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We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped with the 2017 Children's Christmas party. Sally Dunham did a magnificent job co-ordinating the function and galvanising so many volunteers - without you all this party would not happen. Again, thank you.

We are investigating the possibility of the installation/improvements to the sea flooding which occurs on Keswick Road. It is estimated that the cost of additional drainage will be circa £10,000 and the Parish Council will apply for grant funding towards this. We will be working on this over the next few months to find a financial solution. The flooding project at Beach Road/Coast Road should commence over the next few months.

The Council would like to hear from any residents who may know of any land available to build approximately 8-12 homes for local people within the Parish. If you have any ideas

where you think these should be constructed contact us; it would be really appreciated.

We still have only 2 volunteers so far for the proposed Community Speedwatch - are there any more to help??

There are a number of vacancies on the Council - if you would like to join us please telephone 402998. Members were disappointed to learn of the damage caused to a community bench recently and will work with the community team to repair this as necessary.

If you have any ideas/projects or any comments regarding the management/running of your Council, please let the Clerk know. The Parish Council is your voice in the village, but we are only as good as the people who support us. We are receptive to new ideas and projects and sometimes provide limited funding. Look on our website for information or come to one of our meetings to see what we do. The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 12th

March, 2018 - 7pm in Bacton Village Hall Annexe. All are welcome to attend.

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## News From the Editors

We have a couple of items to bring to your attention: Firstly, as we have said on many occasions, the Village News is supported by voluntary donations and some advertising revenue. We endeavour to keep costs down - everyone involved in getting that copy through your door (including essential administration) gives their time and resources freely, but there are some essential and unavoidable costs. In order to maintain sufficient funds to continue, we periodically ask our readers for donations, so this month, you will find donation envelopes with your copy of the Village News. We do appreciate that there are many demands on everyone's funds, but would be truly grateful for all contributions, large or small. Envelopes can be given to the editors - Steve at Trinity Cottage or Kate at Eversleigh House, our Treasurer, Trevor, at 41 Rainbow Estate or left with

Billy, at Bacton Superstore. Thank you for supporting the Village News.

The second piece of news is that the current software that is used to publish the Village News is no longer supported, so we are looking at alternative options. This will give us the opportunity to ensure that we have the flexibility to prepare the Village News each month, even if one or both of us are away from home (or even out of the country). As a result, our contributions policy has been amended so that, from the next issue, all contributions for inclusion should be electronic - preferably in a Word document, attached to an email, or typed in the body of the email (**not** as pdf, unless unavoidable). For the vast majority of our contributors, this will not mean any change to their current practice, but we

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apologise to those for whom this change will be unwelcome. However, there are very few now who do not have access to email, whether laptop, tablet, smart phone or grandchildren, so we feel the time is right to make this change. We will, of course, still accept written contributions, but this will be on the understanding that they may not make the next edition if it is being prepared away from Bacton. New software also gives us the opportunity to try alternative formats for the VN and we would appreciate feedback on any changes or suggestions as to how we can make the VN more relevant to our readers.

**The Editors**

### Witton and Ridlington Village Hall

By now we will have held our AGM and hopefully will have got together a group to plan this year's Summer Fete. Last year we were unable to arrange a fete because we did not have enough people to plan and run it. Our previous fetes provided an enjoyable afternoon for visitors and villagers while at the same time enabling us to raise funds for the Village Hall. This year's fete will celebrate the 50th

anniversary of our village hall and to make it a success we are asking for volunteers to help run and plan it. If you would like to give us a hand, please contact Richard (details below)

Our monthly quiz will be on the 23rd February at 7pm. Usual supper of baked potatoes with meat or vegan chilli, salads, sides, table snacks, tea, coffee. £7.00 per person. Bring your own alcoholic drinks or buy a glass of cider, wine, lager or beer for £1.00. tables of up to 6.

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Weekly events at the hall are as follows. Stretch and Tone class, all abilities Wednesdays from 6pm to 7pm. Mat-work Pilates 5pm to 6pm Wednesdays and 3pm to 4pm Thursdays. Please ring Lynne for info.

To book the hall ring Richard on the same number. Special rates available for parishioners.

**Lynne Hosking 650265**

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### Defibrillator Bacton Village Hall

As you may be aware we are lucky enough to have a Defibrillator outside the Village Hall for the use of all Villagers. Have you ever wondered how it works?

The Village Hall Committee are happy to arrange a date for anyone interested in finding out more, to come along and be shown how to use it in an emergency. Please contact me by telephone or e-mail if you're interested.

**Jaine Shepherd, 650511/**  
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### Ridlington Art & Craft Exhibition

After the success of our first Art & Craft exhibition last year, we shall again be holding the event on the weekend of 12th/13th May in St Peter's Church, Ridlington (10am - 3pm). The exhibition is to showcase local talent and inspire people to take up an art or craft! There will be demonstrations and work for sale. If you are interested in exhibiting your work, we have a limited number of boards available for display - please contact (details below). The event is free, and refreshments will be available for donations - please make a note in your diary.

PS. Sincere apologies to anyone who tried to contact us regarding the Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's via email as unfortunately the address was incorrect. We hope all those that came

to visit over the three days enjoyed themselves!

**Sam & Mark Cornish**  
**650871/**

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### Bacton-on-Sea Gardening Club

Members greatly enjoyed our Christmas event in December at The Poachers Pocket. They gave us a warm welcome, lovely food and Gary's party games! Chris concluded our entertainment with his melodious repertoire from the 1960's onwards and yes we all sung along.

Richard Hobbs provided us with much to think about during our January meeting. He has a wealth of plant knowledge, in particular, those grown from bulbs and by using a pictorial presentation gave us an understanding of where in the world they originate from, and how they grow in our area. Many members purchased unusual bulb plants and showed an interest in visiting his garden in Little Plumstead on April 8th.

Gardeners at this time of year often have time for planning, selecting plants and seeds and reflecting on last year's ventures. With that in mind the Garden Club has a full and varied programme for the year to

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## Diary Dates for February 2018

9th Garden Club AGM	13th W & R WI
11th Plant and Seed Swap and Sale	14th Bacton & District History Grp
12th B & E Parish Council	15th Book Club
12th Theatre Group Coffee Morning	23rd W & R Quiz and Supper

reflect the Seasons, share information, join organised outings and be part of this year's Open Gardens. The Garden Club AGM will be held on February 9th from 2pm at Bacton Village Hall, together with a prize for a plant growing in the most unusual container, refreshments and time for a chat. Following last year's success there will be a Plant and Seed Swap and Sales with bacon butties and homemade cakes on Sunday 11th February. Everyone is welcome to bring, buy or swap items and gather some gardening advice, and enjoy the refreshments.

**Linda Jenkins**  
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### Book Club

I hope you all had a good Christmas and 2018 has begun well for you. We have

not had a meeting yet to discuss the last two books, but I will have issued the new ones supplied by North Walsham Library on January 25th. If you would like a copy of 'Saturday' by Ian McEwan or 'Exposure' by Helen Dunmore please contact me.

The first is set in 2003 and takes place on one day in London. It starts with a neurosurgeon contemplating the unsettling world after 9/11 and ends as a thriller. The second book is set during the Cold War and, therefore, a spy thriller where suspicion and secret lives are the rule.

We will be discussing these and issuing books for March on 15th February.

**Sally Hogden 651085/**  
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### Bacton & District History Group

Our December meeting was a very enjoyable get-together, with Christmas food and drink. For our entertainment Andy Gray brought a short promotional film by Shell, showing the early development of the Gas Site and outlining an optimistic future for the site and for Bacton. It was very interesting to see the terminal at close quarters but the highlight of the evening was another short clip in which TV personality Keith Floyd interviewed a lady from Bacton, Cathy Harris about the Norfolk dumpling which she had cooked. We had a lively discussion afterwards about the merits of dumplings.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday February 14th, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall annexe as usual, when we

will be planning activities for the year ahead.

Andy Gray has stepped down as treasurer - our thanks to him, not just for his financial guidance but also for his IT skills and beautiful posters. Malcolm Banyer has kindly agreed to take on the post of treasurer and many thanks to him for that.

As we'll be meeting on Valentine's Day, I'm hoping that some Old Bactonians will share their memories of the way they used to celebrate St. Valentine, so if you have memories to share, please join us.

**Jo Arnold 652205**  
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### Seal & Shore Watch

Volunteers wanted! We are looking for volunteers to help us to continue with our important work along the North Norfolk coast. If you care as much as we do about the rescue and rehabilitation of seals and other marine wildlife and feel that you can help in any way, please contact:

**Stephanie 07789 300219**

### Theatre Group

At our first coffee morning of 2018 we were pleased to welcome two people from Witton and I have received another enquiry. This is good news as sadly

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two of our group have recently moved. The three visits before Christmas were comedies and allowed for abandoned laughter. 'Climbing The Wall' at The Assembly House was hilarious and the two elderly female escapees were wonderfully portrayed by not so elderly actors. Watching the construction and dismantling of innovative props was as entertaining as the action.

'The Accidental Death of An Anarchist' was a satirical farce which allowed for chuckles rather than belly laughs. Ably presented by the Sewell Barn Players this play exposes the defects in an Italian police department and the judicial system. The main actor assumes various characters and disguises and, in this production, is portrayed by a woman. It is a huge part and her physicality was believable but I found she raced through her lines. I missed 'How The Other Half Loves' but those that attended thought it the funniest play they had ever seen. Having seen it before I could imagine the clever split stage setting and the two disastrous dinner parties acted out simultaneously.

As well as planned visits previously mentioned we are also considering another Ayckbourn,

'Relatively Speaking,' the comedy, 'ART' and the Agatha Christie thriller, 'Love From A Stranger.' If any of these interest you please get in touch for more details.

The next coffee morning will be on Monday 12th February from 10:00 in the Village Hall Annexe.

**Sally Hogden 651085/  
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### Card Game Players Alert!!

Are you interested in playing different types of card games? It would be good entertainment and exercise for the brain.

Games being considered are Skat, Calabresella, or anything different, that is suggested by you. The rules for these (and almost any card game invented) are available at

<https://www.pagat.com/>

The venue could be The Lighthouse (or the Witton & Ridlington Village Hall if enough people are interested) on, say, 3rd Friday of the month (or a date preferred by anyone who would like to come) If you are interested, please contact

**John and Ann, 650496/  
[Play@tssda.co.uk](mailto:Play@tssda.co.uk)**

### Witton & Ridlington WI

We had our Christmas lunch in the Village Hall and enjoyed homemade soup

and bread and other goodies made by members and welcomed several ex-members. We started 2018 with a pleasant lunch at Vera's. We will revert to our usual venue in Witton & Ridlington Village Hall for our February meeting on Tuesday, 13th when we have got Ivor Crane coming to talk to us about mole catching. That meeting will be at 2 o'clock but we will meet at our usual time of 7.30 p.m. on 13th March when we have Mr Bunn from Mundesley Coastwatch. During the year have got a garden visit, a cookery demonstration and a visit from an auctioneer.

All Welcome.

**Gail, 650563**

### 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, 20th Feb: **Victoria & Abdul** (PG). Judy Dench reprises her role as Queen Victoria in this true story about her relationship with an Indian man on her staff. For more information see [www.mundesley.org/film](http://www.mundesley.org/film), follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/MundesleyVillageCinema](https://www.facebook.com/MundesleyVillageCinema)) or call 07710 046869

### Village News Directory Amendments

Sea Star Chinese Restaurant, in Bacton, is now 'Oriental Garden'. Phone number and evening opening hours as before, but also open lunchtimes, 12 - 2 pm. They currently do not accept card payments.

Please delete the Drawing Group at Witton & Ridlington Village Hall

For more news, see the Village News website at: <http://villagenews.btck.co.uk/>

## You Write .....

### Community Bench Needs Help

The bench is situated on The Paston Way stretch from Coast Road to St Andrews Church, Bacton and was new in September, purchased and placed in position by some of the residents of 'Old Bacton'. Unfortunately, over the weekend of 6th/7th January it was vandalised. It was secured to the ground but through mindless destruction, the bar supporting the legs was smashed forcibly until the bench was free from its security hook. With this supporting bar broken it is now a worry that, over time,

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the bench will no longer remain safe to use. Many local residents use this bench as a midway resting place to and from the church, as do lots of walkers and dog walkers who love this particular walk and the panoramic views of the village, coast and our beautiful countryside.

It would be a great shame to have to remove this bench, so if there is anyone who could spare some time to replace/repair the broken bar, we can continue to sit, relax and enjoy the view.

**S Turner/G Kennell,**  
[stellaturner@aol.com](mailto:stellaturner@aol.com)

### Goodbye

It's with regret that both my wife Renee and myself bid a fond farewell to the village of Bacton after 17 years. With both of us approaching the big 80, it's time to be ruled by the head and not the heart. The lack of facilities (doctors' surgery, poor public transport and the possibility of being unable to drive) have forced us to move to an area where these things are taken for granted. In addition, we will now be within a 5-minute drive from our daughter.

On a personal note, I would like to thank ALL of the businesses within the village who so generously

supported me in my fund raising initially for Bacton Cricket Club (sadly no longer in existence, but that's another story) and latterly Norfolk Seniors Cricket. There were so many generous organisations that turned up trumps every year, From Castaways to the North to Steve at the Lighthouse to the South. The fish shops, cafes, garages, Gary at the Poachers who hosted the quiz nights, The Duke and Paul, the hairdresser, all of you enabled me to raise £thousands over the years. If I have missed anyone out, then I apologise but you have been great.

We have made many friends within the village and have been blessed with good neighbours throughout our stay and we will miss all of you. There are so many good things that this village has to offer however, IF the coastal management scheme comes to fruition and the environmental agency forecast is realised, then this lovely village will disappear just like Keswick. Thank you Bacton for the past 17 years. We will never forget you

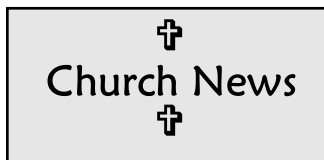
**Nobby Cobb**

### Congratulations

In November 2017, Michelle Duddy was awarded The Marine Conservation Society Annual Award at a ceremony

held in London. I, together with many other local people would like to offer our congratulations to Michelle for her tireless and devoted work in and around the Bacton coastline where she regularly organises beach cleans to rid our beautiful coastline of other's rubbish. Michelle has always been a keen environmentalist and is passionate about the local area especially the beach. Well done Michelle and all who regularly carry out important work to keep our beaches clean. Thank you all.

**Edwina Ward**



### Beacon Church

Security is everywhere and one of the hallmarks of our generation. Back in the 1970s many of us remember the Northern Ireland troubles and how they affected even mainland Britain. Bins were removed from public places. A greater awareness that life could change irrevocably and instantly impacted everyday life, particularly in London and other heavily populated areas. Although this particular reason for remembering our mortality

seems negative, it is nevertheless a helpful reminder that life as we know it can suddenly alter. There is great upheaval in these days of political change. What was once taken for granted may now appear less certain.

How do we cope with these shifting sands? Young children put their ultimate trust in their parents. Others look to authority figures. But both parents and authorities let us down. The Bible encourages us to trust in the Lord with all our hearts, and not to rely on what we think we know.

What are you trusting in?

**Jonathan Squirrell**  
**580018**

**St Andrew's Church,  
Bacton**

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and say thank you to all who made the Christmas Tree Festival a truly joyous weekend, celebrating Our Lord's birth. Thank you to all who put trees into the church: Bacton Gardening club, Bell-ringers, Bacton Primary School, McBee Makers, Village Hall, Medau club, Poachers Pocket Pub and North Walsham Market Cross WI. Also thank you to church members Hazel, Mary, Brenda, Alexia & Robyn, Kim, Hillary and Joan and a big thank you to Martin for connecting all

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the lights to the trees and to those who served the refreshments on both days. And, finally thanks to all who came to the carol singing on Saturday afternoon, as well as the other Carol and Crib services over the Christmas season. Services are held each Sunday at St Andrews at 10-30 am but the All Age Worship on the 2nd Sunday in February and March will be held at the village hall Annexe Everyone always welcome. The Women's World day of Prayer is on the 2nd March at 2 pm at Walcott Church the service is written by the Christian Women of the Suriname Army. All well come to attend, anyone who would like to take part please contact Rev'd Eiler Mellerup on 651393

**Joan Etherington, 536186**

**St Margaret's Church,  
Witton**

When is too late to wish people a Happy New Year? All the decorations are down and stacked away, but before you know it, they will be out and we'll do it all over again! But Happy New Year to everyone, I hope that you have a good year.

I must thank all the kind people who read the lessons at our Carol Service it was such a lovely service which I am sure everyone enjoyed. It was the ultimate precursor to Christmas, just to get everyone in the mood. On January 14th we celebrated Plough Sunday with a fascinating Service which blessed the Plough and the land. We were very fortunate to have on display in church, an antique plough, made at the old Foundry of Randalls. This used to be on Bacton Road, North Walsham, where Sainsbury's now stands. It has been lovingly restored by its owner and is a credit

to all his hard work. It was interesting to see all the former farm workers gathered around this machine, no doubt reminiscing on their youth working on the farm. It must have been really hard work, walking behind the plough which was being pulled by Oxen or a horse and you have to admire their stamina. I wonder how many miles they walked in a day? We start with a new promise of things to come. Our next service will be on Sunday 11th February. Easter is very early this year, and soon followed by Spring, the birds are already beginning to sing so it won't be long! We look forward to seeing you at services and events this year.

Please do take a moment to read the enclosed appeal letter, it is most important. Thank you

**Beryl Lodge, 650546**

**St Peter's Church,  
Ridlington**

Into a new year and Christmas is soon forgotten & Easter looming. Time is the biggest bane of our modern-day life. A few phone calls and emails can soon gobble up the hours, - when we make a phone call, its 'press this for option this or that', then please hold all our operators are busy, your call is important to us'(!), then maybe, if it's just not our day 'we will phone you back'. It seems as though every facet of our modern life is designed to make everything spin out for as long as possible. So, can we create any order in all this chaos? Modern devices are terrible time guzzlers so maybe we should find time to stand and stare and marvel at God's creations, not affected by time. I'm told our next service is not to be missed as we have Canon Keith James at the

service on the 4th February at 3pm. The theme will be 'Jesus, Light of the World'.

**Ray Allcoat 651609**

**All Saints' Church,  
Edingthorpe**

The annual Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning held at St Benet's Hall in December raised over £1100 for Church funds. Our thanks go to all who helped in any way towards this great result. The Christmas Carol Service was, as usual, well attended. The service was conducted by Rev. Rachel Dine, ably assisted by several local children,

suitably attired. (A big thank you to the inventor of the tea towel). Thanks also to Jan who stage-managed the whole show. Refreshments were served afterwards, which were up to the usual high standards. The Christmas Day Service introduced a little sanity into a manic day. The Annual Quiz and Supper will be on 4th March St Benet's Hall and will cost you £8 to participate. Tickets are available from Jan (07535 125448) or any fund-raising member.

**Geoff Thomas 405263**

## Sunday Services at a Glance: February

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Rev Eiler Mellerup 651393

4th	10.30	Church Family Service	Bacton
	3 pm	Celebration Service	Ridlington
11th	10.30	All Age Worship	Bacton Village Hall
	10.30	Holy Communion	Witton
18th	10.30	Songs of Praise	Bacton
25th	10.30	Holy Communion	Bacton

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4th		No Service
11th	9.30	Morning Prayer
18th		No Service
25th	9.30	Holy Communion

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Sundays 10.30 am All Welcome