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The Council wrote personally and independently to each committee member at their home address to oppose NCC's decision to remove the Bacton School Crossing Patrol facility. We liaised with Norman Lamb, the Press and we have also taken the Children's Committee to task on their monitoring; outlining that it was a flawed process and asked for this to be investigated.

Members have also asked for a meeting between NCC and the Council to try and resolve this matter to try and get the decision reversed. We have also asked for other solutions if the Patrol is lost. It is vital that this service is maintained as the Council considers that this decision is not in the best interest of the children.

Seventy-five children and their parents/carers attended the Children's Christmas party on Saturday

3rd December. We thank Sally Dunham and her band of helpers for all the time given to this function. It is really good to see so many people involved. We hope that when it comes to Multisports in 2017 that we will see more volunteers.

The Council has received representation from the Post Office outlining plans to bring a mobile service back to Bacton for 1 hour per week! The Council has responded to the consultation asking for more hours and suggesting a more visible and better location than the suggested one for this service.

The next meeting is the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on 13 February, 2017 - 7pm Bacton Village Hall Annexe. All are welcome to attend.

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Post Office Comes to Bacton

A Mobile Post Office is coming to Bacton once a week. It will be parked out the front of Bacton Village Hall every Tuesday morning, 10.30 am -11.30 am. Everything and anything your normal Post Office does is catered for, (apart from pre-ordered foreign currency).

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Bacton Village Hall

Our next Quiz and Chips will be held on Saturday 11th March starting at 7.30 p.m. Cost is £7.50 per person including fish and chips or £4 per person without food. Bring your own drinks. To book a table please call Barbara on 01692 651236. Everyone welcome.

Witton and Ridlington Village Hall

Happy New Year
A warm invitation to our Annual General Meeting to all residents of Witton and Ridlington and all those that use our Hall. This will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 6th February at the Hall. Committee business will be kept short to allow us time to discuss future plans and how to use funds accumulated over the past year.

Our monthly quizzes continue with the next one on Friday 24th February at 7pm. Usual hearty fare, (vegan and vegetarian alternatives available), all for £7 including teas, coffees, and table nibbles. Raffle and prizes and licensed bar if you don't want to BYO. Please book if you are not a regular.

Apologies to those who missed out on our last Bingo session which had to be postponed at short notice. We are working on a future date and will be contacting all disappointed punters.

By now our regular weekly events are back to normal but please note the change in times and cost for the fitness classes. Pilates Wednesdays 5-6pm, Thursdays 3-4pm. Stretch and Tone Wednesdays 6-7pm. All classes £5.00. Ring Lynne on 650265 for info. Drawing group, (all abilities), still from 2-4pm

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on Wednesday afternoons. Our group is friendly and informal giving people the opportunity to work on their own projects or with guided support. £2.00 per session to cover the costs of all materials and tea/coffee. The Committee wish you all a belated New Year and hope to see you during 2017. For information about events and booking the Hall, contact

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North Norfolk Community Transport (NNCT)

NNCT operate minibus services in this area, taking over-60s to various destinations (mainly shops) for a very reasonable fare. Passengers are collected from their homes, taken to their destination, given time to do their weekly shop (and, where available, a cuppa), then taken back home. They also receive assistance with their burdens. This service could make your life easier so why not phone (01692) 500840 for further information.

Book Group

I could not attend the November meeting but, by all accounts it was a lively one discussing 'The Poisonwood Bible' which

they thought was a very good book and would like to read more by Barbara Kingsolver.

At the January meeting we will have discussed 'The Prisoner of Heaven' by Carlos Ruiz Zafon and the group may choose to read his third in the trilogy about The Cemetery Of Forgotten Books. We will be issuing copies of either 'The Illusionist' by Rosie Thomas or 'Her Fearful Symmetry' by Audrey Niffenegger. If you did not make this meeting on January 26th at the Village Hall and would like a copy please contact me. If you have not been before, please pop in at 2:30 on the 23rd February and see what we are about.

Sally Hogden
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Craft & Create

We are a thriving craft group who meets once a month (3rd Thursday) in the Annexe at Bacton Village Hall (7.30-9pm). We have tripled our numbers since the beginning and although we work hard at what we do, we don't take ourselves too seriously! Members have shared their craft and skills with us and we have dabbled in many including wet felt pictures, card making, fabric painted pictures, up-cycling

Bacton-on-Sea Gardening Club

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Plant & Seed Swap & Sales

Saturday 11th February 2017

10.00 - 14.00

Bacton Village Hall, NR12 OES

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challenges, needle felting and covered boxes. We also love a good natter over tea and biscuits.

If you would like to join us or would like more details, please contact me on the email address below

Jo Lodge
Jona.lodge@btopenworld.com

Theatre Group

Christmas seems a long time ago and so does our last real theatre visit. I have three live screenings to report on, all shown at Cromer. The first was 'Alan Bennett's Diaries' where we got a glimpse into how he works and saw clips from his life and his plays. Bennett is a wonderful observer of ordinary life and he possesses the wit and empathy to engagingly

express his observations, encounters and conversations. He also used this opportunity to voice his views on present day society. 'No Man's Land' by Harold Pinter was streamed live from London's National Theatre and starred Ian McKellen and Patrick Stewart as two writers whose fortunes had taken them on different paths. The play is set in the stately home of the more financially successful writer but, like a game of chess, power switches back and forth. Both comic, dramatic and melancholic it is a play about control and becomes more menacing when two younger characters arrive. Pinter and his players at their best.

Finally three of us saw a production of 'The Tempest' that I am sure Shakespeare

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Diary Dates for February 2017

6th - W&R VH AGM	13th - Theatre Gp Coffee Morning
10th - Gardening Club	- B&E PC Meeting
- Bacton History Gp	14th - W&R WI
11th - Plant & Seed Swap	23rd - Book Group
12th - Quiz & Chips Bacton VH	24th - Quiz & Supper W&R VH

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Barbara Stackwood (Secretary) - 652909

Barbara Stratfull (Treasurer) - 651236

Bacton History Group

Our December meeting was a great success. Ivan Cane, archivist to East Anglian Waterways, gave us an inspiring talk on the history and restoration of the North Walsham to Dilham canal. A great deal of information was entertainingly presented and there were plenty of questions from the audience and shared memories from those who once used the canal for fishing, picnicking and boating.

The talk was followed by mince pies and other refreshments - many thanks to Andy and the Gale family for their delicious contributions and a special mention for David's spectacular Dilham Canal Trust cake.

Our next meeting, planning for the year ahead, will be Friday 10th February 7.30pm in the Village Hall annexe. All welcome.

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would have appreciated. Streamed live from the RSC in Stratford and through collaboration with Intel and the Imaginarium Studios this play of magic and illusion was stunningly revealed. It was technically amazing but, not to be out-done, the actors gave dazzling performances. The themes of imprisonment, revenge and forgiveness were portrayed with clarity through Shakespeare's magical words. We would have loved to have been members of the theatre audience.

At our January coffee morning, we discussed booking for 'Million Dollar Quartet' which is a musical based on a recording session of four iconic rock and roll musicians; the musical 'Funny Girl'; the musical of the film 'Ladies of Dagenham', live screenings of 'Amadeus', 'Hedda Gabler', and 'Twelfth

Night'. If you would like more details, please get in touch.

The next coffee morning will be in the Village Hall Annexe on February 13th from 10:00 am

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Bacton-on-Sea Gardening Club

Firstly, we would like to wish you a very Happy New Year. It doesn't seem possible that it was a year ago that, as a new committee, we began the new regime for Bacton-on-Sea Gardening Club. We have had a productive and enjoyable 2016 with a variety of activities, outings and speakers planned for 2107. Just to remind you, we are a friendly group of people and we meet on the second Friday of each month.

At our last meeting, the knowledgeable Shirley Gilbert shared her expertise about winter plants. She drew our attention to the amazing perfume that some of these shrubs have. We tend to miss these delights in our winter gardens as the weather does not entice us to linger and stop to smell the flowers!

Reminder for your diary: On Saturday 11th February 2017, we will be holding a 'Plant & Seed Swap' in Bacton Village Hall from 10.00-14.00. You can bring your own seeds/plants to swap or, if you have nothing to swap you can make a purchase. Or just come for a cuppa and home-made cake.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 10th February 2107 when the garden expert on the panel of Radio Norfolk, Richard Hobbs, will be joining us.

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Valerie, 652277

Witton & Ridlington WI

A belated Happy New Year to all our past and present members. We've had a great year despite low numbers, with visits, meals and excellent talks. We finished the year with a stained-glass workshop, much enjoyed by those members present. A whole day away from the

Christmas preparations - couldn't be bad!

We hope to see more members next year. Our February meeting will be at 7.30pm on 14th February, in the Village Hall at Witton and will be a talk by Mike Flood about his life with his beloved heavy horses. Everyone is welcome, so do come and join us.

Kate Johnston, Hon. Sec. 651349

Useful Local Facebook Groups and Pages

For those of you who use Facebook, there are some useful local resources. The flooding group is especially useful, given last months surge. Remember you have to be a member of Facebook and have a profile to see these groups/pages. Village News: <https://www.facebook.com/villagenewsnorthnorfolk/?fref=ts>

Walcott, Bacton and Happisburgh Communities Flooding Support and Help Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/601887573179914/>
Bacton Villagers Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1245741342103653/>

Bacton and District History Group: <https://www.facebook.com/bactonanddistrict/?fref=ts>
If you have a relevant page, please let us know!

Steve Lunniss (Co-Editor)

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, under-15s £2.50.

Tuesday, Feb 21st Sully: Miracle on the Hudson (12A (108 mins)) tells the story of Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger (Tom Hanks) who, in 2009, makes an emergency landing in New York's Hudson River after US Airways Flight 1549 strikes a flock of geese. Directed by Clint Eastwood.

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

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(@MundesleyCinema) or call 07710 046869

Volunteers Needed for Beach Cleans

Our next beach cleans are: Bacton - Cable Gap, Beach Road - 26th Feb 2017 - 11 am

Walcott Seafront - Seafront Gap - 12 March 2017 - 11 Am

Beach cleans are tide dependant and could be cancelled if tide is excessively high or very severe weather conditions, so please check websites On behalf of the Marine Conservation Society's Beachwatch programme, please join us if you can.

For more information, including dates of the next clean-ups, please visit www.facebook.com/nrtnorfolkbeachcleans, www.northnorfolkbeachcleans.co.uk or contact me on Northnorfolkbeachcleans@gmail.com

Michelle Duddy

Age UK Norfolk - Trustees Required

Age UK Norfolk is entering unchartered waters and challenging times, as their services supporting older people become increasingly more in demand. The Norfolk charity is seeking Trustees who are experts in their field - strategic planers and landscape-

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changers who can help drive the organisation forward. Age UK Norfolk's Chair of Trustees, Helen Jones, may be in her 60s, but she shows no signs of slowing down. Passionate about older people's rights, Helen jumped at the chance to be a Trustee for Age UK Norfolk when a vacancy arose. Helen has had a successful corporate career as the Director of Governance and Company Secretary. She currently works as a management consultant.

Helen enjoys giving something back, lending her business skills to assist the development of the charity. "There is great satisfaction in what we achieve. Trustees provide insight, decision-making and guidance on the direction of the charity".

This year, three years after joining the Board of Trustees, Helen was elected Chair of Trustees.

Helen says, "Age UK Norfolk is often the first port of call for so many older people and their families, who otherwise wouldn't know who to turn to. I would absolutely recommend volunteering for Age UK Norfolk, there is a real need for the services we provide". Age UK Norfolk is recruiting Trustees with skills in areas such as accountancy, health and social care, commissioning and service



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development, social policy and fundraising. Contact Paula Skelton on 01603 785 235 or email paula.skelton@ageuknorfolk.org.uk for more information.

Age UK Volunteers

Every year, thousands of older people look to local charity Age UK Norfolk for support. Whether it's a bit of advice in a time of need, help filling out complicated forms or just a friendly chat when they're feeling lonely, we are here to help. But we can't do it alone. Without the help of our dedicated team of volunteers who give up their own time, we couldn't deliver all the services that we do. This year, following on from campaigns such as Good Morning Britain's 1 Million Minutes, we're asking if you could pledge

some time to help make a change in someone's life. No experience is necessary, and whatever your talents and interests, there is bound to be a voluntary opportunity where you can share your knowledge, make new friends and make a real difference.

All volunteers are offered full training and will get ongoing support and advice from the volunteer management team.

Do something amazing this year and support an older person in Norfolk.

To find out more call 01603 785 241 or visit www.ageuknorfolk.org.uk

Bacton Superstore - Update

The Superstore re-opened, as promised, on 17th December to a good crowd of grateful residents. Now that we have become used

to the layout, Shelley and Billy have taken the decision to upgrade to a 'Premier' shop, which has meant some re-arrangement of the shelves in order to introduce new ranges. There are now some interesting additions in haircare, household cleaning, dogs and DIY ranges, all at £1! The elevation to Premier status will also mean a wider range of monthly deals. All of the team look forward to serving you



All Saints' Church, Edingthorpe

The Christmas preparations began with a well-supported Christmas Floral Workshop in St Benet's Hall, headed by Hannah Deane. The gathering for Christmas Wreath-making at Green Farm was very successful, with over forty wreaths produced. Thanks to Margaret de Feyter for her industry in preparing the bases for the wreaths. The annual Christmas Fayre in December raised over

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£4000. Items for sale included wreaths, cakes, crafts and bric-a-brac. A tombola and a raffle for Christmas hampers and other prizes completed an enjoyable morning. Thanks to all who contributed to this event!

The Church was, as usual, full for the Carol Service, which included readings and carols, supported by our village choir. There were solos from Letitia Randell, who also trained the choir. The service was followed by refreshments, including mulled wine. Christmas morning saw much exchanging of seasonal wishes. Mince pies were served afterwards - also (yes!) more mulled wine.

Geoff Thomas, 405263

**St Margaret's Church,
Witton**

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope that you had a joyful and happy Christmas. We had some good attendances at the services at Witton over the Festive period. The Carol Service was, as always, a happy and songful service. Our grateful thanks to all who read the lessons and took us through the Christmas story. Then on Christmas Day morning we gathered together with excited children and parents, making the most of a short break. It was just lovely. Our grateful thanks to our most talented organists who manage to get the most wonderful sounds out of the organ. Thanks also to those who provided the refreshments after the services.

In January we were delighted to welcome Bishop Alan of Thetford to our church for a confirmation Service. John from Walcott was confirmed and we congratulate him and

welcome him into the family of the church.

As usual we have only one service a month in January and February so the next will be on the 8th February we look forward to welcoming everyone at 10.30am. Keep warm!

Beryl Lodge 650546

**St Andrew's Church,
Bacton**

Thank you to all who came to our Christmas Tree Festival and to all who put in trees. They looked wonderful and were enjoyed by many visitors over the weekend and through to Christmas. There were 19 trees this year, including the Poachers Pocket, craft groups, Theatre, Gardening and History groups. the local school, bell ringers, exercise groups, local WIs, the Village Hall, as well as Church members and many more, so thank you so very much for a great weekend. Thanks also for the voluntary donations to the church funds. We really do appreciate all everyone did over the weekend and the Church looked lovely all over the Christmas season, especially at the Carols Service when just the trees lit the church. All at St Andrew's wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2017.

**Joan Etherington,
536186**

**St Peter's Church,
Ridlington**

The last carol has been sung, mince pie eaten, Rennies put away and the Christmas Tree Festival and a well-attended carol service now distant memories.

A sprinkling of overnight snow with more to follow brings back memories of 1963, when it really was snow on snow and earth as hard as iron - a bleak mid-

winter for those of us around then.

I was at school then, and six-foot snow drifts were not considered an obstacle to attending. Tobogganing by moonlight - gloves were only for softies so when we got home and our hands thawed out we got the 'hot aches'. Simple pleasures! A very pleasant Christingle service saw in the New Year. Our next is Candlemas on the 5 Feb at 3pm, by then the snowdrops should be through.

Ray Allcoat 651609

Beacon Centre, Bacton

New seasons can begin anytime. For some it's the first of January. For many others, September marks the beginning of a new school year. Sometimes it's

recuperation after an accident or an operation that provides the impetus to make a fresh start.

Whatever your circumstances and whatever the date, consider a change. In addition to the obvious things that we may wish to alter, think about including God in your life. Invite Him into all that you do and you will be surprised at the difference He makes. And then a recent Huffington Post article reflected on the criticism that is so rampant in contemporary society - it suggested replacing criticism with a thankful heart.

Include God and be thankful. That's a great way to start any new season.

**Jonathan Squirrel
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Sunday Services at a Glance: February

Coastal Parishes

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Rev Eiler Mellerup 651393

Sun 5th	10.30	Church Family Service	Bacton
	3.00 pm	Candlemas	Ridlington
Sun 12th	10.30	All Age Worship	Bacton
	10.30	Holy Communion	Witton
Sun 19th	10.30	Songs of Praise	Bacton
Sun 26th	10.30	Holy Communion	Bacton with Walcott

All Saints', Edingthorpe

Church of England Vicar: Rev Paul Cubitt 406380
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Sun 5th		No Service
Sun 12th	9.30	Morning Prayer
Sun 19th		No Service
Sun 26th	9.30	Holy Communion

The Beacon Centre

Jonathan Squirrel - 580018

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