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REMINDER

The next edition of the Village News will be February 2018, to be delivered by the end of January. All contributors are reminded that we will need news and diary dates by 15 January.

Thanks to all who help to ensure that there is a Village News each month - whether as an advertiser, contributor, donor, distributor or deliverer. As the public 'face' of the News, we do receive thanks, but without the rest of the chain, nothing would happen. Thanks also to Trevor, for keeping our accounts straight and Tony, for confirming our accounting! We would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all good wishes for 2018

The Editors

**Bacton & Edingthorpe
Parish Council Meeting 13
November 2017**

The Council received an update from NNDC on a key initiative - the Community Housing Fund - which is another concept to creating

affordable housing in Parishes which have over 10 per cent second/holiday homes. It is anticipated that Bacton would need to build approximately a further 8-10 houses to fulfil the need for applications for this scheme. The Parish Council indicated their support and would work with NNDC to set up a way to engage in community feedback. It was hoped that an open meeting to promote this idea would be held in the near future. We will of course let you know when that will be.

Two volunteers have come forward to help with a Community Speedwatch and we thank them for their interest. However, to get this off the ground, we need at least another 3 or 4 to make a core group. Once set up, it should only take up an hour or two per week on a rota basis. Please call or email us to let us know your interest.

Don't forget the Children's Christmas Party on Saturday 2nd December at Bacton Village Hall, from 5pm to 7pm. Please register your child's attendance with the co-ordinator (Sally Dunham,

650637) or clerk so that they get their invitations. As always, we welcome the financial support from the Gas Terminal Complex.

The provision of the outside toilet facility at the Pavilion is of concern and the Council has again had the facility cleaned. Professional cleaning, hand and ancillary items will be installed, and we hope that this helps to manage this unit to a higher standard of hygiene.

The Council resolved at its meeting to re-align its schedule of meetings for 2018 as it considered that most communication is now dealt with online. All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Council's website, together with other information. If residents want an issue raised, this could be dealt with via email/phone or letter directly to the Clerk. This means that, from January, meetings will be bi-monthly and the dates for 2018 are:

January 15th,
March 12th,
May 14th - Annual Parish and Ordinary Council,
July 9th,
September 10th
November 12th.

If you have any ideas/projects or any comments regarding the management/running of your Council, please let the Clerk know.

We are ALWAYS seeking volunteers for various functions within the

community - please get in touch to find out how you can help. Contact by phone, email or post. The Council will consider all suggestions. The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 15th January, 2018 - 7pm in Bacton Village Hall Annexe. All are welcome to attend.

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**Witton and Ridlington
Village Hall**

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and wish you all best wishes for the coming new year.

Our last event for the year is our Christmas lunch on the 9th December. This will

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be a traditional, homemade three course turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Tea, coffee, mince pies, mints and complimentary glass of wine included in the price of £12.00 per person, (children under 16 half price). 12 noon for 12.30 serving. Advance bookings only by 4th December. Phone 650265 to book and for any special dietary requirements.

Please note the Wednesday drawing group is no longer running. Last Pilates and Stretch and Tone Classes before the Christmas break are on 13th/14th of December and first ones in the new year on 10th/11th of January.

There is no quiz in December and the next one will be on Friday 26th January 7pm. Usual chilli supper. BYO or buy cider, beer, lager wine £1.00 a glass. Bookings only from the 1st January.

Our AGM will be on Monday 29th January 2018 at 7.00pm. The Hall is run for the benefit of the community and all Witton and Ridlington residents are entitled to attend to contribute to the running of the Hall or just to find out how it functions. The AGM will close at 7.30pm for a meeting of the Summer Fete Planning Meeting. We would welcome as many

people as possible to help us plan the Village Fete. All proceeds will go towards our kitchen fund to enable us to continue to maintain our high standards of catering for social events. Refreshments will be provided at both meetings.

Lynne Hosking 650265
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Witton and Ridlington Charity Trustees

I wish we could change the name of this group! Although it has been in existence for several hundred years, in this day and age, 'Charity' gives the wrong message. It should be Assistance or Welfare or Helpers, as all we wish to do is help ANYONE in Witton or Ridlington who finds themselves in a bit of a spot financially. It could be Prescription Charges, essential to those who require the medication but at what price? Transport to Hospital, so difficult to organise and pay for. Then there are countless other items making life easier for those who need help, Are you one of these? It's getting colder by the day and it's become more and more difficult to choose food or fuel. Let us help you make that decision much easier. Call me and we will be there for YOU. We hear

so much about how the bigger Charities, such as the Royal British Legion, Save the Children or even Children in Need, do such wonderful things to help people in their times of need. We aren't in their league but in our own small way we CAN and WILL help where help is needed in our Villages. Please call me for further information. Make it a Happier Christmas for you and yours.

Beryl Lodge, 650546

New Year's Day Fancy Dress Dip

The annual 'New Year's Day Fancy Dress Dip in the Sea' will be held at the Poacher's Pocket at 1.00pm. Join the 'Dippers' in the sea or cheer them on from the car park, in this early bit of New Year fun. There will be a Grand Raffle with the proceeds going to 'Make a Wish Foundation (Norfolk) charity no. 295672. This will be the last event for this charity, which is supported by the Poachers Pocket. The raffle will be drawn at 2.00pm. Raffle Tickets will be available from the Poacher's Pocket from 26th December and also on the day of the Dip.

Your support and any prize donations will be warmly appreciated.

Lynn Willett 650958

Christmas Fair

Friday 8th December 2.30pm-4pm at Bacton School. There will be games, refreshments, our usual fantastic raffle plus a visit from Father Christmas. Everyone welcome.

Calendars

By now, every household in our villages should have received at least one of the free calendars provided by the gas terminal companies. There are some spares, so, please get in touch with me, or, if you are in Edingthorpe, Chris Coates (evenings on 650782), if you would like a few additional copies. If you are passing, there are copies in my porch (Eversleigh House), to which you can help yourself.

Kate North, 650641

Book Club

For various reasons there were only a few of us at the last meeting but we still had a good discussion of the books. I particularly liked 'The Eye In The Door' by Pat Barker as it continued with Billy Prior's story and that of the psychologist Rivers who continued to counsel Billy. As an officer working for the Ministry of Munitions, Billy is tasked with investigating a working-



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Diary Dates for December 2017/January 2018

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December

January

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| 11th - Theatre Group Coffee Morning | 1st - NYD Fancy Dress Dip in the Sea |
| 13th - Bacton & District History Group | 4th - Back to School |
| - End of Term Pilates W&R VH | 8th - Theatre Group Coffee Morning |
| 14th - End of Term Stretch & Tone | 10th - Pilates restarts W&R VH |
| 19th - Last Day of Term Bacton School | 11th - Stretch & Tone restarts W&R VH |
| | 12th - Bacton Gardening Club |
| | 15th - B&E PC Meeting |
| | 25th - Book Group |
| | 29th W&R VH AGM |

A Message From the Dog Wardens!



**Pick it up
Take it home**

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Poachers Pocket. If last year was anything to go by it will be a fun and entertaining time.

It's hard to believe that another year has gone by and we are preparing for Christmas; however, reflecting back over the year, the club has been very active and achieved so much. Our outings, informative talks by visiting speakers and our own members, the very successful Village Show and of course the village planters, have all shown our members' commitment. We have welcomed many new members, so it has certainly been a 'growth' year in many ways. Next year's programme promises to be another exciting year to look forward to, starting with a talk by Richard Hobbs on the 12th January 2018.

class family he had known and its involvement with conscientious objectors. It is whilst visiting one member in prison that he encounters the eye in the door, the spy hole painted to look like an eye. This causes a flashback to an unpleasant experience in the trenches. There is a lot of reflection on class in this book; a lot of sex; some interesting theories of psychology.

'How To Measure A Cow' by Margaret Forster deals with a woman seeking a new life with a new identity after her release from prison. She aims to become a nondescript person with a tedious, routine, basic, lonely existence but her older neighbour who has all of those things is intrigued. The two strike up an

unlikely friendship. Gradually the previous life of the younger woman is revealed to the reader but not entirely to her friend. The loyalty of friends, or rather the lack of it, forms the bulk of this book. We had several criticisms but the main one was not knowing more about the older woman who we actually found to be a more interesting character.

The next books will have been issued in November. If you would like a copy, please contact me. They are, 'Where My Heart Used to Beat' by Sebastian Faulks and 'How It All Began' by Penelope Lively.

The January meeting will be on Thursday 25th from 2:30 in the Village Hall and in February it will be on the 15th.

I hope you have a good Christmas

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Bacton-on-Sea Gardening Club

Talks by club members on garden Winterisation and also specifically regarding Dahlias, provided an informative October meeting. As always, the club will be displaying our own 'garden style' Christmas Tree as part of St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival. With this in the very near future, November's meeting was festive and lively as we busied ourselves making 'crafty' decorations!

At our next meeting on 8th December at 1pm, we will be having our club Christmas Afternoon Tea at The

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The club would like to wish all the community a Merry Christmas and a productive New Year.

Contact us at bactonosgardenclub@gmail.com

Gina Kennell (Committee Sue Shaw (Chairperson) 651623

Barbara Stratfull (Treasurer) 651236

Bacton & District History Group

At our October meeting Nigel Digby gave a talk on The Railways Around Bacton - how they came into existence and then disappeared or never made it off the drawing board. It was a really interesting talk, even for non-railway buffs, bringing in all sorts of detail about the politics and personalities of the Railway Era in North Norfolk, as well as pointing out the many traces left in the landscape by the vanished transport system, still clearly visible once you know where to look. Many thanks to Malcolm Banyer (a committed railway buff) for arranging this talk for us. Our next meeting, Wednesday 13th December, at 7.30 in the Village Hall annexe, £2 entry, will be a Social Evening with wine and soft drinks, mince pies, cake, etc and a free raffle. As well as eating and drinking, we will be

discussing the future of the group and possible activities for 2018. All welcome.

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Seniors' Lunch Club

If you are over 60 and would like a 2-course meal with nice company, why not come to The Lighthouse Inn, Walcott, every Tuesday, 12 for 12.30. Run under the auspices of the Royal Volunteer Service (RVS - formerly WRVS)

We look forward to seeing you.

June & Charlie Fuller, 650277

Material Girls 'R' Us

If you are interested in dress making, patchwork, card making, knitting/crochet, why don't you join our 'Material Girls 'R' Us group that meet every Thursday in Bacton Hall Annexe, except for the third week in each month. We are a very friendly club, plenty of chat and laughter, tea/coffee and cake included for only £2 per week. We meet at 1.30 until 4.00. We also make charity knits for Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital (NNUH). Each Christmas we go to a pub/hotel for a free lunch.

Please call me for further details.

Valerie 652277

Sugarcraft & Cake Decorating

Cake decorating and Sugarcraft lessons at Bacton Village Hall every first Monday of the month, 7.00-9.00pm. All equipment provided, £10.00 for two hours with a very friendly group. Please ring

Janette 650557

Theatre Group

According to one member of the group, 'Crazy for You' was an average American musical starring Tom Chambers who won Strictly Come Dancing a few years ago. There were enjoyable dance routines and an abundance of humour. We were pleased to welcome two new members, who are using two spare tickets for 'Climbing the Wall'. At the coffee morning we looked at possibilities for future visits. In February there is a double bill of two short plays by Noel Coward, 'A Song at Twilight' and 'Come Into The Garden Maud', to be performed at The Assembly House. Also in February is a Cromer screening of the National Theatre's 'Cat on A Hot Tin Roof'. At the Theatre Royal in May is a National Theatre production of 'This House',

a witty look at British politics of 1974. The following month sees the return of 'Jersey Boys'.

If you are interested in any of these please contact me and remember, they may be a long way off, but it is best to book early. I can usually find a replacement if you find you cannot go.

The next coffee morning will be on Monday 11th December and the following one on 8th January and then on 12th February.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas.

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Mundesley Cinema

Coronation Hall, 26 Cromer Rd, Mundesley. Doors open at 7pm when we serve refreshments and the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets (on the door) £5.00.

Tuesday, Dec 12th: Hampstead (12A) 100 min. An American widow (Diane Keaton) living in the London suburb of Hampstead and a man (Brenden Gleeson), who lives a self-sufficient existence in a shack on Hampstead Heath, form an unlikely alliance against unscrupulous property developers in the neighbourhood. This drama, based on true events, shows how society works when you are a little different.... With

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James Norton, Simon Callow, Lesley Manville. Tuesday, Jan 9th: Miss Pettigrew Lives For A Day (PG) 92 min. It's 1939 and middle-aged governess Guinevere Pettigrew (Frances McDormand) finds herself unfairly dismissed and on the bread line. An attempt to gain new employment catapults her into the glamorous world and dizzying social whirl of an American actress and singer, Delysia Lafosse (Amy Adams) and into a whole new life. A heart-warming Art Deco treat! Schedule is subject to the film distributors making the films available. For more information see www.mundesley.org/film, follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MundesleyVillageCinema) or Twitter (@MundesleyCinema) or call 07710 046869

#2MinuteBeachClean

Calling all #2minutebeachclean-ers - the wonderful guys behind the #2minute Beach Clean board have launched an app for iPhone and Android which enables us to record our "finds" and for them to get a picture country-wide as to the extent of the pollution and capture any trends. Please download from your app store by searching

"beachclean" and help us understand the extent of the plastic pollution problem across North Norfolk, convince Defra that helium balloons are harmful and persuade governments and individuals for the need to turn the tide on plastic and clean our seas. More details from Facebook or Instagram @2minutebeachclean.

Trunch Concerts

On Saturday, 9th December, 7.30 pm, the critically-acclaimed university choir, the Chapel Choir of Selwyn College, Cambridge (Director, Sarah MacDonald) will present 'It Came Upon the Midnight Clear', a selection of festive favourites. The programme will include a variety of much-loved and familiar carols, newer works for Advent and Christmas, as well as popular Christmas songs in close-harmony arrangements by the choir's director.

Admission is by programme, available at the door from 40 minutes before the 7.30 start, priced £10 (£8 concessions). Proceeds are for the restoration and maintenance of St Botolph's Church, Trunch, one of Norfolk's finest medieval churches.

This concert will not only be the last concert of 2017 in St Botolph's, but also the

final concert in a series of about 150 first-class concerts spanning a full 20 years. For this reason, as well as for the wonderful final concert planned, it would be fantastic to have a really big turn out, so that we can celebrate this achievement with solidarity and in style. Please give this event your whole-hearted support and pass the word on to others.

John Mason

You Write ...

A Cautionary Tale

On Saturday, 28th October, someone in the Bromholme Close area of Bacton discharged a flurry of fireworks at around 6.30 pm. Totally unexpected, this caused our dog to bolt, in blind panic from our lawn, so close to where the fireworks were. We took to the streets, calling her and, eventually, Jane and Gary, from Priory Road, and Shelley and Hugh, from Keswick Road, heard us calling and came out to help, later joined by our neighbour, Michael and a young girl in a car. This was in the dark, cold and wind. Where else would people turn out on a Saturday evening to walk the streets in search of a lost dog? Bacton is THE place to live!!

Shelley had the foresight to post an appeal on Facebook and leave her phone number and, 2½ hours later, Andrea, from Mill Farm in Mill Common Road, called her with the news that Jess had been scratching at her door, but was now safe in her home.

The rest is history, but we wish to pass on our deepest gratitude to those wonderful, selfless people who turned out of their homes on an uninviting evening to search for our dog and to Andrea, for caring for Jess. We are forever in your debt, you lovely people. Thank you so very much.

Please let this be a reminder to everyone of the terror caused to animals by fireworks.

Dave & Jill Lamb & Jess

A Distressing Find

On the 3rd November, after recently returning from holiday, I went up to visit my parents' resting place at St Andrew's Church.

I was shocked and extremely upset to find that their cremation plaque was totally, and I mean totally, covered with earth, around 4" high. The flowers were hidden as was the little hedgehog that looks over them. It was an utter mess. This was most distressing, and it took me a good while to make it look presentable

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again and even longer to get all the earth out of the gold lettering.

Does no-one (except the grass-cutter) keep an eye on the graveyard? I appreciate we are responsible for looking after our loved ones' plots, but what if some do not have visitors often?

I am assuming this havoc was mole-made, but even

so I am sad to think nothing is being done about the situation.

My Dad has been resting there for 25 years and I have NEVER seen anything like this before.

Pam Price, Priory Road

Postscript:

I would like to say a very heartfelt Thank You to Catherine, the Vicar at St

Andrew's Church. She visited me, taking time out of her busy day, with a lovely bunch of Roses & a very touching apology, having been told of my distress.

She did not have to do this, as I realise she cannot control the antics of Mr Mole, but it was indeed a heart-warming gesture and VERY unexpected. It was

nice to know that someone actually took my distress seriously.

I was also touched when she said she had noticed how lovely my parents' plot always looked.

Pam Price



Christmas Services & Events December 2017



Friday & Saturday, 1st & 2nd	Nativity & Christmas Show (Ticket Event)	Poacher's Pocket, Bacton
Friday-Sunday, 1st -3rd, 11.00-4 pm	Christmas Tree Festival	St Peter's Church, Ridlington
Saturday, 2nd, 5-7 pm	Children's Christmas Party	Bacton Village Hall
Sunday, 3rd, 3.00 pm	Carol Service	St Peter's Church, Ridlington
Friday, 8th 2.30-4.00 pm	Christmas Fair	Bacton School
Saturday, 9th, 9.30-12.00	All Saints' Christmas Fair & Coffee Morning	St Benet's Hall, North Walsham
Saturday, 9th, 9.30-4.30 & Sunday, 10th, 12-4 pm	Christmas Tree Festival	St Andrew's Church, Bacton
3.00 pm	Carols by the Light of the Christmas Trees	St Andrew's Church, Bacton
12 for 12.30	Christmas Lunch (Book by 4th)	Witton & Ridlington Village Hall
7.30 pm	'It Came Upon a Midnight Clear' Christmas Concert	St Botolph's Church, Trunch
Sunday, 10th, 6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight	Beacon Church, Bacton
Wednesday, 13th, 6.30pm	Carols	The Lighthouse Inn, Walcott
Friday, 15th, 6.30 pm	Service of Carol & Readings	St Margaret's Church, Witton
Sunday, 17th, 10.30 am	Service of Carol & Readings	St Andrew's Church, Bacton
4.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight	All Saints' Church, Edingthorpe
Sunday, 24th, 4.00 pm	Crib Service	St Andrew's Church, Bacton
4.00 pm	Christmas Eve Service	Beacon Church, Bacton
5.30 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's Church, Ridlington
11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	St Mary's Church, Happisburgh
Monday, 25th, 10.00 am	Christmas Morning Celebration	All Saints' Church, Edingthorpe
11.15 am	Christmas Day Service	St Margaret's Church, Witton

Church News

Beacon Church

Endings and beginnings are part and parcel of life. And it's not just as one year finishes and another starts. Some seasons in our lives also come to a natural end and then others begin. Children grow up and leave home. One job finishes, and another begins, or we move from employment to retirement. The challenge is how to navigate these seasonal transitions well. Changes can often be viewed negatively as we look back with nostalgic fondness to a previous time. But that can so easily lead to regret.

It has been said that living with regret can become the biggest hindrance to living life to the full. We all have things that we sincerely wish had turned out differently. But God has this ability to take even our failures and regrets and make something beautiful out of our messes. That's why Jesus came, to bring people from the darkness of living life on their own, to walking in the light that He brings. This Christmas, make the most of the opportunity God is giving you: the old has gone, the new has come, and the best is yet to be.

We wish you a very happy Christmas season and a new year full of God's opportunities.

Jonathan Squirrelle
580018

St Andrew's Church,
Bacton

We look forward to welcoming you at St

Andrew's church over Christmas.

Our Christmas Tree Festival weekend takes place on Sat 9th (10 - 4.30pm) and Sun 10th December (12 midday - 4.30pm). Come and see beautiful trees, decorated by local community groups and villagers.

On Sat 9th, join us to sing your favourite carol for Carol Singing by the tree lights at 3pm. All weekend entry is free, but donations for church funds appreciated.

Our carol service, with readings and carols for Christmas, takes place on Sun 17th at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.

And our Crib Service takes place on Christmas Eve at 4pm. Again, everyone welcome from the youngest to the oldest as we celebrate together the story of the birth of Jesus. Midnight Communion takes place at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve at Happisburgh church and if you are looking for a Communion Service on Christmas Day, you would be very welcome at All Saints church, Walcott at 10.30am.

Wherever and however you celebrate Christmas this year, may God bless you.

With all good wishes,
Revd Catherine and all at
St Andrew's, Bacton

St Margaret's Church,
Witton

I am sure that, like me, you suddenly realise Christmas is just around the corner. Where has this year gone? Then it's all over in a flash and we put away the tree

and the tinsel. In "olden days" the Christmas celebrations continued until Candlemas which is at the end of January, but I don't think the Christmas trees would last till then - there would be pine needles everywhere, blocking up the vacuum and the tinsel would look a bit tatty! I suppose it depends when you put all the decorations up in the first place. I did see Christmas cards on sale in North Walsham at the end of July, that's a tad early I think.

We will be celebrating the Christmas Festival in a more considered way at St Margaret's. All of our services are open to everyone and you will receive a warm welcome whenever you join us.

Friday 15th December, there will be a Service of Carols and Readings at 6.30pm followed by Mulled wine and Mince Pies. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to read a lesson, please let me know.

Monday 25th December at 11.15am, a Family Service of Holy Communion, followed by Mulled Wine and Nibbles.

To start 2018, we will be having Holy Communion at 10.30am on Sunday 14th January and Sunday 11th February.

We have a special event coming up in the New Year, so watch this space for further details! There will of course be a gap in the Village News deliveries in January, but we will be with you again in February. It remains for me to wish you and yours a very Merry

Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Beryl Lodge, 650546

St Peter's Church,
Ridlington

On the 2nd November, St Peter's held the funeral of Edna Cole. Edna grew up in Ridlington, her parents living at the Dairy farm, before the bungalows opposite were built. Edna was a W.I stalwart and popular in the village and I'm sure will be sadly missed. Remembrance came a week early for St Peter's, but, as always, we try to make the service that little bit special. Local historian Roger Bean spoke about the US Airforce Liberator which crashed near Mill Common road during WWII. The Liberator was badly shot up on a raid over Germany, so the pilot, Captain John Warner Reed, decided to drop the bombs and make a run for home. On reaching the Norfolk coast, he ordered the crew to bail out, leaving just himself and the co-pilot but, realizing he wasn't going to make the airfield at Dereham, decided to ditch in the sea. The co-pilot was able to bail out but unfortunately the Liberator was unable to make it and Captain Reed was killed. Today the lane that goes from Happisburgh Road to the Rookery is called Reed Way. Sadly, the rest of the crew apart from the co-pilot were themselves to die before the end of the year. In the world we live in today we find it difficult to come to terms with stories such as this.

Ray also chipped with in with the story of the village parson, awarded the VC in WWI, who would call in to play chess with his grandfather whilst sharing a bottle of whiskey. It is also worth remembering when we wander down the supermarket aisles, that the privations of rationing in WWII didn't end until 1954. And so, to the present day. The Christmas Tree Festival runs from the 1st to the 3rd December, 11.00-4.00 pm,

culminating in our carol service at 3pm on the 3rd. We will celebrate Holy Communion at 5-30 pm on Christmas Eve and, in January the Christingle service on the 7th at 3pm. In February there will be a Service of Celebration on the 4th at 3pm. So, it has to be Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Q. Who played the toothy vicar in his sketches on TV? A. None other than the great Dick Emery. **Ray Allcoat 651609**

All Saints' Church, Edingthorpe

The annual Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning will be on 9th December, at St Benet's Hall, North Walsham, from 9.30 until noon. The usual attractions will be available. The Candle-lit Carol Service will be at All Saints' on 17th December, at 4.30 pm. This year, as well as our usual village choir, the children will be performing a Nativity and we are looking

for children to take part. They would need to be available on Sunday December 17th at 2pm to rehearse and again that afternoon at 4:30pm for the actual Carol Service. The Choir practices will be on the 5th and 12th December, 7.30 pm at All Saints'. If you are interested in taking part please contact Jan on 07535 125448.

I wish a good and prosperous Christmas to all Edingthorpe

Geoff Thomas, 405263



See Listings on page 6 for additional Christmas services for all our churches



Sunday Services at a Glance:

Church of England Coastal Parishes

Rev Catherine Dobson 650359
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Rev Eiler Mellerup 651393

December

3rd	10.30	Church Family Service	Bacton
10th	10.30	All Age Worship	Bacton
17th	10.30	Carol Service	Bacton
24th	4 pm	Crib Service	Bacton
	5.30 pm	Holy Communion	Ridlington
31st	10.30	U'ted Holy Communion	Sea Palling

January

7th	10.30	Church Family Service	Bacton
	3 pm	Christingle	Ridlington
14th	10.30	All Age Worship	Bacton Village Hall
	10.30	Holy Communion	Witton
21st	10.30	Songs of Praise	Bacton
28th	10.30	Holy Communion	Bacton

All Saints', Edingthorpe

Vicar: Rev Paul Cubitt 406380
Email: revpcubitt@btinternet.com

December

3rd	No Service
10th	9.30 Morning Prayer
17th	4.30 pm Candlelit Carol Service
24th	No Service
31st	No Service

January

7th	No Service
14th	9.30 Morning Prayer
21st	No Service
28th	9.30 Holy Communion

Beacon Church
<http://beaconchurchuk.com>
Jonathan Squirrel - 580018

Sundays	10.30 am	All Welcome
10th	6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight
24th	4.00 pm	Christmas Eve Service