

Bacton

Parish and Community News

Cotton

Wyverstone

Easter is thought of as the most important of all the Christian Festivals as it reminds us of Christ's sacrifice on the cross to save us from our sins. There were many services across the Benefice from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday itself, when Christians could celebrate this important time.

Easter, however, is also celebrated by non - christians who enjoy the opportunity to have time off work and perhaps get together with family and friends. The Easter Bunny and the Easter Egg are a large part of this holiday and much of the fun and games is centred on these symbols. Easter Egg hunts figure largely and children like to imagine the Easter Bunny bringing their eggs in much the same way that Father Christmas brings their presents in December.

At the Community Cafe, Wyverstone on the morning of Saturday the 15th, there was an Easter activity table for children. This involved icing your own cupcake using white and coloured icing and a variety of sprinkles.

There was also an easter garden on a tray, which acted as an illustration for the Easter story to be related to children taking part. In our secular world it would be a pity if the real meaning of Easter was not remembered.

At 12.30 on the same day there was a very well organised Easter Egg hunt on the Scout field in Bacton which involved a quiz and mini fete. Many children turned up and enjoyed taking part.



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PARISH NEWS

Magazine Deadline

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 :-

Parish News Editor, The Limes, Rectory Road, Bacton, IP14 4LE
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017**May**

Day/Date	Time	Event
Mon 8th	7.30pm	Bacton & District W.I.Suffolk - Felting Yesterday and Today - Elizabeth Taylor page 25
Mon 8th	9.30am-12.00noon	Village Craft Group - Bacton Village Hall
Tues 9th	7.30pm	Horticultural Society - ‘Chrysanthemum Growing’ Simon White from Peter Beales’ Roses page 25
Tues 9th	10.30am	Mothers’ Union - Coffee Morning page 30
Tues 9th	2pm - 4pm	Community Circle Club - at Cotton Village Hall
Mon 15th	7.30pm	The Ladies’ Circle - Turkish Cuisine with Jenny Gibbs
Tues 16th	7.30pm	RBL - Old Newton Sports and Social Club
Tues 16th	7.30pm	History Society - Historical Pageants page 21
Sat 20th	10.00am - 12.00noon	Community Circle Café - at Cotton Village Hall
Tues 23rd	2pm - 4pm	Community Circle Club - at Cotton Village Hall
Fri 26th	7.00pm	Bingo - at Cotton Village Hall - All Welcome

June

Day/Date	Time	Event
Tues 13th	2pm - 4pm	Community Circle Club - at Cotton Village Hall
Sat 17th	9.00am - 5.00pm	Outing to Stamford & Barnsdale Gardens - See Back Page
Tues 27th	2pm - 4pm	Community Circle Club - at Cotton Village Hall

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MAY 13th, June 17th

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Saturdays 10.00am - 12.30pm at Wyverstone Village Hall
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6th May

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 2017.)

So why not come along? You choose – board games, darts, table tennis, plus a collection of books and DVDs to swap.

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Kettle's Calling



Where...?

The Community Room, St Mary's Bacton

**When?2pm - 4pm MAY 8th & 22nd
June 5th & 19th**

Who?..... Everyone is welcome - Free!
(though donations always welcome!)

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.

Amazing results for the William Brown Trust Coffee Morning

A fine sunny day brought in crowds of people to the 8th William Brown Trust Coffee morning on Saturday March 25th. Lured by the promise of coffee and home made cakes and savouries they were soon tucking in and trying their luck at the tombola and raffle and buying home made cakes, marmalade, jams and chutney. It was wonderful to see villagers, family and friends chatting and getting together after the winter months and coming together to support us in raising funds to help people with Brain Tumours. The atmosphere was wonderful.



We were staggered when we counted up the money plus donations received on the day and found we had raised £752.25! The most we have raised for this event since our very first coffee morning held in 2010. We are delighted to tell you that when added to preserve sales and floats held during the year to March 2017 we will be able to write a cheque for just over £900.00!.

We are pleased to tell you that Richard, Wendy, Guy and I will be attending the opening of the quiet room funded by Bill's Trust at Addenbrookes hospital on April 27th. The Trust has donated £10,000 towards this much needed room so that people affected by the devastating news that they have a Brain Tumour can go with their loved ones to be quiet and take in what is to come. We know from experience how this affects the patient and their families and hope it will help in some way to cushion what is a frightening, bitter blow.

We are so humbled by the kind people of Bacton, Cotton, Wyverstone & Westhorpe who come each year to support us and by the friends who come and help on the day, setting out the hall, serving drinks and cakes, washing up, selling raffle and tombola tickets and donating prizes and cakes plus clearing up at the end. Some of them good friends who supported us through the dark days of Bill's illness and others who have offered to help along the way over the eight years we have been holding our Coffee Mornings. We must also thank our families from Hertfordshire and Essex who travel up just for the morning to support us. Thanks also go to the Parish Magazine who kindly advertise our event so well.

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

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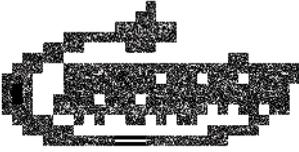
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BACTON VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 20th May

9.30am – 12.00noon



1st BACTON SCOUT GROUP

Annual Car Wash – Saturday 6th May 2017 - Our Annual Car Wash will take place on Saturday 6th May 2017 at the Scout HQ. We are offering tea, coffee, bacon rolls and cakes while you have your car washed by our Scouts. I hope you will support this fundraising event and bring your car along for a Scout Wash...

1st Bacton Scouts AGM – Our AGM is scheduled for Thursday 11th May 7pm at the Scout HQ. All are invited to attend to hear our annual section reports, the financial report and to confirm the committee for another year. Light refreshments will be provided after the meeting and we look forward to seeing you there.

Recycling Bins – Please do remember to keep using our recycling bins at the Scout HQ – This also raises funds for the group. Could we please ask that you take any non recycling rubbish to the Stowmarket recycling centre and please be vigilant to others abusing this facility. If the clothes bank is full please do not dump your contribution please take it to another recycling facility or home with you. Also please remember that the clothes bank cannot take duvets and large items of bedding – this blocks the facility for others.

Mrs Karen Hall-Price -

1st Bacton Scout Group Secretary

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07812 105228 karenyvonnehall@aol.com

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 – 10½ yrs)

meet every Friday (term time)
6.15pm – 7.45pm

Scouts (10½ 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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I've had a very good display with Daffodils and Narcissus this year. Over three hundred blooms, with a variety of colours. The standard large King Alfred, bright yellow, with large trumpet one of the tallest varieties in my borders. Last September I planted a number of different colours, white with an orange centre, white with a salmon pink centre, others of pure white. Because they seem to last about the same time in flower I planted a number of Narcissus bulbs and they have come along a little after the Daffodils have started to fade. This has prolonged the flowering period for quite some time. It is difficult to determine the difference between Daffodils and Narcissus, there is a difference of opinion in technical books on gardening. It would appear that every professional gardener seems to agree that all Daffodils are Narcissus, though not all Narcissus are Daffodils, and it has to do with the length of trumpet and the number of flowers on the stem. From my research it would appear The Roman Legions carried Daffodils to this country, along with many other items of food and herbs, they were under the impression the Daffodil sap could heal their wounds although in fact it contains sharp crystals that prevent animals from eating the plants and may in fact irritate the skin.

Cutting the lawn is now a weekly job. I scarified my lawn at the beginning of the season and it has made all the difference. On those days after winter has finished but it's not the time for much else in the garden, that's the time to scarify the lawn, providing it's not too wet. Using a wire rake is hard work and certainly guaranteed to warm you up but well worth removing all the debris, dead grass and thatch out of the lawn. If you have access to an electric scarifying machine this makes the job so much easier. If not think about buying one and sharing the cost with another member of the family to get maximum use out of the equipment. Don't forget to edge up the borders it makes the lawn look so much better. Clear all the grass cuttings off the lawn, this prevents disease and discoloration.

Working on my hanging baskets and pots, thinking about this year's colour scheme. I've raised my sweet peas from last year's seed, they are about five inches in height and just about ready to go outside. I used inner cardboard tubes of used toilet rolls, stood on end, filled in a seed tray with seed compost. As I've watered the young seedling the cardboard has become moist, the tubes still maintain their shape but they will go straight into the ground. The roots will penetrate through the cardboard and spread out into the soil around and the cardboard will decompose in the soil.

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The Bacton Work Club has been meeting every Thursday morning for some time now, but whilst in the past we have helped quite a lot of people with their Job Search, we have seen fewer and fewer job seekers in the past months.

The Work Club started deep in the last recession, and for a time, our Thursday mornings were quite busy. But success and an improved economy has led to our own redundancy, and we are now looking to re-engineer the work club perhaps into something completely different.

The three founding members and mentors still meet every Thursday morning, and as we now have no clients, we resort to discussing world (and village) events and other subjects of current interest. To help us with our re-engineering, we would like to invite and include others in Bacton, Cotton and Wyverstone to join us.

So the Work Club would like to invite any of the men of the villages (but we wouldn't turn away any women) to join our Work Club in the Community Room in St Mary's Church in Bacton to decide its future.



**Thursday 9am - 10.30am.
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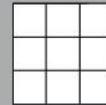
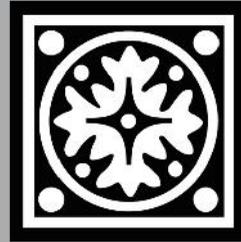
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Spring is quickly springing towards Summer and this sees our busiest term. Spaces are limited this term but if you have any childcare requirements please get in touch.

Our Easter Holiday Group saw lots of fun – some great dens were created and were a popular place to ‘hang out’. We enjoyed egg rolling, egg hunts and some super baking sessions. Crafts were plentiful, from our decorated egg and egg cup competition to fluffy chicks, easter bunting and much more besides. Our next holiday club, which is open to ALL children, will be Whitsun week half term - and then we will be open over the Summer Holidays.

Our toddler group, Bacton Explorers, runs during term time each Friday morning from 9:15am to 11:15am. Cost is just £2 a session. Please come along and join us for bit of Friday fun, chat and a sing-a-long to finish!

With increasing running costs (and a drop in funding from the local authority), the group will need to rely more and more on fundraising to keep going and so with this in mind we are holding a JUMBLE SALE with a tombola, refreshments and cakes at BACTON VILLAGE HALL on SATURDAY 13th MAY starting at 12pm. Please come along, even if just for a cuppa and piece of cake. Donations for the jumble are also sought after – if you are having a sort out for Summer please remember us! You can either bring to

the Playcentre the week prior to the Jumble or to the hall on the morning of the sale. If you have large amounts or large items and would like them collected please telephone and we will do our best to arrange this for you.

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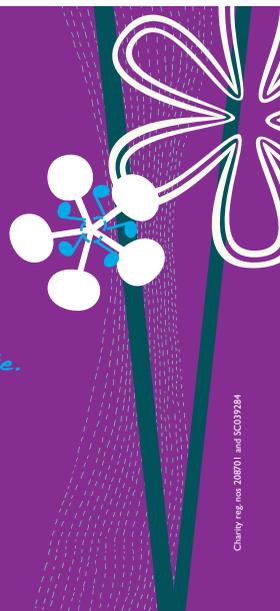
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BACTON & COTTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

7.30 pm at Bacton village hall

Historic Films to be shown

Three very special films of Bury St. Edmunds Historical Pageants, staged in the Abbey Gardens, are being shown by Bacton & Cotton Local History Society in Bacton village hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 16th May. This is a great opportunity to see this rare footage of the Pageants of 1907, 1959 and 1970. Indeed, you, family and friends may well have been to one of these Pageants and talked about it. Professor Paul Readman of Kings College, London will give a short introductory talk to each film. This unique event will be widely advertised and promoted so do make a note in your diary now to come along.

Members £2 -

Non-members £3



Walking Football

Meet up with friends old and new at your local club. A friendly welcome and no membership fees. Aimed predominantly at the 50+ but not strictly so, this fastest growing format of the game is non-contact and for both sexes with the focus on fun and enjoyment.

Beginning at Brickwall Farm, Bacton on **Friday 5th May from 18.30 to 19.30**. First session is free then £3 in subsequent weeks.

A great way to get on the road to fitness and all welcome. Just turn up on the evening or if you want more detail please call Martin on 07931527402



Junior Cup Final

The club has reached the Suffolk Junior Cup final for the second time in our short history. The game will be at the Weston Homes stadium, home of Colchester United FC on Tuesday 9th May at 19.30. We are big underdogs in the tie against Oulton Broad as we were in 2010 against Sudbury Athletic. That was a fantastic evening at Portman Road Ipswich as a 2-1 victory saw us lift the cup; it would be wonderful to see a similar sea of red and green getting behind the team.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 13th May we are hosting the St Edmundsbury Bury league cup final between Vipers FC and St Edmunds 1965 FC 14.30pm kick off.

Monday 15th May work party evening to get all those end of season jobs done.

Saturday 20th May senior presentation evening

Wednesday 24th May 19.30 AGM

Saturday 17th June youth presentation day

Friday 14th July veterans 6-a-side tournament

Saturday 15th July youth 6-a-side tournament

Saturday 22nd July Robbie Warner's Memorial Day in aid of Diabetes UK

(more detail to follow)

Martin Feavearyear 07931527402

Love board and card games but nowhere to play?

Come along to Wyverstone Village Hall Bar Nights and join the table with the Mid-Suffolk Gaming Group, playing great games (some old, but a lot more new), and find out what modern board-games are all about - from Sushi Go to Small World, Settlers of Catan to Scythe.

No experience necessary, just a thirst to try new games and have fun.

Activities Morning at Carters Meadow

June 4th 10 - 12 AM

Butterfly spotting, wildflower identification, pond dipping, Gruffalo hunt and tractor rides.

Free to all.

Entrance to Carters Meadow is on the Mendlesham Road just before double corner.

**BACTON
PARISH COUNCIL**
Ian Brookman



The Parish Council met on the 20 March 2017.

The Parish Council noted the decisions for the following planning applications

a. 0008/17 Erection of part single and part 1.5 storey side extension following demolition of existing conservatory.

Erection of single storey double cart-lodge. Bramble Cottage, Tailors Green, Bacton IP14 4LN. REFUSED.

b. 0370/17 Erection of a two storey side extension. 36 Pound Hill, Bacton IP14 4LP. GRANTED.

c. 0206/17 Erection of part single and part two storey side extensions to existing office. Wheatley Solutions Ltd, Broad Road, Bacton IP14 4HN. GRANTED.

The Parish Council are proceeding with plans to ideally locate 3 defibrillators around the village and already have funding in place for one which is planned to be located at the Village Hall. The Parish Council would welcome donations from individuals, other organisations or businesses in Bacton to help fund 2 further defibrillators which will cost somewhere in the region of £4,000.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Thursday 11 May 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. This is an opportunity to hear about activities across the village.

As from 24 April 2017 Karen Hall-Price (01449 780332) will be acting as Temporary Parish Clerk until a new permanent appointment is made, following the resignation of Ian Brookman as Parish Clerk.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 22 May 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**WYVERSTONE
PARISH COUNCIL**
Cat Clarkson



The council met on 14th March 2017 for a brief meeting where the following points were discussed:

a) Replacement of faded speed limit signs – this is an ongoing issue and has been taken up with Suffolk's police and crime commissioner, as well as the safer neighbourhood team.

b) Neighbourhood watch – the council were given a brief summary of some burglaries in the area. Please do email Andrew_sumner@btinternet.com if you'd like to receive the neighbourhood watch newsletters.

c) Speedwatch reported that they are still monitoring speeding, which is an ongoing issue in the village, they are working with the parish council to allow for speed monitoring on other sites in the village;

Please note the Annual Parish Meeting, and Annual Parish Council Meeting are on **16th May at 7.30pm** in the village hall. **Please do join us.**



At the April meeting, Angela Jenner was noticeably absent from the Minute Secretary's Chair with Michelle MacAusland taking her place and Chairman Diane Gladders explained that Angela had undergone a hip replacement operation and a card was duly signed by those present wishing her well.

Names and payment are being taken for the annual outing on Saturday, 17th June to Stamford and Barnsdale with just 10 names so far and is open to anyone who would like to join us.

The Plant and Cake Sale on Saturday, 20th May will open at 9.30 am.

Sheila Brown reported that her recent Coffee Morning for The William Brown Trust was packed with people and £752.25 was taken on the day with £908 banked, her highest total so far.

On 27th April the Quiet Room at Addenbrookes Hospital will be opened and named in William Brown's honour. Programme Secretary June Spreckley said that Ben Potterton of Blacksmith's Nursery near Dickleburgh has now opened another Nursery at Bungay.

Diane explained that the extra competition each month will be judged but not count towards the cup.

Diane introduced the speaker who was Dr Simon Weeks who spoke on Perennial Wallflowers otherwise called Erysimums.

Dr Weeks holds the National Collection of Erysimums and had brought along

some young plants for the members to buy.

There are 200 species of annuals, biennials and short lived perennials. They are usually short lived and evergreen, mat forming, sprawling, upright bushy or leggy.

They are widely distributed in the Mediterranean, Asia, Western China and North America.

Their habitat is coastal rocks and sand dunes, alpine scree slopes, scrubland, the volcanic soils of Tenerife and can also be seen on castle walls and moats because of their liking for lime mortar and alkaline and well drained conditions.

They are a genus of Brassica and pests and diseases include flea beetle, downy mildew, club root and mosaic virus.

They come in a lovely range of colours which include double red Bloody Warrior, white/mauve Ellen Wilmot and yellow Harpur Crewe and multi colour flowerheads are popular now.

Dr Weeks has 100 different types at Walpole and has an open garden sometimes and sales when stocks allow.

There is a view that the English Wallflower came over with the Normans but Dr Weeks thinks it more likely that they were brought back from The Crusades.

After questions from members he was thanked by Diane.

During refreshments members were able to sample a piece of Courgette Lemon Drizzle Cake made by Diane to obtain opinions on the suitability of the recipe for the members competition at The Flower Show at Bacton Fayre. All seemed to agree that it was a good recipe.

The monthly raffle was won by Nolly Curwen.

**Monthly Competition results:
A Daffodil in a Specimen Vase.**

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

A Photo of Cherry/Apple Blossom in bloom.

- 1. John Gladders.
- 2. June Spreckley. 3. Will Gray.

Extra Competition: A Small Twig in Bud.

- 1. Sandra Welham.
- 2. Maureen Chambers, 3, Will Gray.

Next meeting Tuesday, May 9th with speaker Simon White of Peter Beales Roses.

Competitions: Vase of Wallflowers. Photo of your roses in bloom. Extra Competition. An emerging flower.



Our April meeting was a fascinating talk by Horry Parsons on the building of the Millenium Tower in Bury St Edmunds. This was a Fantastic undertaking which involved, amongst other things, sourcing a particular type of Limestone thought to have been no longer obtainable. We also discovered to our amazement that individual technical drawings were produced and templates cut for each individual stone - breathtaking.

Next meeting - Monday 6th May
'Felting Yesterday and Today' with Elizabeth Taylor

BACTON & WYVERSTONE
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

May 9th

Chrysanthemum growing

Colour in the garden during late summer and autumn can be difficult to achieve but chrysanthemums come into their element at this time of year. But just how do you grow them, when is it best to take cuttings and how do you over-winter plants? Simon White, an expert plantsman from Beales Roses, will answer these questions and take us through the steps of growing these very attractive autumn plants.

**Notes from St George's Wyverstone
CHURCHYARD TIDY - UP
MORNING.**

Come along on Saturday May 6th from 9.30 until 12.30 and help tidy up St. George's Churchyard.

Bring your own tools.

Refreshments provided.

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Saturday July 1st
 Saturday October 7th
 Saturday December 2nd

If you would like to join the group please call
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 or Email -
Peter_mead@sky.com

COTTONVPA
(Village Produce Association)
 meetings begin at 7.30
 in Cotton Village Hall

17th May

A Question and Answer evening with two of S.H.A.P.A.'s most knowledgeable judges - Mr. Mike Riches and Mr. Terry Hurren. Bring along your questions for what should be a very informative and fun evening.

21st June evening garden visit to Fryrhe Barn, Stradbroke. Meet at Cotton VH 5.30pm

Membership only £2 per year



Chairman Sandra Welham said it was good to see the new members returning for our second meeting and one or two different faces as well,

making 25 present.

Treasurer Ann Gipson reported a good cash balance and it is hoped to open a bank account in the near future.

Ann Askew has kindly agreed to act as Vice Chairman and to counter-sign the cheques.

The July outing will be booked for The Suffolk Punch Centre near Woodbridge. 18 names were taken to see the Kerry Ellis and Matt Cardle show at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds on 23rd August. The ladies agreed to help at the RBL Jumble Sale in August and share any profit.

Ann Askew distributed the Cotton War Memorial Flower Rota to the members that wished to take part.

A fun quiz was then compered by Ann Askew with 7 teams answering 10 questions in 4 rounds.

The winning table was comprised of Linda Stocker, Eve Smith and Sandra Welham and Ann awarded chocolates which were handed around.

The ladies gave Ann a round of applause for her efforts towards an enjoyable evenings entertainment. Next meeting in the village hall on Monday, 10th April with Bryan Symonds speaking on winning The National Green Keeper of the Year Award in 2016.

Ladies' Circle Part 2.

Members met in April and were welcomed by Chairman Sandra Welham.

Treasurer Ann Gipson reported a good balance at the bank.

18 tickets have been obtained for the Kerry Ellis and Matt Cardle show at The Apex, Bury St. Edmunds in August.

Names are being taken for the visit to The Suffolk Punch Trust at Hollesley in July which includes a horse and waggon guided tour and a high tea.

An invitation has been received to attend the laying up of the RBL Women's Section Suffolk County Standard in St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds followed by afternoon tea on 30th April at 3 pm and 7 will attend from Bacton.

The speaker was Bryan Symonds who ran his first ever power point presentation on the subject of winning the Suffolk, then National, Green Keeper of the Year for 2016.

Bryan has looked after the pitches at Bacton United 89 Football Club with helpers for the 8 years since it opened. The pitches were seen in perfect condition for the judging and the presentations were at Portman Road, Ipswich and St. George's in Staffordshire which is the England training ground.

The attractive cup, which Bryan can keep, was passed around for members to admire.

Sandra congratulated him on his success and thanked him for his presentation which went without a hitch!



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Cotton Village Hall

Thursday 1st June, 7.30pm

Tickets: £9.50 (£7.50 concessions)

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Mobile Library -

Cotton -

Church.....11.50-12.10

Methodist Church.....12.15-12.30

Bacton -

Pound Hill.....1.40 - 2.30

The Bull.....2.35 - 2.45

Wyverstone -

Church.....2.55 - 3.15

Dates in 2017 –

**May 3rd & 31st, June 28th,
July 26th, Aug 23rd, Sept
20th, Oct 18th, Nov 15th,
Dec 13th.**

Charity Garden Tea Party (inside if wet !)

at 'The Croft', Wyverstone

9th June 2017

2.30pm - 4.30pm

£1.50 for Tea or coffee
and sandwiches/cakes.

Also plants, home made cakes,
jams and chutneys in aid of local and
animal charities, The Stroke
Association and Cancer Charities.

RAFFLE

*Do come
if you can*



Concert for Christian Aid

Roger Jones, the prolific composer of Christian musicals, is coming to Stowmarket to conduct the Combined Churches' Choir in his most recent musical, written in 2015 – Barnabas. Entry is free! There will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid.

It's at 4 pm at the Parish Church (the one with the spire!) on Sunday 14th May.

The choir has been working on the musical since January and is looking forward to Roger's visit when he will spend the day before the performance polishing and giving the benefit of his huge experience. He will doubtless have a few words to say as well on the day; he is a very inspiring character. Roger has come to Stowmarket to conduct several of his earlier musicals. He is pleased to be returning again from his home in Birmingham.

The musical tells the story of Saul and Barnabas visiting Cyprus on the first part of their missionary journey. This link gives a short clip of most of the songs in the musical: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cf3E9qoKCfOY>

The Combined Churches' Choir's members come from most of the local Christian Churches including Anglican, Catholic, Methodist, URC, Free Church etc. New members will be most welcome. There are no auditions, rehearsals are on alternate Saturday mornings at the Parish Church. More information is available at

<http://combinedchurcheschoir.co.uk/>

We hope that you will be able to join the audience on the 14th May and support a good cause.

Bacton and Wyverstone Mothers' Union - April Meeting

'Let us build a house where love can dwell, and all can safely live.....'

The first line of one of the lovely hymns we sang in our April meeting, each member chooses their favourite hymn and we sing together. It was a beautiful afternoon.

After our prayers and singing we shared fellowship and friendship over a cuppa and a biscuit.

Thank you Anita for organising this months meeting.

Our next meeting is on May 9th, a Coffee Morning to be held in the church Community Room at 10:30am. Why not join us, you will be given a very warm welcome.

Full details of M.U. Meetings are on the Church notice board.

From Bacton Rectory....

Rather amazingly we have now been here for a year – how time passes! Anniversaries are often times to look back and reflect on what may have changed (or not!) and to even make some plans for the next year.

Many people think of January in the New Year as a time to make plans – these tend to be about lifestyle and things we want to achieve; but Easter is a good time to look back on our Spiritual journey to date, and to ask, “What has changed?”.

Easter is a time when Christians celebrate the power of God, in showing that what we may think is the end of something, is actually the beginning of something we could never have imagined.

In St Mary’s Bacton, you can experience two distinct changes – one is that there is new interior lighting; the lights are brighter – and are also energy efficient. This has been possible through a very generous gift, and some funding from the ‘Friends of St Mary’s’.

The lights fit in perfectly with the architecture, but it would be easy to understate just how much effort went on behind the scenes, in order to provide the power for those new lights.

We saw the fittings arrive, being unpacked, connected into place – they looked good, but they still didn’t work. The power wasn’t connected – something critical, but invisible was missing; something that the designer of those lights considered essential to them working properly.

Our Spiritual lives can be like those lamps – waiting to be connected to the power the designer intended for everyone; the power of the Holy Spirit – the power of God present with us today, the power that can help us shine in ways we never thought possible.

The second change? – no, we hadn’t forgotten! – it is simply that Bacton Church is now open during the day, every day. We do hope you will take an opportunity to visit that church – and enjoy the peace of that place.



Val and David

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Rev Rita Carr 612619

Services in May/early June

A brief description of each service type is given here, but if you want to know more, please call the Rectory - 01449 258149

HC - Holy Communion

MW - Services vary in tradition between churches – all suitable for all ages.

Aft.Praise - Afternoon Praise – ideal for families, with fun and craft activities.

P in C - Praise in the Community - an informal time of worship for all ages.

New Songs - Informal time exploring and singing new hymns.

EP(BCP) - Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)

SIDESMAN'S ROTA FOR ST. MARY'S BACTON - May/June 2017

7th 9.30a.m.....Brian Manley & Rosy Black

14th 9.30a.m.....Mike Hall & Pat Hall

21st 8.00a.m.....Robert Black

21st 10.00a.m.....Brian Last & Linda Last

28th 9.30a.m.....Carol Bartrum & Ronnie Southgate

4th June 9.30a.m.....Brian Manley & Rosy Black

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE May/June 2017

CHURCH Service time unless specifically given	7th Easter 4	14th Easter 5	21st Easter 6	28th Sunday after Ascension	4th June Pentecost
BACTON St Mary's 9.30am	All-Age	HC	8.00am HC (BCP) 10.00am HC 4.00pm Aft. Praise	HC	MW
COTTON St Andrew's 11.00am		HC		MW	
WYVER STONE St George's 6.30pm	P in C			New Songs	P in C
WICKHAM SKEITH St Andrew's 9.30am	HC + Healing	MW		All-Age	HC + Healing
OLD NEWTON St Mary's 11.00am	HC	All-Age		MW	HC
GIPPING St Nicholas' Chapel 3.00pm	EP (BCP)				EP (BCP)

The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton will be holding their **Annual General Meeting** at **7pm on Thursday 15th June** in the St Mary's Church community room.
All welcome and especially inviting any newcomers!

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY, STOWMARKET

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MASS TIMES:

Saturdays (First Mass of Sunday):

St Mary's C of E Church, Woolpit IP30 9QG - 6.00 pm

Sundays:

Our Lady's, Stricklands Road, Stowmarket IP14 1AW - 8.30 am & 10.15 am

Holy Days:

Our Lady's, Stricklands Road, Stowmarket - 8.00am, 10.00am and 7.30 pm

Weekday services in the Parish are advertised at the front of Our Lady's Church, in the weekly Newsletter and on the Parish Website

www.ourladys-stowmarket.co.uk

Father David Finegan

COTTON METHODIST CHURCH 2017

**All services at 10.30a.m. unless stated otherwise -
A warm welcome awaits everyone.**

May

7th - led by Mrs Stella Davis, **14th** - led by Rev Debbie Borda

21st Dr Barbara Chipperfield,

28th led by Rev. Rita Carr with Holy Communion

Our Spring Sale will be held on Saturday May 6th 10.00am - 11.30am
with many plants on sale as well as our usual stalls and refreshments.

Cotton Methodist Church Quiz and Puds evening

7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £5 per team member (teams of 4 only)
from Laurel Green (01449 781745)

HOME GROUPS

There are three groups at present -meeting on a Monday morning at Wickham Skeith), Tuesday evenings in Cotton and 2nd Sunday evenings in Wyverstone. If you are interested in joining please call

Monday Group - Mary and Peter Paine 01449 767897

Tuesday Group - Helen & Nick Matter 01449 780379

2nd Sunday Evenings Andy and Liz Mellen - 01449 782971



ST. ANDREWS'S CHURCH COTTON 2017

MAY

CLEANING ROTA

12th - Chris Carr & Chris Marston, **26th** Diane Dickinson & Chris Marston

FLOWER ROTA

MAY - Mrs. Joyce Vincent **JUNE** - Mrs Jane de Beer

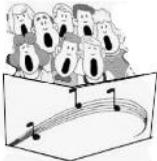
CONCERT

A fun evening with something for everyone at St Andrews, Church, Cotton

Tuesday 30 May at 7.30pm.

Wyverstone Community Choir, with conductor David White, will perform music from shows such as Les Miserable/Cats, light Choral classics and popular hits like,

'When I'm 64' and Can You feel the love tonight?'



Refreshments available

Entry is free but a retiring collection in aid of the re-laying of the Church path will be held.



Tickets available from **Christine Marston 781567** or just turn up on the night.

ADVANCE NOTICE St. Andrew's Church will be holding a Flower Festival over the week-end of **24/25th June, 2017**

Theme- 'Favourite Hymns (New and Old)'

You don't have to have experience, it is always fun and everyone pulls together.

I have small and larger places available in church.

Please phone me if you would like to join in Chris Marston 781567

We will be having a Book and Plant stalls and would appreciate donations for these please. They can be delivered to the church on the Thursday or Friday or dropped into Corner Cottage

FORGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Adults, youths and kids meet every Sunday morning **10.30am** at Debenham Leisure Centre and Sunday afternoons at **4.00pm** at the New Green Centre, Thurston

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Contact: **info@forgechurch.com** or **01449 710437**
or visit the website **www.forgechurch.com**

CHERNOBYL CHILDRENS LIFELINE MID SUFFOLK LINK

As I write this I am preparing to go to Belarus to meet with the 18 children that will be coming to us in July.

This is our tenth year in Mid Suffolk and it is amazing how time has flown by. We have brought over 200 children to this area and many of them still keep in touch. I have been thinking recently how this all started for us. In 2007 my husband and I hosted a child for the very first time and this began our journey with the Charity. We have always stayed in touch with Nastia and recently, I asked her to write a few words about her experience with the Charity. The excerpt below shows just how much these visits mean to the children, far more than I think any of us realise!

Thank you so much for helping us to achieve this:

My name is Nastia. I first came to England when I was 7. Someone could not go so there was a spare space on the program and my mum and dad had to say if I could go or not. They said yes. I was very excited about going there but also a bit frightened. I'm 18 years old now and still remember my first visit. I spent wonderful and unforgettable time in England seeing things I had not even dreamed of. Since that moment even though I was a child my life has changed completely. After my first meeting my hosts become a true family for me as for my parents and sister. For the past 11 years they did a lot for our family. My hosts brought me and my sister to England many times. Coming to England has always been so inspiring and exciting for me. I met a lot of people who not only became friends but gave me an aspiration to learn English and also made me a confident person. England gave me a good knowledge of English, which gave me an opportunity to enter a lyceum and finish it with good results and later on enter the best university in Belarus. I'm so grateful that I had an opportunity to see a world and find an inspiration for my new achievements. I think many of us don't go the next step because they don't know what to do yet. We don't have enough confidence to pursue our dreams. And that's why I want to say thank you that you helped me to build my self-esteem and also helped me find myself. I know that everything is possible and my biggest achievements are yet to come. I'm happy that more and more people join CCLL program to give this amazing time to children from my country. Believe me, this time they won't forget as long as they live. CCLL you are a wonderful people at with big hearts. You're such a great example to others. The world would be better if more people were like you!
(written in English by Nastia)

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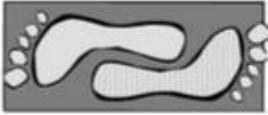
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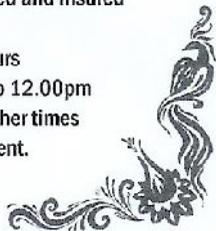
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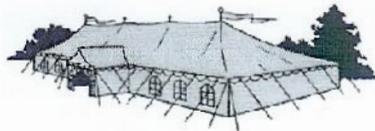
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