by a piece of shrapnel and taken to the field hospital, finally re-joining D Company at Bremen.

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July sees the last month of games for the juniors.



### Home Games

#### U9's

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Woolpit, 6pm start. This is their last home game.

#### U13's

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Stowmarket, 6pm start. This is their last home game.

#### U15's

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Sudbury, 6pm start. This is their last home game.

Spare some time and come and support the juniors of the village they really do appreciate it.

### Adult Leagues & Friendlies

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>** Battisford, 6.15pm start. This is the last game in the T20 League.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>** Milden, 1.30pm start.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** sees a friendly against Gazeley, 1pm start.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>** Tendring Park, 1.30pm start.

Come along and enjoy a lazy sunny afternoon and watch your village team.

The social club is usually open

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July sees the annual Camilles Appeal Cricket Tournament, 10am start.** This is part of the annual Old Newton Country Fayre.

It's not too late to start playing the beautiful game that is cricket.

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For further details contact the chairmen Kevin Swinburne.



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## A Word in Your Ear...

What a month! – such a lot of things happening and still so many names to get to know!

And what we find is a generosity of spirit that speaks of times long gone for many; this is what we are beginning to know more and more of – it is wonderful to be amongst such generous and caring people.

And so much love and effort put into the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations – with something happening in each community; despite the rain!!

A real treat was to be invited, along with many others from the community, to Bacton Primary School, to experience the party events prepared by the pupils there; with songs and history being recalled by the children, as part of their learning and as part of their lives; an experience they should treasure.

You may be pleased to know that a lot of work has already begun in setting up the Benefice Web Site – **www.bactonbenefice.net** along with Facebook Pages for each of the churches in the Benefice; it would be wonderful to get a few more 'Friends' around the locality (use the **"What's Been Happening?"** Tab for links).

The web site for the Benefice is the place where news is generated from – if you 'Follow' the site, you will receive all the items that are posted; hopefully a great way to let you know what is happening in the churches.

What can we offer? – you may ask. That is the purpose of the web site – to be a place to find help in those times when it seems far away. As Christians, our congregations are all committed to being people that you can turn to when times are tough, and when things that used to be simple now feel impossible; simply because we feel called to care.

We would love to hear about your thoughts for how we may be able to help further – a simple email to **admin@bactonbenefice.net** would be fine. But if you don't have email, or you would like a chat, the Rectory number is **(01449) 258149** – we can arrange a time for some tea and chocolate biscuits!

*Keep an eye out for the new logo in the Benefice, and the Parishes that form it – we are all part of a jigsaw of faith and love for the people around us.*

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**(BCP)** - Service from Book of Common Prayer

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**FUNERAL**

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BACTON St Mary's <b>8.00am</b>	HC (BCP)				
BACTON St Mary's <b>9.30am</b>	FS	FC	HC	HC	
BACTON St Mary's <b>10.00am</b>					FC
COTTON St Andrew's <b>11.00am</b>		FC		MW	
WYVERSTONE St George's <b>11.00am</b>			MW		
WYVERSTONE St George's <b>6.30pm</b>	P in C				
WICKHAM SKEITH St Andrew's <b>9.30am</b>	FS	HC	HC	HC + Healing	
OLD NEWTON St Mary's <b>11.00am</b>	HC		FC		
OLD NEWTON St Mary's <b>6.30pm</b>				EP (BCP)	
GIPPING St Nicholas' <b>3.00pm</b>	EP (BCP)				

**SIDESMAN'S ROTA FOR ST. MARY'S BACTON - July 2016**

**3rd 8.00a.m.**.....Robert Black  
**9.30a.m.**.....Brian Last & Linda Last  
**10th 9.30a.m.**.....Carol Bartrum and Ron Southgate  
**17th 9.30a.m.**.....Mike Hall & Pat Hall  
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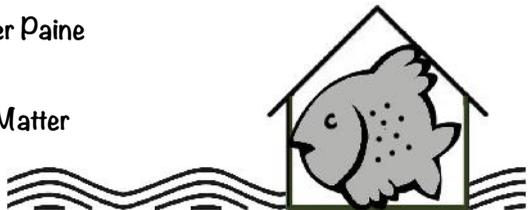
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Many people have dropped donations into our Charity shop but have not left their contact details so I have been unable to write personally to thank you. If you prefer to remain anonymous then of course we respect this but I would like to take this 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!

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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.

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overdo it with fats and sugars, but this becomes even more important as we get older and our immune system and digestive system slows down and becomes less efficient.

Because of this, it is crucial that older people eat well in order to get the most of the food they eat. This includes eating more lean proteins, complex carbohydrates, and other foods rich in vitamins and minerals your body needs, while avoiding processed foods, fatty foods, or foods with high sugar. Eating in this way ensures that your body runs as efficiently as possible, keeps you healthy, and effectively fights diseases. There are also a number of other benefits you will see from a healthy diet, such as:

**Improvement in mood** – eating right will help to balance your body, and you find yourself feeling healthier and happier from the inside out.

**Boosting energy** – Eating healthier, and focussing on foods with a slow energy release such as wholegrains, means your body is fuelled in the right way and will provide you with consistent energy levels, rather than the energy highs and lows that come from fats and sugars.

**Improves longevity** – Eating a healthier diet means that your body will be healthier all round, and this boosts your chances for a longer life.

**Controls Weight** – A healthy diet and activity will mean that you lower your amount of body fat, which is great for your heart and cholesterol levels, as well as the stress on your muscles and joints.

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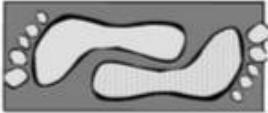
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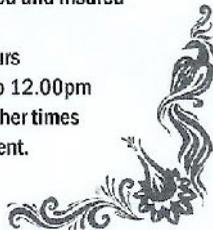
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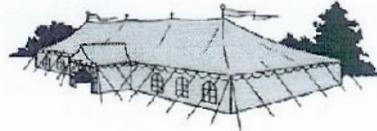
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