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Edingthorpe**

# Village News

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### **Bacton & Edingthorpe Parish Council Meeting 9th May 2016**

The Annual Meetings both went well with input from the villages' clubs and the public well-received. The main concern was cars parking on the land at Edingthorpe. The Council will be addressing this at their next meeting. Please note that this area is not a free car park - it is community land for leisure only. If abused it may be necessary to place gates or bollards to the entrance to stop this.

Susan Holden was voted in unanimously again as Chair to the Parish Council with Richard Barr remaining as Vice Chair. Members were extremely pleased that there will continue to be stability and continuity for the community and Council's future.

Members agreed to take on allotted responsibilities and the Chair thanked them for

their co-operation and involvement in these roles. Remember, remember the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations - 11th June 2016. Keep the date free - it will be filled full of family fun. A banner has been erected on the playing field to remind everyone. Multisports will be commencing on 7th June - with the last date on 10th August. Please urge your children to participate - it is great fun and good exercise. We are also looking for Volunteers to assist - remember without help this initiative may have to be cancelled.

A few more volunteers have come forward to help with clearing Edingthorpe Pond. We hope to get this underway in September - anyone is welcome to help. We are still waiting for the Gardening Club to put forward their proposals for consideration for the planters/tubs alongside the roadside and verges.

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 call us to find out how you can help. Contact by phone, email or post. This information will be forwarded to the Council for their consideration.

The next meeting is the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on 13th June 2016 - 7pm in Bacton Village Hall Annexe. All are welcome to attend.

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### **Bacton Village Hall**

The next Quiz and Chips at Bacton Village Hall will be on 23rd July 2016 starting at 7.30 pm. £7.50 if you want fish and chips or £4, Quiz only. Bring your own drinks.

Everyone welcome. To book a table call

**Barbara, 651236**

### **Witton & Ridlington Village Hall**

Our next Bingo and Bangers night is on Saturday 11th June, 7.00pm for bingo and supper. 8.00pm for bingo

only. Admission, including supper, is £6.00 per person. This includes home-made sausage supper and pudding, (vegetarian option available), tea/coffee. (Please book in advance if you want supper.)

Admission without supper is £2.00 per person. This includes tea/coffee, table snacks. BYO bottle or can. The next Quiz and Supper is Friday 24th June at 7.00pm. Home-made supper includes tea/coffee, table nibbles (with vegan and vegetarian options available). Tables of up to 6, £6.00 per person. Booking advisable.

For all residents of Witton and Ridlington - when planting the garden or potting up containers and hanging baskets remember that your Village Show is on 3rd September. Just keep an eye on the best of your veg and flowers and enter them in the show to

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celebrate our village traditions. The show is not only about garden produce so if you enjoy baking, making preserves, drawing, painting, photography, knitting, sewing or other crafts this is a chance to let others appreciate your skills. We will be delivering information about the categories in July but in the meantime if you need advice about what to enter or how to prepare your entries on the day, ring Richard on the number below.

For enquiries and booking phone 650265 or email [lyric@clara.net](mailto:lyric@clara.net). For information about regular classes at the Hall which include Pilates, Stretch and Tone and the Drawing group ring Lynne on the same number.

**Lynne Hosking**

### Edingthorpe News

I am writing this wearing a hair shirt in expiation of my heinous crime of sexism - yes! Sexism! I refer to last month's Village News, when I thanked the Ladies for their excellent flower-arranging. These displays were indeed excellent, but were not made solely by the fair sex, a fact unknown to me at the time of writing. My apologies to all I have offended and indeed to all

gentlemen flower-arrangers world-wide.

The 'Evening with Marie Lloyd' went well. It included a talk on her life and a sing-along of some of her famous songs. The subsequent Fish and Chip supper and donated puddings also went down well (literally!).

The Rogation Service took place on a bright, sunny evening at All Saints'. People from North Walsham church walked to Edingthorpe, blessing the crops en route. It was pleasant to have the choir from St Nicholas' participating in the service. Refreshments were served. It was good to see Graham de Feyter at the service after his recent surgery and we wish him all the best for his complete recovery.

The 'Mississippi' boat trip took place on the sunny evening of 8th May, taking in Ranworth and South Walsham Broads. All participants enjoyed Afternoon Tea, prepared by the fund-raising committee and friends.

Well, that's it! The hair shirt comes off now!

**Geoff Thomas, 405263**

### Strawberry Tea

Strawberry Tea at the Beacon Centre, Saturday, 9th July 2-5 pm. Face

Painting, Bouncy Castle, Bric-a-Brac, Chocolate Fountain and much more!

**Susanna Squirrel**

### Bacton Yard Sale

Is anyone interested in a Village Yard Sale again this year? It will be on August Bank Holiday Sunday between 10 - 2. If so please give me a ring.

Any donations and money from the sale of the maps will go to the Marie Curie Cancer

**Pauline, 650634**

### Book Group

Our June meeting will have to be cancelled due to the hall being used as a polling station, so the next will be 2.30 pm on July 28th. You are invited to come and see what we are about and we offer the first visit free. After that it is a contribution of £2 a month towards the cost of the Hall and the library borrowing costs.

Last time, we discussed The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt. We thought this an interesting and very well-written book which deals with the life of a teenage boy from New York before and after he experiences a life-changing trauma. We saw how relationships with a variety of characters

affected the choices of this vulnerable lad. We are now reading The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy by Rachel Joyce. This is a companion book to The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry which we had previously enjoyed. We will have discussed this book at our May meeting and issued the new books, Brooklyn by Colm Toibin and Black Dogs by Ian McEwan for discussion on July 28th. If you missed the meeting but would like copies please contact me.

**Sally Hogden. 651085/**  
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### Bacton on Sea Gardening Club

Our last meeting was a peaceful stroll in the beautiful Blickling Big Wood, enjoying the splendid display of bluebells. This was followed by a welcome hot drink and cake in the Muddy Boots Café. The members who came shared a relaxed afternoon in our lovely countryside.

The next meeting will be on June 10th 2016. Shelagh Ashe will be giving an informative talk and slide show on 'Transforming your garden'. This will also be the last meeting before the Bacton Village Queen's Birthday Picnic so please bring any donations of

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## Diary Dates for June 2016

10th - Bacton Gardening Club	14th - Mobile Library
- Bacton History Group	20th - Theatre Gp Coffee Morning
11th - B&E Queen's Birthday Picnic	23rd - EU Referendum
- W&R VH Bingo & Bangers	24th - W&R Quiz & Supper
12th Open Studios ends	28th - Mobile Library
13th - B&E PC Mtg	

prizes and plants to this meeting. Thank you. Don't forget - Bacton Open Garden Day on Sunday 31st July 2016. The list of gardens that will be open is growing. It is not too late to add you garden to the list so, if you feel that you would like your garden to be included, please contact us on the details below.

**Barbara Stackwood**  
Contact us at [bactonosgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bactonosgardenclub@gmail.com), Sue Shaw (Chairperson), 651623, Barbara Stackwood (Secretary) 652909, Barbara Stratfull (Treasurer), 651236

### Bacton History Group

Our next meeting will be on Friday 10th June 7.30 pm in the Village Hall annexe. No

speaker this month - planning, maps and memoirs.

**Jo Arnold 652205**  
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### Theatre Visits Group

At our last coffee morning it was decided to book for the Cromer cinema screening of Kenneth Branagh's London production of Romeo and Juliet and four offerings at the Theatre Royal Norwich for the Autumn. They are 'That's Entertainment', the Rambert Dance Company, 'The Full Monty' and 'Chicago'. If anyone is interested please contact me. Remember that we do try to organise lifts to these events.

The only visit to report on is the trip that Carolyn and I made to see Guys and Dolls. This musical is loosely based on Bertholt Brecht's musical play, Happy End, which has an interesting story. It adapted well to this American setting and the music had us foot tapping. This production had transferred from the West End and so the set was a stunning dome of light panels which were altered to suit different scenes. The thrilling group choreography was devised by Carlos Acosta the famous Cuban dancer. Richard Fleeshman, playing a successful American gambler who bets he can win over a straight laced missionary, ably led this cast of gamblers, gangsters and nightclub singers.

If you want to know more about this group then either please join us on Monday 20th June from 10:00 in Bacton Village Hall Annexe for coffee and a chat or contact me directly.

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### Material Girls 'R' Us

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

**Valerie, 652277**

### New Line Dancing Class

From 6th June on Monday mornings there will be a new line dancing class at Bacton Village Hall. Until recently there had been a similar class which unfortunately was stopped a couple of months ago. The intention is to resurrect the class with a new instructor and a new club name - East Coast Line Dancing. Dancers of all abilities will be welcomed from 10am until midday. The class will encourage fun and laughter

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whilst dancing to both modern and traditional styles of line dances. Instruction will be given and beginners are very welcome as are more experienced dancers. There will be something for everyone.

Refreshments will be included and the price for the class is £3.00 per session. Please call me for more information"

**Jacqui Moore, 581857**

### Open Studios

Open Studios is on until 12 June. Why not take this opportunity to see the work of local artists at first hand. Studios are FREE to visit and visitors don't need to book in advance, unless they are a large group. In Bacton, we have Jo Arnold and Lucy Care exhibiting at Bacton House on each of the weekends of the event.

For more information and to keep up with the latest news and updates about Norfolk & Norwich Open Studios, please visit our Facebook page on <http://www.facebook.com/NNOpenStudios> or follow us on Twitter @ [www.twitter.com/NNOpenStudios](http://www.twitter.com/NNOpenStudios)

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**Vanessa, 409875  
/07919263424.**

### 75 Not Out

Although Bacton no longer has its own cricket team, the village is still providing players for Norfolk Seniors Over 70's Cricket at County level.

As well as playing against counties, Surrey, Sussex, Kent, Essex, Hertfordshire and Suffolk, both Nobby Cobb and David Gale are in the Norfolk Over 70's side who will be taking on the Australian Over 70 side at Cromer on Friday 15th July 2016.

Two years ago these same two players were part of the then combined Norfolk & Suffolk Over 70 side that defeated the Australian tourists at Old Buckenham.

Nobby Cobb is the Norfolk captain for this season and is the Over 70's leading run scorer whilst David Gale is the leading wicket taker and both Bacton boys hope that they can repeat the success of the combined side.

The game starts at 1.00 at Cromer Cricket Club and has been sponsored by Castaways Holiday Park. Spectators will be most welcome.

**Nobby Cobb**

### Bacton Remembers WW1

Arthur Bean was born in Bacton, in the 4th quarter of 1885 to James and Sarah Bean. One of the surviving 12 out of 16 children, by 1911, Arthur had moved to Grimsby and was a Fireman on the railway. When war was declared in Europe in 1914, he enlisted at Grimsby. Arthur died on the 1st June 1916, although there is no mention of any casualties in the War diary for that date. He was serving in the 10th Battalion Lincolnshire regiment. Arthur was originally buried in Bresle Communal Cemetery, but his body and those of L/Cpl M Deighan and Pte W Thomson were exhumed in August 1957 and reburied in London Cemetery Extension, High Wood, Longueval. He was awarded the British War Medal, Victory Medal and the Memorial Plaque and Death Scroll. They were

sent to his father at Cliff Cottage, Bacton as the Next of Kin.

**Kurtis Gale, Chairman,  
BHG**

### Trunch Concerts

We are so fortunate to have attracted some wonderful pianists to perform in Trunch over the years. Our next two concerts are presented by the most internationally distinguished of these musicians. Bruce Vogt and Anda Anastasescu -pianists who play in very different styles - have performed to great acclaim at all the finest venues in the world and we are privileged, because they love so much the ambience of the concerts at St Botolph's Trunch, that they have returned several times over the past ten years, presenting either solo recitals or chamber music of the finest quality. In the June and July we have the wonderful opportunity enjoying hearing them in consecutive concerts, which should be a fascinating master-class in listening for lovers of piano music. We hope you will be tempted to attend both of these evenings. Admission is by programme, available on the door from 40 minutes before concert, priced £10 (£8 concessions). For biographies and more

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 Saturday 9th July at 7.30 pm, 'The Romanian Connection' - Anda Anastasescu - Piano.

**John Mason**

### Norfolk Mobile Library Service

We visit on Tuesdays on a fortnightly basis, stopping at The Rookery, Ridlington, from 13.40-1400, then arriving in Bacton, stopping at the Superstore from 1455-1510, then Abbey Street (1515-1535), Beach Road (1540-1550) and Paston Road, Council Houses (1555-1605). We move on to Edingthorpe (the Old School from 1615-1625 and, finally, The Chapel from 1630-1640). The dates for June are 14th, and 28th.

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## You Write

### Was This Your Cat?

On Bank Holiday Monday (2/5/16), on my way to North Walsham, just past the Coastguard Headquarters, on the left hand side of the road, I saw a dead tabby cat on the verge side. I prayed it would be gone when I returned but sadly it was still there. It was now almost 4pm. (At least whoever hit him did have the decency to stop and take him out of the road). I stopped and called at several houses in the close vicinity, but no one knew of anyone who had a cat like that, and one man told me it had been there ever since early morning. That road is very busy so many, many, people must have seen the

poor mite. I could not bear to think of him left lying there and, to make matters worse, it looked like it was about to rain, and indeed, an hour later, it poured. Therefore I brought him home and my husband gave him a decent burial in our garden.

I just like to think that someone would do the same for me.

If it is your cat please get in touch as you may like to pay your last respects to him.

**Pam Price, Priory Road**

### Edingthorpe Village Heroes Award

If there was such a thing, it should surely be awarded to the Withers Family! We could re-name Clay Lane 'Pretty Lane' because of all the hard work that has gone into planting a springtime array of delight extending all the way along there. The signage around the green lanes describing what is happening in their fields and their edge planting, their hedge care, their friendliness and courtesy when they are working and their unfailing efforts to support the village; all these make them very special people. We ALL thank them for this. It inspires us to put in efforts everywhere in our lovely village for the pleasure it imbues; in fact, the Queen of Marmalade has suggested

we each plant a bag of bulbs on our verges to extend what Andrew, John and Jan continue to do. 'Edingthorpe in Bloom' has a lovely ring to it!

**Vanessa Draper**



## Church News

**Beacon Centre, Bacton**

Food can be very evocative. Cabbage reminds me of school dinners; clementines always take me back to Christmas. And strawberries proclaim that summer is finally here. These are triggers that connect an item with a memory or an emotion. God used similar triggers in the Bible when He asked the Israelites to use a physical place or object to remind them of His faithfulness. When we look back through our lives, we too can see the fingerprint of God; sometimes it is obvious, and other times we need to look more closely. But it is definitely there, and when we see it we are reminded of the goodness of God. Let these fingerprints act as a trigger for you.

Speaking of strawberries, we have a Strawberry Tea

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at Beacon on Saturday 9 July 2-5pm. We would love to see you!

**Jonathan Squirrelle  
580018**

## **St Peter's Church, Ridlington**

In May we blessed the fields that surround us in this wonderful part of Norfolk. A Thanksgiving service for the life of Bob Conley, a one-time resident of Ridlington took place at St Peters, our thoughts are with his family at this time. On Sunday June 5 at 3pm, we celebrate a Royal Birthday - Her Majesty's 90th. We hope that you will join us to raise the roof & afterwards raise a cup to toast this important occasion whilst enjoying a strawberry cream tea! Cannot think of a more appropriate way of marking this celebration!

On July 3 at 3pm our service celebrates the rest & relaxation that a Summer by the sea brings whilst putting in a request as we pray, for clement weather for all the outdoor activities taking place at this time of year. All are very welcome, residents as well as visitors enjoying their holidays in the area.

**Tina Soldan 650402**

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

We are getting some really odd weather at the moment, one day nice, next day wet! Thankfully the weather held out for us on the day of the Bluebell Walk. The gardens at the Hall looked beautiful and some people travelled from quite a distance to enjoy the spectacle. Thank you very much if that was you. We hope you enjoyed

the day as well as the gardens, the lunches and afternoon teas were very well received. But about 5pm-ish it rained like I have never seen! Thank goodness that everyone should have reached home, dry and well fed. Thanks of course to Sally for welcoming us all and to the tea ladies who do a sterling job in keeping us fed and watered. The NGS were more than happy with their resulting funds. On Sunday 29th May there will be a Group Service for all Parishes in the Coastal Group. This will be held at St Margaret's Church at 10.30am. We are very pleased to welcome as the guest Preacher, The Earl of Kimberley, who is one of the Patrons of the church in Witton. We hope that we have a good congregation to welcome him and look forward to you joining with us, everyone is welcome.

An update on the Bell restoration, work will start very soon to rehang the bell (cast in 1483). We will keep you posted on progress.

**Beryl Lodge 650546**

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

What an assortment of weather, beautiful, warm sunny days followed by rain, gale force winds and so cold another layer of clothing was needed! But Mother Nature never fails to impress us, the flowers still bloom to brighten our day and the bird's antics bring many a smile, wonderful! Mary and Mabel went to a United Service at Lessingham Church recently and were extremely touched by the warm welcome they received; it made the service extra

special, thank you Lessingham.

At a recent All Age Worship service we watched, on DVD, a powerful and moving account of the moment Jesus was betrayed by Judas, denied three times by his disciple Peter and endured being struck in the face and later the pain and humiliation of a flogging. Watching the events unfold that eventually lead to the cruel and agonising death of Jesus on the cross reminds us of the amazing and selfless sacrifice that our Lord made for us all.

Kit and Brian have been members of St Andrew's for many years and soon they

are off to pastures new, the West Country no less. During a Sunday service recently they were presented with a card, flowers and framed photographs of St Andrew's. We are sorry to lose them as they have been regular members of our congregation but we wish them happiness in their new home, with a sea view too, and start of a new adventure. Good Luck Kit and Brian.

Please support our book stall at the celebratory picnic in June.

Visitors are always welcome

**Kim Reynolds 01263  
834507**

## **Sunday Services at a Glance: June Coastal Parishes**

**Church of England Rev Catherine Dobson 650359**  
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**Rev Eiler Mellerup 651393**

<b>Sun 5th</b>	<b>10.30 Church Family Service &amp; Baptism</b>	<b>Bacton</b>
	<b>3.00 pm Celebration</b>	<b>Ridlington</b>
<b>Sun 12th</b>	<b>10.30 All Age Worship</b>	<b>Bacton</b>
	<b>10.30 Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Witton</b>
<b>Sun 19th</b>	<b>10.30 Songs of Praise</b>	<b>Bacton</b>
<b>Sun 26th</b>	<b>10.30 Holy Communion</b>	<b>Bacton with Walcott</b>
	<b>10.30 Holy Communion &amp; Baptism</b>	<b>Witton</b>

## **All Saints', Edingthorpe**

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<b>Sun 5th</b>	<b>No Service</b>
<b>Sun 12th</b>	<b>9.30 Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sun 19th</b>	<b>No Service</b>
<b>Sun 26th</b>	<b>9.30 Holy Communion</b>

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**Rev Jonathan Squirrelle 580018**

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