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Edingthorpe**

# Village News

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### **Bacton & Edingthorpe Parish Council Meeting 9 March 2015**

The long awaited notice board for Edingthorpe will be purchased and installed over the next month and the Pond is slowly being improved. It is anticipated that this will be completed by October 2015.

Unfortunately the toilet facility at the Playing Field has had to be closed due to mis-use and it is hoped that this can be rectified soon. Upgrading of the Pavilion will commence in May and be completed by June/July 2015. The first grass cut on the field has taken place and the moles are hopefully under control!!

The new Bacton Youth Football Club will be supported with new youth football goals and nets thanks to the generosity of the Gas Terminal Companies. The Council thanks them for their support.

The Members were disappointed to learn that the OTAGO class for our "older" residents had been transferred to Walcott Village Hall. The remaining

funding for this project held by the Council is approximately £190, this will be used to facilitate the remaining classes.

Members attended the NNDC Coastal Workshop held at the Lighthouse and found it extremely interesting. However, in order to progress with any coastal protection, funding would need to be sourced from the Government.

The Council agreed a £150 donation to the CAB as Members fully understand that this service is invaluable to everyone.

The website is updated regularly. Please use it to keep up to date with information.

Our Webmaster is desperate for more photos and information on events within the villages and we need to keep him busy!

If you would like any details relating to the Council - please contact the Clerk. The next meeting will be on 13th April, 7 pm in Bacton Village Hall Annexe

**Elaine Pugh, Clerk,  
402998**

### **Sandcastles Pre-School**

At Sandcastles pre-school this month we have been looking at growing and plants. The children have been planting cress and bean seeds and looking at how they grow. We have been working in the garden to get it ready to plant out our seedlings. The nicer weather has meant that we have spent more time outside, especially in the wildlife area. Rising 5's sessions continue with 6 children enjoying special sessions to prepare them for the transition to school in September. There will be lots of exciting Easter activities in the next few weeks as we approach the holiday. In the summer term we are looking forward to welcoming several new children to pre-school. If you are interested in sending your child to Sandcastles please feel free to contact the school.

**650284/**[www.sandcastlespreschool.co.uk](http://www.sandcastlespreschool.co.uk)

### **Edingthorpe News**

The Annual Quiz, held at St Benet's Hall in January, was well attended, with over eighty tickets sold. A big thank you to all who made this event so successful and those who provided the shepherds' pie and various puddings which were enjoyed by all.

Whilst glancing through the church visitors' book I noticed an entry by Beryl Hedge which brought back

fond memories of her husband, Nigel, who did so much for fund-raising for All Saints' where he is interred.

**Geoff Thomas, 405263**

### **Coffee Morning**

Thursday 23rd April 2015, 10 am to 12 noon (Proceeds to Edingthorpe Church and Diabetes UK (Local Branch)) at the home of June & David Hannant, Stoney Lodge, North Walsham Road, Paston, North Walsham NR28 9SL.

### **Bacton Village Hall**

The committee would like to thank all who came to the Quiz & Chips in February. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves and look forward to seeing you at the next one in July.

For more fun why not join one of the regular classes held in the Village Hall: Short Mat Bowls & Art Group - Mondays

Contributions for the **Village News** (max 250 words) must arrive by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to [bactonvillagenews@hotmail.com](mailto:bactonvillagenews@hotmail.com)

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Medau Dance Exercise - Tuesdays  
 Line Dancing - Wednesdays  
 Material Girls 'R Us & Craft & Create - Thursdays  
 Badminton - Thursdays  
 There will be a Crafts & Gifts Sale on Sunday 26th April, from 10 am - 3pm.  
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For more details ring  
**Barbara 651236**

### Witton and Ridlington Village Hall

A reminder that our Spring Lunch is on Saturday 11th April, 12 noon for 12.30 start. Our three course meal features Sally's home-made soup followed by roast lamb served with new potatoes, selection of vegetables and cauliflower cheese and a choice of two desserts. Included in the price will be wine, soft drinks, tea, coffee and after dinner mints. The meal will cost £8.00 per person. Children's meals half price with a free chocolate surprise. As always there will be a vegetarian alternative. Our meals are home-made and prepared with local produce wherever possible. We offer a tasty, good value meal in a relaxed friendly environment. (Proceeds towards the upkeep of the Hall). Tables are limited so advance booking by

Tuesday 7th April is essential. Please specify table size needed and any special dietary needs at time of booking.

Dates for your diary: Next Quiz and Supper Friday 24th April, £6.00 per person, 7.00pm.

Summer Fete, Saturday 27th June.

Village Show Saturday 5th September.

February's 200 Club winning numbers are 88, 107, and 130.

Contact details for all events from

**Lynne/Richard 650265,**  
**email: [lyric@clara.net](mailto:lyric@clara.net)**

### Community Dog Wardens

NNDC has introduced Community Dog Wardens to help combat the problem of dog-fouling within the district. In January 2008, the council introduced a Dog Control Order (The Fouling of Land by Dogs Order 2008) which designates all land open to the air (including land covered, but open to the air on at least one side), to which the public have access, with or without payment, as a poop scoop area. Anyone failing to clean up after their dog may receive a fixed penalty of £80 and face court if the fine is unpaid.

Community Dog Wardens are unpaid volunteers,

friendly, open and willing to help. The role is non-confrontational and wardens do not have the power to issue fixed penalty notices. They are, however, advised to patrol particular 'hot spots' where fouling is an issue and their notes can be used should a prosecution result. Some of the aims of the scheme are:

- Education of the issues
- Promote responsible dog ownership
- Reduce the dog fouling in problem areas.

However, anyone can report instances of dog-fouling to the Environmental Protection Team or visit [www.northnorfolk.org/report-it](http://www.northnorfolk.org/report-it) to complete the online reporting form.

As the 1st May approaches, when beach restrictions on dogs apply, please make sure you, your visitors or your tenants know where you can legitimately walk your dog and please, please, help keep the villages tidy by clearing up after your dog. If you want to know more about this see [Reducing Dog Fouling](#) on the NNDC website.

### Bacton Bowls Club

Apologies for the delay in getting this information into the Village News but we wanted to give a fuller picture regarding our latest fundraising activity in

January. As you will have been aware The New Years' Day Dip in the Sea at the Poachers Pocket incorporated our Grand Raffle. Due to the generosity of our President, Caroline Stubbs, members, local businesses and the Gas Terminal companies, we were able to raffle off some wonderful prizes. The total raised was £1424. The Parish Council has given us permission to erect another smaller changing room on our site to accommodate our away team opponents. This is what our raised funds will go towards. We would like to thank everyone who bought a raffle ticket and hope you enjoyed the day.

If you are interest in joining us for a 'roll up' then please come to our first 'roll-up' on Saturday 26th April at 2.00 pm or ring Ady Willett (Chairman) on 01692 650958

**Lynn Willett, Secretary**

### Book Club

The next meeting will be on Thursday 23rd April when we will discuss the Kate Atkinsons' book "Emotionally Weird". I would like to point out that members do not have to read every book offered, but we have found that we have widened our horizons by reading books we might not otherwise have chosen. New members always welcome. £2.00 per

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 07917 116271**

## Diary Dates for April 2015

10th - Gardening Club Meeting	23rd - Edingthorpe Coffee Morning
11th - W&R Spring Lunch	- Book Club
13th - B&E PC Meeting	25th - Rudram's gap Beach Clean
14th - W&R WI	26th - BVH Craft & Gift Sale
15th - Bacton History Group	- Bacton Bowls 'Roll-up'
19th - Tractor Run	28th - Bishop of Thetford Visit

session, no joining fees, for 2 hours of discussion, chat, tea and biscuits

**Joan Galbraith, 650434**

### Bacton Gardening Club

The AGM & Lunch held on Friday 27th Feb, went off exceedingly well. There was a good attendance and, thanks to the tasty menu, the plates didn't even need washing up !!! Thank you to all the helpers.

There was a discussion on how the club is to be run this year and this brought forth some good ideas - the result being that Sandra & Tricia would continue to manage things with help from members when needed. A sub-committee was formed to undertake the organisation of this year's Village Show.

On Friday 13th we were entertained by Marianne Charles, who is a Garden Advisor for the Norfolk

Disability Association. She spoke, and showed slides, about how we can make gardening a bit easier, giving tips and ideas for those of us who finding it a bit strenuous. In my case, now the aches and pains have set in - I think we can all relate to that. Raised beds and watering systems were just two of the ideas highlighted.

Details on this year's outing and our summer competition will be given out next month. If you would like to hold a tea afternoon this year can you please ring or email me so I can get the lists printed up, dates are in your programmes. Hopefully we will continue to get some more spring-like days so you can get out in your gardens. Don't forget any cuttings you might have over, when you pot up, as you can always bring them along to the meetings. Maybe we

can have a Plant Swapping Session,

I look forward to seeing you all again on April 10th when you can enjoy another interesting talk.

**Tricia, 651390**

[patsy\\_myles@msn.com](mailto:patsy_myles@msn.com)

### Bacton Village Show

This year's show will take place on Saturday 5th September, in order to avoid conflicting with the usual August Bank Holiday Art Show. Please put this date in your diary. Further details will follow.

**Joan Galbraith, 650434**

### Bacton History Group

Our next meeting will be on the 15th April (NOT 8th, owing to Easter holidays), when we will be having a talk entitled 'Growing up as a schoolboy in a Norfolk village during WW II

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**Kurtis Gale, Chairman**

### Witton & Ridlington WI

It's lovely to see Spring flowers blooming yet again to remind us that Easter is around the corner. Our meeting was about making greetings cards and we were shown some lovely Easter cards as well as other special occasion cards, from the very simple to much more complex. Our speaker, Anna Ovenden is a great inspiration for craft work of many types.

The April meeting concerns a pictorial review of a

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Victorian Gentleman's North Norfolk. It should be an interesting evening. We are welcoming friends from other Institutes and visitors are also always welcome. We meet in Witton Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Contact

[katelj46@btinternet.com](mailto:katelj46@btinternet.com)  
/651349

### Bacton Wednesday Club

New Senior Male and Female members always receive a friendly welcome. Meeting starts at 1400 every Wednesday at The Village Hall

Programme for April:

- 01 Cards
- 08 Hangman game/Cards
- 15 Lunch at Poachers TBC
- 22 Richard - Murder Mystery
- 29 Memories/Cards

**Barbara, 652239**

### Material Girls 'R' Us

Patchwork, sewing, knitting, card-making, in fact any craft, we meet each Thursday at Bacton Village Hall Annexe from 1.30 - 4.00. Lots of experience here for beginners to learn a craft. Tea/coffee/cake/biscuits £2.00 per week with a meal at a hotel each Christmas. Fun, laughter, and discussions. Please phone

**Valerie, 652277**

### Bacton Beach Cleans

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for beach cleans on behalf of the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) as part of the MCS Beachwatch programme.

Rudrums Gap, Keswick Beach, Bacton, April 25th 2015 14:00 pm

<http://www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch/beach/bacton-keswick/event/2015-04-25>

Please follow the links for more information or call me

**Michelle Duddy**

**405658/07899606011/shellydee78@hotmail.com**

**Beach watch organiser for Bacton Walcott and**

**Sea Palling**

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### Norfolk Vintage & Classic Tractor Club

A warm welcome awaits New Club Members with Tractors to come along and enjoy the many events that are organised through the year. Our first meeting for 2015 was held at the Poachers Pocket Hotel, Bacton, on 18th March to discuss the programme for this year, to include road runs, attendance at local fetes, plough days, and social events. We have a tractor road run pencilled in for 19th April (subject to

confirmation). Check out our website <http://norfolkvintageandclassicttractorclub.co.uk> and contact us by email if you want any further information. [info@norfolkvintageandclassicttractorclub.co.uk](mailto:info@norfolkvintageandclassicttractorclub.co.uk).

Look forward to seeing you.

**Nick Lewis, Secretary**

### Walcott Village Hall

**The Hangout**, a social evening for 11 to 18 year olds which meets on Monday evening, 6.30 to 8.30. Just bring a £1 for 'subs' and tuck money if you want it. All local villages welcome. School terms only. **Material Girls Walcott** is our patchwork and quilting group that meets on a Thursday afternoon from 1.30 to 4. Take on a group project or do your own thing. If this doesn't appeal to you, bring your sewing or knitting, or just come for a chat. Pop in for a look and we'll make you a cup of tea. For information on either of these, call Annie on 500226.

### Mundesley Cinema

At Coronation Hall, 26 Cromer Rd, Mundesley. Doors open at 7pm when we serve refreshments and the film starts at 7.30pm.

Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm **Pride** (15) 120 mins. An uplifting comedy drama about the unlikely union

between striking Welsh miners and out-and-proud gay Londoners. Re-live the 1980s with its wonderful soundtrack. With Imelda Staunton, Andrew Scott, Bill Nighy.

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For more information see [www.mundesley.org/film](http://www.mundesley.org/film)

or [www.facebook.com/MundesleyVillageCinema](http://www.facebook.com/MundesleyVillageCinema) or call 07710 046869

### Cantamus Choir

We invite one and all to join us on Good Friday, 3rd April at 7pm in St Martins Church Overstrand NR27 0JL for Sir John Stainer's "The Crucifixion". Free Admission. If you have been thinking about joining the Cantamus, or would like to sing "The Crucifixion", come to a pre-concert rehearsal at 3.30 pm on 3rd April in St Martin Church, Overstrand. No audition required - Just turn up and sing!

More information from [davidballard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davidballard@hotmail.co.uk).

**Kathryn Moore 01263 722381/07710 046869**

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included in the 2015 edition of the Village News Directory. We plan to make sure it is ready to go out with the May edition of the Village News, so please let us have your details as soon as possible. The Directory will be delivered to all homes in the 4 villages and we would like to provide a comprehensive guide for residents and visitors alike. Even if you don't usually advertise in the Village News, we would still like to include your details - at no cost - to help us to achieve this aim, so please get in touch.

**Kate & Steve, Editors**

### Craft Fair

Saturday April 11, 2015 - 10.30am to 2pm, East Ruston Craft Fair in the Village Hall, School Road, East Ruston, Norfolk. NR12 9JD

Great variety of handmade crafts & gifts. Refreshments also available. Free admission & parking.

**Tina Mullins**

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### 2015 Trunch Concerts

Details of the new Trunch Concerts Programme are now available at :

<http://www.trunchconcerts.co.uk/>

Highlights include The Winds of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and the Icknield Piano Trio

## You Write .....

**Editors' Note:** We have been asked to make it clear that the recent 'You Write' contributions from Richard Kimble on the subject of Newlands were provided in his capacity as a Newlands resident and not as a Parish Councillor. We are happy to oblige.

### Thanks For the Memory

I am now in my 5th year of writing my musings for the Village News and feel now is a good time to put my quill back in the inkwell. Hopefully I have managed to bring some laughter, food for thought, village news and comment to parishioners. The vast majority of my efforts have been seen in a positive light mainly because I only dealt with the facts, what they were, when and how they appeared. As far as I can recall I personally only received three criticisms during my tenure, two were from Parish Councillors and one from somebody who may have been from outer space. However my sincere thanks go to the scores of people who, over the years, have telephoned me, greeted me while walking around the village, seen me in the Cafe, shop and playing field and expressed their thanks for the fact that my writings had brightened up their day. Hopefully I can now pass the baton on to somebody else who will take up the challenge. If there is somebody out there who feels the hand of opportunity on their shoulder please contact Kate or Steve, the editors of the Village News. I now plan to spend more time with my immediate family and some projects I have planned. Thank you Bacton. Yours with gratitude.

**Terry McCallin**

### Thank You

My husband, after suffering chest pains, was referred to paramedics by Mundesley GP Practice. They arrived very quickly and, after assessment, the ambulance also came almost immediately.

All was well at the hospital but my husband and I wish to reassure .... readers that we are so well cared for by the health services. He could not have been more reassured, more accurately assessed or more professionally treated. A big thanks to the East Anglian Ambulance Service and to the wonderful NNUH staff. We are so blessed to have them.

**Jill Lamb**

## ✠ Church News

### Bishop Alan Visits the Coastal Group

On Tuesday 28 April 2015, we look forward to welcoming the Bishop of Thetford as he visits our Coastal Group of parishes. Bishop Alan will spend some time walking and praying across our villages, and all are invited to join him at Happisburgh, Bush Estate, Sea Palling, Bacton, Walcott or Ridlington.

9am Bishop Alan visits Happisburgh school  
9.45am Coffee with Bishop Alan in Happisburgh Church Room - Everyone welcome  
10.45am Prayer Walk through the Bush Estate to Hempstead church - Everyone welcome  
11.30am Meet with Hempstead PCC at Hempstead church  
12.30pm Lunch in Sea Palling church room  
2pm Prayer walk from Bacton church to Walcott Village Hall - Everyone welcome  
3pm Join Walcott Café Chat in Walcott Village Hall for cup of tea - everyone welcome

3.45pm leave Walcott for Ridlington church  
Prayer walk through Ridlington to Witton with members of Wednesday Prayer group  
5pm Witton Park Farm - tea and cake with Witton PCC members  
Bishop Alan will also be leading and preaching at Witton church at a united service on Sunday 3rd May at 10.30am, followed by a buffet lunch at Witton Hall. Everyone is welcome.

**Catherine Dobson**

### St Peter's Church Ridlington

On 1st March at St Peters we remembered Katie. Friends & family gathered to listen to stories of her life. Although some were sad, the church soon erupted into laughter as Carol Palfrey recounted some of her antics. Later the sun was shining as we gathered in the churchyard but a mini tornado swirled around, blowing dust, scarves & surplices in the air! Think Katie had the last laugh! A very lovely service, Catherine & Eiler.

April is a very busy month, Church Annual Meetings, (ours is on Thurs 16th at 10am), Easter Services, details of which may be found in the Church Magazines & on Notice Boards.

Our Easter service here at Ridlington is a 'Songs of Praise' at 3pm on Easter Sunday, the 5th April.

We look forward to the end of the month, 28th April when Bishop Alan, the Bishop of Thetford will be 'walking' the Coastal Parishes, talking to & meeting as many people as he can when he visits our churches along the way. He is expected at Ridlington at about 3.45pm where he will pause before walking on to Witton.

Bishop Alan will again visit on Sunday 3rd May for a United Service at Witton followed by a shared lunch in the Marquee at Witton Hall. All are invited.

Advance warning - on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May, Witton Hall gardens will be open again when the bluebells may be viewed in all their glory. Well worth a visit!

**Tina Soldan 650402**

### **St Margaret's Church Witton**

April is going to be a very busy month, so diaries at the ready

To prepare for the Annual PCC Meeting, the Electoral Roll of church members is under revision. If you would like to join the membership Roll of the church, now is the time to act. Completed application forms (available from the notice-board in the church porch) should be sent to me at The Old Chapel, Witton Bridge. There is a time limit, so please do not delay. Please note that this is nothing to do with Civil or parliamentary electoral rolls!!

On Maundy Thursday, 2nd April, there will be a United Service of Holy Communion at 7pm at St Margaret's. Bishop Alan will be

officiating and everyone is welcome.

On 21<sup>st</sup> April the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be held in Witton Village Hall at 7.30 pm, when PCC members and Churchwardens are appointed. Please join us.

On 28<sup>th</sup> April, Bishop Alan is visiting the Coastal Group on a walking/praying journey, hoping to meet as many people as possible. He will be at Witton in the afternoon, having been to all the parishes in the Group. He will again be officiating at a Coastal Group United Service at St Margaret's at 10.30, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, to be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch by kind invitation of Sally at The Hall. Contributions to the lunch would be most welcome and offers another opportunity to meet informally with Bishop Alan. This is an open invitation to all.

Finally on 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday Monday, Sally will be hosting the Bluebell Lunch/Tea. Under the auspices of the NGS scheme, the entrance money goes to NGS and the profits from the Refreshments/stalls and plant sales benefit the church. You can enjoy the splendour of Sally's garden

and support the church and NGS.

**Beryl Lodge 650546**

### **St Andrew's Church Bacton**

'The islands of the Bahamas welcome you. We, the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee invite you to this celebration.' So began our special service on March 6th, many of us wearing bright colours of turquoise, pink, yellow and green and carrying shells, flowers and fruit, reminding us of the Bahamian islands. The main theme of the service was of thanks and praise for all that the Lord Jesus has done for us, and although small in number, we enjoyed fellowship together and delicious refreshments of tropical fruit and coconut cake. We were disappointed with the low attendance but really hope more of us can join together for Women's

World Day of Prayer in 2016, (men welcome too).

Enjoy spring time and all of God's creation, beautiful flowers, dawn chorus, lighter nights and so much more, his gifts are endless. Have a lovely Easter (not too much chocolate!) Hope to see you at one of the services, visitors always welcome at St Andrew's.

**Kim Reynolds 406246**

### **Beacon Centre Bacton**

We would love to see you at either, or both, of our Easter services this year. We meet on Good Friday (3 April) at 6.30 pm and Easter Sunday (5 April) at 10.30 am. Both events are upbeat times when we look particularly at the death and resurrection of Jesus. These are hugely important events in history and it would be great to share them with you.

If there are any ways in which we, as a church, can serve you please get in

### **Holy Week Services**

#### **All Saints' Church, Edingthorpe**

Tuesday 31 March 8.30 pm Said Compline  
Good Friday 3 April 12.00 The First Hour at the Cross

#### **St Andrew's Church, Bacton**

Good Friday 3 April 2.00 pm 'Last Hour'

#### **St Margaret's Church, Witton**

Thursday 2 April 7.00 pm United Holy Communion

#### **Beacon Centre, Bacton**

Good Friday 3 April 6.30 pm Good Friday Meeting

### **Sunday Services at a Glance: April**

Church of England Rev Catherine Dobson 650359  
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Rev Eiler Mellerup 651393

Sun 5th	9.15	Holy Communion	Bacton
	10.30	Holy Communion	Witton
	3.00 pm	Easter Songs of Praise	Ridlington
Sun 12th	10.30	All Age Worship	Bacton
Sun 19th	10.30	Songs of Praise	Bacton
Sun 26th	10.30	Holy Communion	Witton

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Sun 5th	6.00	Sunrise Service with Holy Communion
	9.30	Holy Communion
Sun 12th	9.30	Morning Prayer
Sun 19th		No Service
Sun 26th	9.30	Holy Communion

#### **The Beacon Centre**

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