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**Bacton & Edingthorpe
Parish Council Meeting
8th June 2015**

The Members were delighted to co-opt Bill Kerr onto the Council and we are positive that he will make a valued contribution to our community.

A presentation from the developer of the land behind the Duke was well received and in due course an open day will be held at the Village Hall where the public will be able to give their views on the project. It is intended that Victory Housing will build 24 units of affordable housing. More information will be released during open day.

The refurbishment of the Pavilion is nearly complete and we hope that the community will be pleased to see that this asset is being maintained by the Council. Bacton Football Club use these premises for their training and games and trust that it will be well looked after. The outside toilet facility has also had a minor facelift.

Glass recycling - thank you to everyone who puts their empties in the units. The

total amount raised this year via this source is £907.50 less collection charges.

Multisports started on Tuesday 23rd June. There is a small charge of £1 per child or £3 per family of children and follows the same format as previous years. It is supported with funding from the Gas Terminal Companies - without this it is doubtful if this project would be subsidised as heavily as it is. The new notice board has been installed at Edingthorpe and letters are being sent to residents to find out their preferred use of the land at Rectory Road. The Council is hoping to work with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust on Pond project and will keep you informed of progress.

Allotments: There are two 1/2 plot allotments available - please let me know if you would like to take one on. Two people have not paid their rent and they have been sent reminders!! Please remember that it costs

money to re-send letters and this may mean that the rental will increase to cover

costs. Please use water sparingly and do not use and leave a hosepipes running. You all pay for the water collectively so please use it carefully as it is a valuable and expensive resource.

The next meeting will be on Monday 13th July 2015 commencing at 7pm in Bacton Village Hall Annexe.

Elaine Pugh, Clerk,
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Witton & Ridlington Parish Council

Just a brief line from the Members of Witton and Ridlington Parish Council in connection with the adoption of the 2 BT telephone boxes.

We are seeking your views with regard to whether or not the community consider that this is a valued resource to our community and if it should be adopted by the Council. With the adoption cost of only £1 per unit it will mean that you will have these iconic structures left in your village, however, the BT phone unit will be removed. With the adoption comes costs as this will be an asset to the Parish Council which will need to be maintained for the future. Please let us know your thoughts.

We would also like to remind our community that we have installed a glass recycling unit at the Village Hall and would appreciate it if you would put your glass in this unit where

possible. This brings in valuable funds to your parish which will be used to support the village hall and other initiatives.

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Great News for Bacton Primary School

It's been a triple whammy of fantastic news for Bacton's school. Firstly, and most importantly, the school has just received a "good" rating from Ofsted Inspectors. The school had previously been in the "requires improvement" category, but this inspection praised the school for its relationship with parents, strong leadership and good teaching. Work with special needs and disabled children, led to "sometimes outstanding progress". Mrs Humphreys, the current

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Head, is retiring from her role this summer, said she is please that Ofsted has recognised the nurturing, caring environment, where every child is valued and able to reach their full potential. The inspection report states:

- The headteacher leads the school well...has improved teaching and developed a strong team of staff who work effectively
- Teaching is consistently good though the school
- Governors effectively support and challenge the school to improve further
- Children make a good start to their school life and enjoy their learning and make strong progress in the early years

They also reported that sport was high on the agenda at the school with pupils taking part in a wider range of sports including cricket and hockey, and in competitions with other schools.

The two areas for improvement were to challenge pupils more in mathematics and for better feedback to children from teachers in writing. Mrs Humphreys is retiring at the same time as her husband at Mundesley Junior School and the Head at Mundesley Infant School. The three schools are federating in September and are employing a new

Head, to lead the three schools. He is Mr Simon Wakeman, who is currently Head at Edith Cavell Academy.

Steve Lunniss 652163

Bacton Primary School Staff required

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant required from 1st July 2015 to support and supervise pupils during lunchtime. 5 hours per week (1 hour per day). Hourly pay rate £6.99. Would consider job-share. Bacton Primary School welcomes applications from members of minority ethnic communities and those with disabilities. We are also committed to the Norfolk Well-being Programme. The successful applicant will be required to provide references and have a successful DBS check before commencing in the post. Closing date for applications Monday 6th July 2015. Please contact the school for further details.

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Bacton School PTFA Summer Fete

It's that time of year again! Calling all car boot enthusiasts! On Saturday 4th July we will be holding

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Final Reminder!

As the next issue of the Village News will cover August & September we need your diary dates for September by **15th July.**

Thank you

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So if you would like to sell arts, crafts, or would just like to de clutter your house of bric-a-brac and fancy doing a friendly local car boot sale, then please call or email me. Pitches will be given on a first come first served basis. We will also have games, a bouncy castle, refreshments, raffle, tombola and much more so put it in your diary. Sat 4th July, from 12 noon.

NORWICH CITY FOOTBALL
We are also having a very special raffle. There is one prize which is a football that has been signed by the Norwich City football team. Tickets will cost £1 each and will be available from the school office or at the event on the day.

Please come along and join us for a lovely afternoon. All welcome.

Jacqui
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Bacton Village Hall

Quiz & Chips on Saturday 18th July at 7.30pm. The cost is £7.50 including fish and chips. Please bring your own drinks. There will be a raffle and prizes for the winners. To book your table of 4, call me or come and join others to make up a table.

Barbara 651236

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Diary Dates for July 2015

4th Bacton School Fete	17th Garden Club Tea
11th Poachers Pocket Fun Fun	19th Garden Club goes to Sandringham
13th Theatre Group Coffee Morning	23rd Book Club
13th B & E Parish Council	26th Bacton VH Craft Sale
18th Bacton VH Quiz and Chips	

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Barbara 651236

Witton and Ridlington Charity

It would be nice to report to you that we had helped a few people recently, but I cannot do that because we haven't! It isn't for want of trying though. We would gladly make grants to residents of Witton and Ridlington for all manner of things - Hospital transport to visit a loved one or attend a clinic - a piece of equipment that would make life a little better or easier for a disabled or elderly person. It would perhaps mean the possibility of staying in their own home. Extra heating costs that are required because of infirmity. You see my point: just about anything that the welfare system cannot or

will not pay for. We are there to help. Please forget the Charity name, it is a much broader scheme than that.

The one item that is missing from this equation is knowledge - without that we are powerless. Please do get in touch with one of the Trustees and talk to us. The conversation is TOTALLY confidential and results are quickly dealt with. Just get in touch!

**Beryl Lodge 650546 John
Sings 650496**

Book Club

The Book Club will meet as usual on Thursday July 23rd at 2.30pm in the Main Room of the Village Hall. The next Book will be by Rosie Thomas, 'The Kashmir Shawl'. If you would like to join us, please either just turn up or call me.

Joan Galbraith, 650434

Gardening Club

What a glorious day for our June meeting, it was just a shame to be indoors. Nevertheless we enjoyed our talk on Victorian Farming given by Steven Pope from the Gressenhall Museum. He was very knowledgeable and we all managed to keep our ears and eyes open for the duration of his talk!!!

It was also nice to see a couple of new faces in the group, - please feel free to come again if you enjoyed it.

Numbers for the coach trip to Sandringham (Sun 19th July) are looking good, but we still have some seats available. You don't have to be a member as you can come as a guest. The cost is £16, which includes entrance to the House, Museum & Gardens. I hope

you will agree that is value for money, with the added bonus that you can sit back, relax and let the coach driver take the strain. Details can be obtained from me on the number shown.

As you may know, there are no meetings at the Village Hall until September, but Yvonne Walsh will be holding a tea afternoon on Friday 17th July, so I look forward to seeing you all then. I hope we can all look forward to some nice sunny days so we can relax in our gardens.

Tricia Myles, 651390,
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Material Girls 'R' Us

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Valerie, 652277

Theatre Group

There is not much to report this month as all except one forthcoming production has already been advertised in the Village News. The new one to consider is the musical, 'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels' starring Robert Lindsey (we hope!) You may have seen the film starring Michael Caine and Steve Martin.

If you are interested in joining us please contact me for details.

Five of us saw the premiere of a new play performed at the Sewell Barn. 'Mint' deals with the effect imprisonment has on the prisoner and his immediate family whilst he is inside and on release. The bare, Spartan set and the slow pace of the play with its halting dialogue emphasised the slowness of time in these circumstances. The length of confinement was indicated by slides showing news headlines from each year and reminded us of our own histories. The characters were recognisable and well sustained as they aged. The prisoner's relationship with

his young niece was very touching.

The first night of any Sewell Barn production comes with an added bonus, a free drink of your choice. Obviously a chance not to be missed!

Our next coffee morning will be on Monday 13th July from 10:00 in the Village Hall Annexe. In August it will be on Monday 10th and in September on Monday 14th. Please come along and see what we are about.

Sally

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Wednesday Club

Are you one of our senior residents wondering what to do on a Wednesday afternoon? Perhaps wishing you had someone to chat to or share a cup of tea and biscuits? Then the solution is in your hands - come to The Village Hall every Wednesday at 2pm to join like-minded local senior residents (male & female) who meet weekly and enjoy **l i g h t - h e a r t e d** entertainment (bring some pennies for cards), outings and meals. Sounds like your cup of tea? Then we'll see you Wednesday - you will be very welcome.

The programme for July is: 1st & 8th, Cards, 15th, Tea at Home with Janice and Phylis, 22nd, Beetle Drive

& cards and (provisionally) lunch at the Poacher's Pocket on 29th July.

Barbara, 652239

1 Hour Fun Run

In aid of The Poacher's Pocket's Charity McMillan Nurses (26107) on Saturday 11th July, 11.00am - 12.00 noon on Bacton Playing Fields.

Come and splat the runners with water & flour! Join in the fun or join the runners. Runners' Sponsor forms from Gary at The Poacher's Pocket

Reminder: Village Show

The Show will be on Saturday 5th September 2015. There will be Teas and the usual Raffle. Entries will be accepted at the Hall on Friday 4th from 5 to 6pm. and Saturday 9 to 11 30. The Hall will then be closed for Judging and reopened at 2pm.

Entry Forms are now available in the Local Shops and at Sugar & Spice. Any further information can be obtained from Carol Dimmock on 6501115 or me **Joan Galbraith, 659434** PS. If you were a winner last year and have yet to return your trophy, would you please let us have it as soon as possible. Thanks.

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Pauline 650634

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 July 14th, The 2nd Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG) 122mins. Our troupe of residents in India are joined by Richard Gere as they try and open a second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. Tickets, £4 for adults, £3 for members and £2.50 for

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Trunch Concerts

Saturday 11th July at 7.30pm, 'An Evening of English Nonsense'. Rachel Fryer (piano) returns with friends playing phonofiddles, saws, melodeons and more to reveal her lighter side, with the best of English eclectic eccentricity from the Kinks to Ketelby and a nod to

1970s hits of the Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band. Admission is by programme on the door, £10 (£8 concessions). All proceeds are donated to the restoration and maintenance projects of St Botolph's Church, one of Norfolk's finest medieval churches. For more details, please see our website: <http://www.trunchconcert.co.uk>

You Write

Life in the Old Dogs Yet!

Although there is now no cricket in the village, it is good to know that Bacton is still being represented in

the English County Cricket Circles. Three members of the former Bacton Club are still strutting their stuff (although a little gentler these days!). For Norfolk over 70's, Dave Gale, Nobby Cobb and Mick Martin, who all played for Bacton, are now playing for Norfolk in the Seven County Cricket Championship. Nobby and Dave have been playing for some years now, whilst Mick became eligible last year. Dave, an ex-Submariner, came to Bacton 26 years ago, on his retirement from teaching. Nobby, ex RAF Warrant Officer, worked for the Prison Service up to his retirement and came to Bacton in 2000. Mick Martin

works locally for Murrell Cork in North Walsham. All three have in the past done sterling work for BCC - Mick and Dave preparing the ground and Nobby as Hon Secretary/Treasurer.

Kurtis Gale

All Saints, Edingthorpe



Church News

Future events for the village include a 1940's sing-along entitled "We'll Meet Again" with the irrepressible Paul Warren at the forefront, or, should I say the Home Front? 1940's dress optional (moths allowing). This will be staged at All Saints, Edingthorpe at 7pm on 8th August. Tickets at £7.50 inclusive of refreshments are available from Margaret De Feyter on 403182. September 10th-13th sees the All Saints Heritage Weekend. Open days are all free of charge. Details in August/September issue.

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Geoff Thomas 405263

Beacon Centre, Bacton

We just enjoyed our first Barn Dance and fish/chip supper at Bacton Village Hall (thanks to Bacton Chippy for excellent food). 50+ people of all ages followed (more or less) instructions and had a great time. I found that if you can count to 8 and listen to what is being said, you won't go far wrong... And even when it all goes pear-shaped, because we were in a safe place, all we needed was to laugh at ourselves. Very liberating. Safe places are rare nowadays. But they are so important if we are ever to move on in life. Not only essential for the uncoordinated dancer, they allow us to think through what is really important, to listen to the wisdom of others and to evaluate. Beacon is a safe place. I would encourage you to check us out. Sundays @ 10.30am. We may not be able to help with your dancing, but we will introduce you to God. That is the ultimate in liberation.

**Jonathan Squirrel
580018**

St Margaret's, Witton

It doesn't seem possible that by the time you read this, we shall have passed Midsummer's day and the evenings will be drawing in!! Time seems to fly by these days or perhaps it's just me We have the Churches Open week to look forward from 1st - 9th August when Churches throughout the County will be open, even those not usually accessible on weekdays. So if you enjoy looking round medieval buildings this time is for you. A full list of churches and opening times

can be found on the Diocesan website for those who have access to the web. Or a telephone call to the Diocesan Office will bring you the information you need. Call 01603 880853 Norfolk has the largest number of Medieval churches in the country, so I am sure you will find them most interesting. Our own church of St Margaret is reputedly at least one thousand years old and is open for visitors, not just for services, do come along and have a wander, you will be most welcome.

Beryl Lodge 450546

**St Peter's Church,
Ridlington**

First & foremost this month - apologies! I omitted to welcome the new St Peters PCC. Ray, Roger & Lesley are all residents of Ridlington & have been regulars at St Peters since arriving here. It is good to have some enthusiastic new members to share the workload.

The above also leads to a 'Thank you' to Beccy who has been on the PCC for 11 years. She is taking a break but is still very much involved with the church. Thanks Beccy for all the hard work you have done on St Peters behalf!

Our next service is in our usual spot - 9.00 on Sunday 5 July, this is morning prayer.

One to look forward to - Sunday 9 August at 3.00 we have an 'All Creatures Great & Small' scenario - an animal service!!! Should be fun!

My mind is working overtime but judging by the service held at Walcott last year, we had a very well-behaved congregation of tortoise, guinea pigs & dogs. Note to self - make dog biscuits! Watch this space!!!

Tina Soldan-650402

**St Andrew's Church,
Bacton**

Fundraising for our Churches is something that quite regularly appears on the agenda, for some of us it might be quite easy to gather a team together, for others it's the reverse, some Churches are in the centre of the village, easier to attract visitors, but others struggle, as they are situated a mile or two outside. So when Jim Legrice suggested a joint fundraising meeting a few weeks ago I was keen to attend. Most Churches in our Coastal Group were represented and lots of ideas were discussed the main goal being that any money we raise will go towards the whole Parish Share, so all Churches benefit. To get started there is a quiz sheet, on sale in Church for only £1, so have a go, you might win £10!

At our All Age Worship service recently Brenda

mentioned Missionary Maud, a 75 year old lady who works for Mission Aviation Fellowship in a village in the Peoples Republic of Congo, not the safest place to work as was proven when she was shot by bandits earlier this year. She was lucky to survive as the bullet just missed her lungs but she was airlifted to hospital for urgent treatment and is now recovering in her native Ireland before returning to the Congo! What an amazing lady.

As part of Open Churches Week we will be serving teas and coffees all day on Sat August 1st, there will be books on sale too.

The lovely display of pansies outside the Church porch have been enjoyed by us all, thank you Nigel.

Visitors always welcome!

Kim Reynolds 406246

Sunday Services at a Glance: July

Church of England		Rev Catherine Dobson	650359
		Email: revcdobson@live.com	
		Rev Eiler Mellerup	651393
Sun 5th	9.00	Morning Prayer	Ridlington
	10.30	Church Family Service	Bacton
Sun 12th	10.30	All Age Worship	Bacton
	10.30	Morning Prayer	Witton
Sun 19th	10.30	Songs of Praise	Bacton
Sun 26th	10.30	Holy Communion	Bacton with Walcott Witton
	10.30	Holy Communion	Witton

All Saints Edingthorpe

Church of England		Vicar: Rev Paul Cubitt	406380
		Email: revpcubitt@btinternet.com	
Sun 5th		No Service	
Sun 12th	9.30	Morning Prayer	
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**The Beacon Centre
Rev Jonathan Squirrel 580018**

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