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Parish and Community News

Cotton

Wyverstone

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On the 8th of September the **'Tour of Britain'** cycle race held up the traffic briefly outside the Four Horseshoes pub at Thornham Magna.

The race visited a selection of towns and cities which hosted the event for the first time, as well as returning to a few old favourites.

Crowds gathered at the start and finish towns, as well as lining the route.

Edinburgh hosted the opening stage on Sunday, September 3, for the first time, with Cardiff hosting the finish of the eighth and final stage on Sunday, September 10, for a conclusion in Wales. Not since 2012 has the race finished outside London.

On 9th September our own 'Suffolk Historic Churches bike ride' took place - see page 32



'A Small thing' see page 7

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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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The current price for a single issue is 30pence.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017**October**

Day/Date	Time	Event
Mon 2nd	7.30pm	Bacton & District W.I.Suffolk - Annual Birthday Party - Members Only page 25
Sat 7th	3.00pm - late	Launch of the newly re-furbished Wyverstone Village Hall - Free entry to all, Free Buffet and a raffle page 19
Mon 9th	7.30pm	The Ladies' Circle - Harvest Supper, Bring and Buy for Poppy Appeal page 27
Mon 9th	9.30am-12.00noon	Village Craft Group - Bacton Village Hall
Tues 10th	2.30pm	Mothers' Union - A.G.M. followed by coffee and fellowship
Tues 10th	2pm - 4pm	Community Circle Club - at Cotton Village Hall
Tues 10th	7.30pm	The Garden Club - Plants for winter interest - Peter Jackson page 17
Fri 13th	7.00pm - late	Suffolk Gamers and Bar - Wyverstone Village Hall
Sat 14th	7.00pm - late	FUN Bingo - Wyverstone Village Hall
Tues 17th	7.30pm	History Society - 'The Tudor Housing Revolution' page 24
Tues 17th	7.30pm	RBL - Old Newton Sports and Social Club (AGM)
Tues 24th	2pm - 4pm	Community Circle Club - at Cotton Village Hall
Thurs 26th	7.30pm	Community Circle AGM - at Cotton Village Hall- all welcome
Fri 27th	7.00pm	Bingo - at Cotton Village Hall - All Welcome

November

Day/Date	Time	Event
Sat 4th	10.00am - 12.00noon	Community Circle Cafe - at Cotton Village Hall

Calling all Crafters and sellers of gifts

I am organising another Mendlesham Gift and Craft Fayre
on **SUNDAY 19th November 11.00 - 4.30pm.**

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If you are a craft maker or sell gifts and would like a stall for £10
please call Julie Williams on 01449 766006
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**THE ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF
BACTON COTTON &
WYVERSTONE GOOD
NEIGHBOUR SCHEME**

This will take place on **Thursday**
the **12th October** starting at
7-30 pm in the Community Room
at St. Mary's Church, Bacton.
A report on the last year's work
will be given and the election of
the committee for the coming year
will take place.

New volunteers are required to
support the work of the scheme
which will have responded to a
thousand calls by the end 2017,
since it started in May 2012.
Please come along and meet the
volunteers and users of the
scheme, everyone is welcome.

Mike Hall GNS Secretary

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"Parish News distribution for Cotton"

**A new main distributor is required for the Cotton
area** as the current volunteer will no longer be
available after December, but will gladly show the ropes
to any new person able to take on this small monthly
duty.

This involves collection of two boxes of magazines
containing a total of 155 copies and then breaking
down the total into different quantities for individual
street delivery by eight or nine different rounds-
people ..and arrangements for them to receive their
stocks.

In the first quarter of each year also to receive from
the rounds-people their cash collections and forward
them to the Bacton PCC Treasurer.

Anyone willing to take this on please contact -
Mervyn Walker on **01449 780272**

email - popswalker@btinternet.com

Many thanks - to keep this entirely voluntary service
going!

From your Correspondent

The Small Thing

We've just sprung a leak!! An old house this; ancient beams. Been around a long time. And what caused the leak? A tiny thing, an old plastic washer, "Worth about a ha'penny" said the plumber. But the "tiny thing" caused a lot of damage. Unchecked over the years, it just kept wearing down, wearing out, wearing thin until, one fine day, for "no reason at all", it just gave way. And did it!! Water marks spreading, great brown blotches all over the freshly painted ceiling; drip, drip, pitter pitter s.t.r...e... am No-one could have known. Such a "tiny thing", so hidden in the dark recesses of the house, the soul.

And isn't that what happens to us at times? A small misgrievance, a hurried act, a harsh word: "They won't know.", "They won't notice.", "It doesn't matter." But it does matter, even if "they" don't know, "it" changes something in us; we warp and bend and our integrity, like the tiny plastic washer, fritters away.

Maybe you've never sinned and this is the first dent in the plastic but maybe it's just one more bit of fabric almost incomprehensibly breaking down, breaking away, compromising the ability of the soul to work at its best, act, shine, be the wonderful thing it was meant to be: pure, whole and complete.

This is why Confession is so valuable. God is the best Plumber in the world.

Why? Because not only can He replace broken parts, He can repair the Original, bring it back to its original working glory, a perfect thing, just as fresh and new as the day He placed it in its original casing, Soul into Body ... or was I just talking about pipe-washers?

You tell me.

Ivona Marcellus-Boot

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 - Now monthly, usually the 3rd Saturday in the month -
- October 21st - Apple Day**

The Wyverstone Village Cafe - 2017

Local Produce, Craft Stalls and Refreshments
Saturdays 10.00am - 12.30pm at Wyverstone Village Hall
Usually the First Saturday of the Month

October 7th

Come and celebrate **Apple Day** at the next Village Cafe on Saturday 7th October 10-12.30 where there will be various varieties of apples to purchase and home made apple-juice straight from the press.

Kettle's Calling Where...?



The Community Room, St Mary's Bacton

When?2pm - 4pm October 2nd, 16th & 30th

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.





Bacton United '89 Football Club

A typical Saturday morning at Brickwall Meadow

I took my own advice last Saturday and on a glorious September morning I wandered over to Brickwall to watch and support some of our youth teams. The place was heaving with happy parents and children in abundance and the catering staff very busy. The under 16 Vipers were on the main pitch playing Hadleigh, the under 14's on the second pitch playing Framlingham and the under 8's on the juniors area playing Eye. It made me feel very proud to see three excellently coached sides playing on superb surfaces in our own modest village against teams from much bigger places. For the record, and in youth football the result is not the most important thing, all three teams recorded victories.

Sunday morning club

If you have a child in school year 1 or 2 and you think they may like to get involved in football why not bring them along to our long running and popular Sunday morning club. This takes place at Brickwall from 9am to 10am and has been the feeder for our youth teams for many years. Our coaches all go through the thorough screening and training process required by the Football Association so please just turn up and you will be made very welcome.

Upcoming fixtures

As mentioned last month this list now also contains the Ladies and Veterans home fixtures.

Date	Team	Opponents	Kick off	Competition
7th Oct	First team	Stowupland Falcons	2.30pm	League
7th Oct	'A'	Saxmundham Sports Reserves	2.30pm	League
14th Oct	Reserves	Claydon Reserves	2.30pm	League
21st Oct	Reserves	Stonham Aspal Reserves	2.30pm	League
21st Oct	'A'	Trimley Sports & Social Club	2.30pm	League
28th Oct	First team	Mendlesham	2.30pm	League
29th Oct	Ladies	East Bergholt	2.00pm	League
29th Oct	Veterans	Bury Towm	2.00pm	League
4th Nov	'A'	Bardwell Sports	2.30pm	League

Martin Feaveryear 07931527402 martinfev@aol.com



1st BACTON SCOUT GROUP

We hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays. Thank you to everyone who supported the Bacton Fayre and the Scouts BBQ, the weather could have been a little kinder but a good day was still had.

Recycling Bins / Waste 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. However, could we please ask that you do not dispose of unwanted Duvets / Quilts as these don't fit into the clothing recycling bin and block the shoot. Please dispose of them at the waste recycling skips in Stowmarket. We are spending a considerable amount of time trying to keep the site tidy and your help and assistance would be greatly appreciated. It is extremely disappointing that these facilities are abused and although they do provide some revenue this is not a lot and the committee are volunteers and should not have to keep clearing the site and making it safe for our young sections of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. If anyone would like their son or daughter to join a section, please don't hesitate to contact the Group Secretary.

Mrs Karen Hall-Price -

1st Bacton Scout Group Secretary

1 Canham's Farm Cottages, Cow Green,
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07812 105228 karenynonnehall@aol.com

- **Beaver Scouts** (6yrs – 8yrs) meet every Monday (term time) 6.15pm – 7.30pm
- **Cub Scouts** (8yrs – 10 ½ yrs) meet every Friday (term time) 6.15pm – 7.45pm
- **Scouts** (10 ½ yrs – 14yrs) meet every Friday (term time) 8pm – 9.30pm

1st Cotton & Bacton Guides, Brownies & Rainbows



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

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

Brownies (7-10 years) 5.45-7.15pm
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Just Gardening

The cold weather is approaching. This is the time of year when we have to take into account frost and cold weather conditions especially for those of us gardeners who have begonias and dahlias. These plants should be lifted and have all the old foliage cut off a few inches above the tubers. Then place them in a shed to dry out thoroughly. After that the best place to store them for next year is in peat, in a frost-proof part of your shed.

I have some deep purple Pelargoniums and standard Geraniums which are firm favourites of mine. These I lift out of the ground and put them into pots. The Pelargoniums can be cut back quite severely, keep a shape in your mind and next year the new growth will start to show from the base of the plant.

My standard Geraniums are supported by frames and these are gently placed in the pots as well. Remove any dead flower heads or any flowers left on the plants, we don't need them now at this time of year. Cut out any old leaves or any sections of the plant which doesn't look healthy. Again store in a frost free area. I use the back section of my garage for this purpose.

If you have rambler or climbing roses which haven't been pruned, attend to this now, otherwise any new growth may possibly be snapped off in strong winds.

If you have any flower beds think about forking in a little leaf mould or compost into beds this will work with good effect next year.

I've had a good year with my hanging baskets. Even after a second planting of new plants (in and amongst the older plants to give maximum flowering benefit) it's time for them to go. Also any bedding plants left in the ground - time for the compost bin. This allows free ground to be used for the planting out of new bulbs such as daffodils, tulips and wallflowers ready for next spring's display.

If the weather has been kind we might get the lawns cut this month but we won't be doing it many more times this year. Don't forget to edge up the borders and you might want to think about an Autumn weed and feed lawn preparation. Repair any hard wearing areas of the lawn as well.

Happy Gardening
Norman Parcell.



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The GARDEN CLUB

October 10th

Plants for Winter Interest

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there will be a FREE finger buffet and a raffle.
COME AND SEE WHAT THE HALL HAS TO OFFER!!!

13th October 7 pm till late - Suffolk Gamers and Bar -

Open for anyone to come and join in the board games or sit and have a drink in the new lounge. FREE entry

14th October 7 pm till late - 'FUN' Bingo -

with the emphasis on FUN - more details to follow.

27th October 7 pm till late - Suffolk Gamers and Bar -

Open for anyone to come and join in the board games or sit and have a drink in the new lounge. FREE entry

10th November 7 pm till late - Suffolk Gamers and Bar -

Open for anyone to come and join in the board games or sit and have a drink in the new lounge. FREE entry

18th November 7 pm till late - Eddies Famous Curry and table Quiz -

due to popularity Tickets ONLY - more details to follow

24th November 7 pm till late - Suffolk Gamers and Bar -

Open for anyone to come and join in the board games or sit and have a drink in the new lounge. FREE entry

25th November 10 am till 4 pm - Table Top and Craft Christmas SALE -

If you have some items you wish to sell or donate for sale please call Jan after 6 pm 01449 780001 for more details.

2nd December 7 pm till late - Quiz Night -

Maximum team size is 6 people - More details to follow

8th December 7 pm till late - Suffolk Gamers and Bar -

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Tina Newell



Introduction to the new Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer – Tina Newell



I am delighted to become your new Parish Clerk.

A bit about me – I was born in Suffolk to a farming family and have many happy memories of my time growing up on the farm. I have an interest in finance, working in both industry as a finance analyst, and more recently working in a small family owned accounting practise.

I have two young sons who both attend schools in Stowmarket.

Coming from a finance background where honesty and integrity are two key requirements, I believe I am well placed to perform this role.

This is a very busy time for the village, so should you have any ideas, suggestions or questions, please feel free to contact me at **bactonparishclerk@gmail.com** or by telephone on **01449 672825**.

For updates on parish council news including minutes from our regular Parish Council Meetings you can visit **www.bactononesuffolk.net**.

I look forward to serving and seeing you all soon.



On the third of September St George's Church Wyverstone held their Harvest Festival, as advertised in last month's magazine, with a very successful Quiz/Walk starting at Park Farm and finishing at the church itself.

Refreshments were on offer along the way and a Harvest Festival service took place at St George's Church at 5.30pm.

This was a family service which involved offering up various plants, fruits and vegetables which we had collected along the way as part of the Quiz.

After the service we were invited to stay and enjoy a light buffet which had been prepared for us.

Thanks go to all concerned for the hard work in organising and catering this very enjoyable event.

**COTTON
PARISH COUNCIL**
Rod Caird



About 110 people came along to the Village Hall on September 8 and 9 for our informal planning consultation. A lot of fascinating conversations took place and we'd like to thank everyone who took the time to turn up and express their opinions about possible future housing development in Cotton.

The details of the outcome are still being assembled but it's clear that there are a few potential sites for new houses which have quite a bit of support. We will publish the details as soon as we have them and the Parish Council meeting on September 27 will be a good opportunity to discuss the results. Then we will be able to add the views of the village to the consultation currently under way at District level.

The District Council – Babergh and Mid-Suffolk together – has launched a public consultation as part of the process of developing a new Local Plan. The point of having a Local Plan is to make sure that future housing development happens in a predictable and manageable way, meeting known future needs for various types of housing.

If you accept that new houses do need to get built somewhere, then it might as well be done predictably and in an organised way rather than because a landowner and a developer fancy making a stack of cash. No Plan = potentially nasty surprises in your local field; Local Plan = there's a fair chance

you'll know what's going to happen and where.

The District's new Local Plan will be adopted by spring 2019 and will plan for new development over about the next 20 years. It's possible the District will need about 6,000 new houses over that period, in order to meet national targets.

If you want to continue to be a part of this discussion and consultation, come along to any Parish Council meeting or contact any Parish Councillor. You can also visit the District Council's special website which has a lot of very interesting information on it: <http://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan>

There's a link on that site to detailed maps of the District which show potential development sites.

You can also take part in the consultation yourself, by following the links on the website.

The point is that over the next 20 years, development is going to happen throughout Suffolk, to the ultimate long-term benefit of everyone. We might as well all take the opportunities being offered, to have our say on how that development takes place.

The Parish Council now has an email list, so that we can pass on items of interest to the village; to be included in the list just contact the Clerk Rod Caird on

cottonparish.clerk@gmail.com or call him on **07785 331217**.

**WYVERSTONE
PARISH COUNCIL**

Kate Webster



Wyverstone Parish Council met on Tuesday 12th September. All members were present, as well as Cllr Roy Barker from MSDC who gave an update on behalf of the district council.

He spoke mainly about the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Development Plan.

This shared plan is the two district councils' ideas and vision for growth and development over the next twenty years. Two of our parish councillors will be attending a briefing but all residents are invited to give their comments on the plan. The consultation document can be viewed at the council offices, in Stowmarket Library or on line at www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/, so why not log on and have your say?

Other issues discussed included the re-siting and replacement of the street lamp outside the church. Once this has been done, all the street lights in the village will be LED and the parish council can change to a new energy supplier and maintenance contract. As well as being greener, this will be more efficient and save money.

The village beacon has now become eclipsed by the surrounding trees and is no longer safely functional so the members agreed to get quotes for moving it to a more suitable location.

There is currently still a vacancy on the parish council. Anyone over the age of

eighteen who has lived or worked in the parish for at least a year can apply. Many of our MPs started their political careers at a local level, so if there are any budding Theresa Mays or Jeremy Corbyns in Wyverstone, we would welcome your application. For more information, please contact the clerk, Kate Webster on 01449 781285 or our chairman, Phil Webb on 01449 781872.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30 pm in the newly refurbished village hall and all residents are welcome to attend. The agenda will be posted on the village notice boards three days in advance.

Minutes of previous parish council meetings can be found on the village web site at www.wyverstone.onesuffolk.net/parish-council

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Saturday 11th November 2017

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7.30 pm at Bacton village hall

October 17th

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On September 4th Jacki Noy came to talk to us about 'East Coast Truckers'. This is an organization of big-hearted people who take disadvantaged children on trips out to Gt Yarmouth and to Pleasurewood Hills Amusement park. We were shown a film which demonstrated how 80 trucks (minus their trailers) can travel fair distances in convoy, each taking a

child, plus carer's if necessary, on an exciting day out.

Naturally this takes a huge amount of planning and shows the dedication of this organisation to improving the lives of those less fortunate than themselves. East Coast truckers started out on the wrong side of the law, providing funds to buy new radios for those who had been prosecuted for using CB radios when they were illegal. They are now, however, completely law-abiding and receive a huge amount of necessary help from the police in their endeavours in terms of escorts and road blocks along the way to help the convoy through.

In the film it was clear that the children benefitted hugely from their efforts and the truckers clearly enjoyed doing what they could to enable maximum enjoyment of the day out.

Our October meeting will be our Annual Birthday Party which we are holding at The Bacton Bull. This event is, as always, for members only





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SPOTLIGHT ON THE GREEN BIT IN THE MIDDLE

A new event will showcase the many SME business enterprises that flourish in an area of Suffolk most often associated with beautiful countryside, quaint villages and pretty scenery.

Stowmarket & District Chamber of Commerce will be holding the first-ever

Mid Suffolk Business Exhibition at **The Mix, Stowmarket**, from 9am to 1pm
127 Ipswich St, Stowmarket IP14 1BB
on March 21, 2018

The exhibition programme includes a breakfast for exhibitors and a networking lunch after the event closes, all included in the price of the exhibition stand along with free parking near the venue.

During the event, there will be two free-to-attend Seminars, covering topics relevant to the local business community with details to be announced in early 2018. Kevin Kent Wealth Management is sponsoring the seminars.

“Stowmarket is a vibrant and growing town in the very heart of Suffolk, equidistant from Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich - and The Mix is the perfect venue for a business event. I’m thrilled that our Chamber can provide this

unique opportunity for every business, from the smallest to the largest, to put their work in the spotlight - and demonstrate the rich diversity of talent we can call on both in and around the town.” Said Allan Scott, Chair of Stowmarket & District Chamber.

Why The Mix? Well they do a superb breakfast in their award-winning café, Cabbages & Kings, where the Chamber holds its networking breakfasts, but also it is one of Stowmarket’s least-known venues that works hard to support the town’s young people, not only when they are in crisis but also when they are first starting out on their working life.

It is also a great place for local businesses to hire rooms for meetings, as well as having sound recording and video studios plus the team at BRIX Brand & Creative, who worked with the Chamber to produce the exhibition logo and print materials and have worked with other local businesses to design and create their branding.

Danny Cuff, exhibition co-ordinator, said: “Working with an organisation such as The Mix was a natural fit for Stowmarket Chamber of Commerce. We always actively try to support businesses of all sizes in Mid Suffolk who work hard to make a positive difference to the lives of local people. The Mix does this as its primary aim and we felt it was only right to showcase their fantastic facilities and the good work that they are doing. We look forward to showing you around on Wednesday 21st March 2018!”

Early bird bookings

Visit the MSBE website www.msbe.biz for full details including a link to book a stand. There's an Early Bird rate of £50 for businesses booking during October, after which bookings will cost £55.

Bookings open on Monday, October 2, 2017.

Sponsorship opportunities

If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities for the event, further details are available from the exhibition co-ordinator Danny Cuff at danny@gippingpress.co.uk or give him a call on 01449 721599.

Stowmarket & District Chamber
Chairman: Allan Scott, at Mill House
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The members had not met in The Village Hall since May and 21 ladies attended the September meeting here and were welcomed back by the Chairman Sandra Welham. In the interim, however, things have still been happening.

Several attended the funeral of former Suffolk County RBLWS Chairman Pat Scott at Framlingham which was a lovely service and a fitting tribute to her.

A Lucky Dip Stall was run at Bacton Fayre in August realising £150 profit and there were 15 entries for the chocolate sponge competition and 4 for the flower arrangement.

Several ladies helped run the RBL Jumble Sale, also in August, which gave us a half share of the profit which was £111.83.

The Kerry Ellis and Matt Cardle Show at The Apex, Bury St. Edmunds was much enjoyed and attended by 18. The next meeting is The Harvest Supper on Monday, 9th October at 7 pm and this was organised with members happy to contribute the food. There will also be a draw and bring and buy for the Poppy Appeal and members may bring a guest. There will be a presentation on The Harvest by Will Gray and The Old Codgers Acordian Trio will be playing.

Vice Chairman Ann Askew acted as Treasurer in the absence of Ann Gipson and gave a favourable report. The speaker was June Symons of "Sew Wot" who issued the ladies with a pack each of materials needed to make a coaster. This kept everyone concentrated and amused and there was much chatter!

June had also brought along lovely craft items for sale which were all made from odds and ends in attractive colours. June was given a round of applause.

A large draw was run by Doreen Wynne and Joyce Griggs and refreshments prepared by Cynthia Elmer and Sandra Betts.

A happy evening closed as usual by the ladies singing "Show me the Way to go Home".

W.I. Young Reporters Competition at the Bacton Fayre 5th August 2017

2017 saw the launch of a new W.I. initiative at the Bacton Fayre in the form of a 'Young Reporters' competition. Entrants were given a free notebook and pen with a set of rules of entry. The age groups were 7-9 and 9-12. We awarded a first prize and prizes for two entrants who came joint second. It is encouraging to see that some young children these days are still interested in creative writing.

Joint second

Florence Byrne age 8

At the Bacton Fayre the Clouds were grey and it was pouring with rain but it didn't matter because in the competition tent there were lots of entries to see.

Some of my favourite winning entries were Sandra Welham's 1 pot cactus, Sue Blackbay's tempting Victoria sponge, and we must not forget John Gladder's gorgeous ball Dahlias. I was very surprised about Owen Wilson's 48cm runner bean! However, my favourite was Karen Tupper's chocolate sponge because I wanted to eat it!

Unfortunately the rain got heavier and heavier and the tents got busier and busier.

Some people who had brought old cars for the display sheltered inside them, other braver people danced to the brass band's version of YMCA with their umbrellas up!

Some of the highlights were lazer tag, which was very popular, an ice cream stand with the yummiest ice cream, beautiful henna tattoos and who can forget the sheepdog herding turkeys.

Then came the sad announcement that the Princess of Wales Parachute Display was cancelled because of the weather conditions in Brighton. Luckily the sun came out and there were some races. You could see children who had won their races wearing gold medals.

Meanwhile, in the ladies' Sack race, 2 ladies fell leaving Heather Shave to win by a country mile. Last, but not least, the wheelie bin car race was entertaining as usual.

It was worth waiting for the rain to stop. Try and come along next year if you can!



Abigail Jayne Saville age 8

On Saturday the 5th of August, my friends and family went to the Fayre. The first thing I did was face painting, I loved what I picked and the lady was really nice and she was really good. She was artistic on different faces. I chose a pretty flower design in shades of blue, pink, purple and white and a tiny bit of black.

After that we went to the arena to watch the sheepdog herd geese and turkeys. The sheepdog was trying to make the animals go over the bridge and through the tunnel. But the geese and turkeys weren't paying any attention and when they were going over the bridge they hopped off and it made me laugh a lot!

Suddenly it started to rain a lot more. So my mum and I rushed into the marquee. We looked at the cakes, flower designs, bakewells and jams. I really wanted to try a bit of the cakes, bakewells and jams but I couldn't because we were not aloud to eat them. They were for people to look at. Not for eating!

Luckily it stopped raining for the races. First was the 6-7 races then it was the 8-9 races, I did that one. We did sack, balancing a hoop on head and backwards running it was so much fun and my friends really enjoyed it. My sister did the 6-7 races. Then came the wheely bin races it was so much fun. I went on the third lot, I came third but at least I didn't come last. I went on again on the last race and I was second. I found it so much fun but it was really bumpy on the ground, when you were in the carts you jolted up and down.

Before we left we just had time for a few more things. I went on the Spinning Swing, it went really high. Unfortunately my sister couldn't go on, so my dad went on instead because she wasn't tall enough.

Finally we went into the bounce dome, we played tag and trip up. I tried to jump over my sister but I was too scared, so my sister jumped over me. We played leapfrog, it was so much fun!

I liked the Spinning Swing best. I can't wait 'til next year!

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The GARDEN CLUB



At the September meeting Chairman Diane Gladders launched straight into commenting on the August Bacton Fayre Flower Show.

She particularly thanked the stewards June Spreckley and Bryan Symonds. June was also presented with the Members Cup for the members competition at The Flower Show, 2nd Pat Thurlow and 3rd Diane Gladders.

Diane said she had purchased new tablecloths for the domestic classes which had met with approval and it was agreed the cost would be reimbursed by The Garden Club.

The entries had been up this year with 600 entries and 164 people entering items. Sheila Brown commented that the marquee had looked stunning.

It was decided to obtain a menu from Bacton Bull for the Christmas meal and a decision made in October.

Bryan Symonds agreed to organise the seed orders again.

As we are nearing the end of the financial year, any outstanding bills should be given to the Treasurer Trish Lawrence.

The Flower Show Handicraft Cup had been engraved and was handed to Nolly Curwen.

Diane introduced speaker Peter Skeggs-Gooch of Thorncroft Nurseries in Raymerston, Norfolk, who was giving

his first evening talk of the season entitled "Different Ways with Clematis". The company is mail order only and free catalogues were available for the members.

A power point presentation was run under the headings of Companion Planting, Manmade Supports, For Cut Flowers, Container Growing, Ground Cover and Herbaceous and Late Interest. Peter said most clematis grow and flower better with a companion plant such as a rose, try to match the size of the flowers and it is important they are not both too bright for a more subtle effect. Peter finished with pictures of The Chelsea Flower Show where they have this year totalled 10 Gold Awards.

Diane gave the vote of thanks by saying she needs no convincing of their merits but was particularly interested in the ground cover varieties.

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2017 RIDE & STRIDE

At 9.00am on 9th September the intrepid riders of 'Bacton Team Tandem' set off, together with Val the Vic on her lone bicycle, to raise money to help maintain Suffolk's historic churches. Three tandems/6 riders plus Val (who bravely forged her own path and did very well!), took part and some were more practiced than others in the art of cycling, but all did their best and enjoyed meeting up with other cyclists for refreshments at the various churches/chapels en route. Hot baths were the order of the day later, especially for those who got caught in the afternoon rain, but a good time in the fresh air was had by all.



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From Bacton Rectory....

I write this at a time of waiting for important news; news that may be hard to take in.

Revd Val has had to stop work again, and I have recently been diagnosed with bowel cancer; just as we were looking forward to both be working together again, life has taken a difficult turn for us.

At this moment, I do not know what form my treatment may take, or how long it may take to recover. For Val & me, the future could take very different directions depending on the medical advice we are waiting for.

There have already been many offers of help in whatever form may be needed; in many ways, we hope they are not needed, but they are very much appreciated at the moment.

Each church will continue with a very similar pattern of worship, only a few services have had to stop or change.

Unfortunately, we have decided to stop 'Afternoon Praise' – certainly until the new year. This was the 4pm service especially for families, on 3rd Sunday of a month; at Bacton.

My thanks to all the ministry team and churchwardens that have helped to make sure our worshipping communities continue as strongly as ever.

Please note, our benefice website will not be updated in the usual way – but all the services for the remainder of 2017, particularly for Remembrance Sunday, and Christmas, are already published – I look forward to seeing you at one of them!

With every blessing

David

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None for October/November/December

P in C - Praise in the Community -

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New Songs - Informal time exploring
and singing new hymns.

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

SIDESMAN'S ROTA FOR ST. MARY'S BACTON - October 2017

1st 9.30a.m......Brian Manley & Rosy Black

8th 9.30a.m......Carol Bartrum & Ronnie Southgate

22nd 9.30a.m......Brian Last & Linda Last

29th 9.30a.m......Mike Hall & Pat Hall

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE October

CHURCH Service time unless specifically given	1st Trinity 16	8th Trinity 17	15th Trinity 18	22nd Trinity 19	29th Bible Sunday
BACTON St Mary's 9.30am	HARVEST All-Age	MP		HC	MW
COTTON St Andrew's 11.00am		HC		MP	
WYVER STONE St George's 6.30pm	P in C			New Songs	10.00am HC
WICKHAM SKEITH St Andrew's 9.30am	HC	MP		All-Age	HC
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**All services at 10.30a.m. unless stated otherwise -
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October

1st -led by Rev Rita Carr with Holy Communion,
8th - led by Miss Jenny Benfield, **15th** - led by Mrs Stella Davis
22nd - led by Mrs Liz Kearsley, **29th** by Local Arrangement

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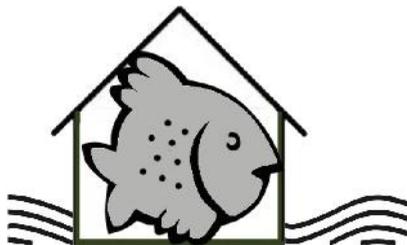
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**ST. ANDREWS'S CHURCH COTTON 2017
CLEANING ROTA**

OCTOBER

6th - Chris Carr & Chris Marston

20th - Chris Marston & Joyce Vincent

We are a very small band of cleaners of the church and really would appreciate more people to join us. This is not an onerous task and generally there are only two services each month. Please consider helping out, even if on just a few occasions each year. Telephone me to discuss, I await your call - Chris Marston 781567

FLOWER ROTA

OCTOBER - Ronnie Valdes-Scott

This year's Gift Day

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Friday October 13th 7:30 pm

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From Chernobyl Children's Life Line & Charity Shop

I have just returned from our weeklong "goodwill Mission" to Belarus. Of the 20 people on the trip 7 came from Mid Suffolk. Everyone agreed without doubt; "no words, photographs or videos can truly give you the real picture". All who took part enjoyed the trip although at times it was emotionally hard but still very rewarding. One of our group was only 12 years old but she was a great part of the team, joining in everything and helping wherever she could. Everyone commented what an amazing attitude she had and as we restructure and redefine our itineraries we hope that more young people will want to join us in the future.

These are some of the main points of this years trip"

In Minsk we visited the Childrens Cancer Hospital, the No 1 Baby Home and the Early Intervention Centre for young children.

Moving on to Stolin we met with the officers of the Education Department who explained to the group how vital the work of the Charity is in helping the children of their area. Then onto the children's department of the local hospital delivering vital items of medical equipment and aid, things that we take for granted will be in hospitals but they have in either very limited quantities or not at all.

Later the group was divided into "working parties" who visited with local families, offering their services to help them and to learn the reality of life in Belarus. We all had different tasks assigned and how different from the UK. Having to borrow a knife from a neighbor as there was only one in the house, cutting wallpaper with kids scissors and using a child's bed as a paste table, knocking up a "table" from odd wood and bits and pieces to be used to stand on to reach the windows to be washed, these are just some examples of the resourcefulness of the people when they have nothing else available.

Onwards to Yaglavichi Village meeting with Father Vitali the Priest who is spearheading "Project Share" in conjunction with our Charity. This is a declared "clean area" so facilitates the building of a respite facility to allow children not well enough or able to travel for a variety of reasons so that they may enjoy the same benefits of respite that the children who come to the UK do. This also presents Volunteering opportunities for anyone interested in getting involved.

We also had the privilege of being invited to attend the opening ceremony which takes place at the beginning of each new school year. This is known as "First Bell" and is a very old tradition in Belarus where the pupils in their final year welcome the newcomers to the school. We donated stationary to the school and this was met with tremendous gratitude. The Headmaster had placed a box in the school hall inviting anyone to donate items to help those children who could not provide their own equipment, when we arrived it held 3 or 4 items, when we left it was overflowing!

Further visits were made to other facilities again to donate much needed aid and provide support for the children.

Four children will travel to the UK for a group visit in December. The girls will be aged between 9 and 12 years so we are very keen to receive donations of clothing

to provide for them whilst they are here and to take home with them. Not only will the break be invaluable to their health, getting them away from the severe winter but they will also get to experience Christmas in the UK!

For some of the less fortunate children we encountered on our travels we are again going to try to match them up with people in the UK who would like to send them a present at Christmas. Details and photographs of each child will be supplied together with a list of suggested small gifts. If you would like to be involved in this part of our program please get in touch with me as soon as possible as we need to start organising this now as it can take from 4 to 8 weeks for parcels to get to the children.

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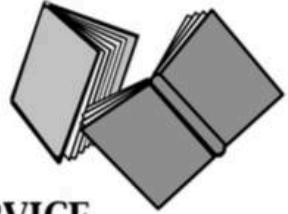
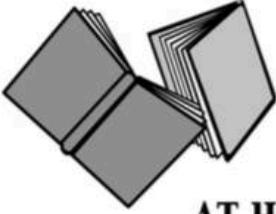
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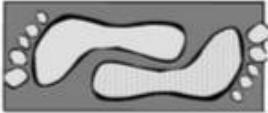
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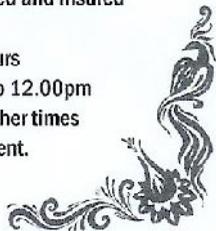
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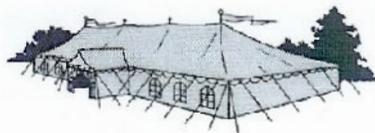
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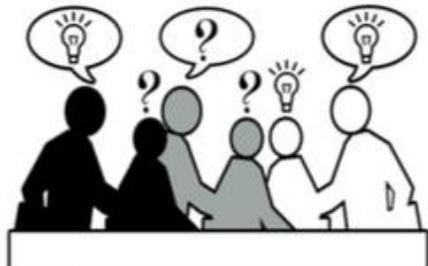
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