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# Village News

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### **Bacton & Edingthorpe Parish Council Meeting 8 May 2017**

The Annual Parish Meeting went well although it would have been nice to have seen a few more residents attend!!! The Council received written reports from various clubs in the village and it is good to hear of their news and developments over the past year.

Multisports commences Tuesday May 16th - a reminder is on the community Facebook page and leaflets were given to the school to hand out. The information should have been in the newsletter.

Developments on the Vattenfall/Boreas windfarms are ongoing and the Council will be meeting with representatives from Vattenfall to receive an update on their work to date. As soon as the Council knows anything we will alert you all and place

the information onto the website.

To view website information [www.norfolkvanguard.vattenfall.co.uk](http://www.norfolkvanguard.vattenfall.co.uk)

A reminder to allotment holders who have not yet paid their invoice to please send your cheque urgently as this saves reminders being sent. If you are interested in an allotment, please let the Clerk know. The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on 12th June 2017 - 7pm in Bacton Village Hall Annexe. All are welcome to attend.

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.

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**Witton and Ridlington  
Village Hall**

The next Quiz and Supper will be on Friday 23rd June. Usual supper of baked potatoes (courtesy of Steve at the Lighthouse Inn), meat or veg chilli, sides and salads. Alcoholic drinks, (red/white wine, beer or cider all at £1.00 a glass) available or BYO. Raffle and prizes. Tea, coffee, table snacks. £7.00 per person. Tables of up to 6. Booking essential.

Our Summer Lunch will be on Saturday 17th June. Bookings only for home-cooked 3-course lunch with complimentary glass of wine, £10.00 per person. For details and dietary requirements please 'phone Richard on 650265. Bookings by Saturday 10th June at the latest.

We are planning a Bingo and Buffet in July so look out for details in next month's Newsletter.

Also, advance notice of our Summer Fete which will be on Saturday 5th August from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. All proceeds to go towards our kitchen renovation fund.

If you would like to book a stall for the fete please contact Richard on the above number. We are also looking for volunteers to help out on the day. Again, more details in the next Newsletter.

Our Traditional Village Show will be on Saturday 2nd September. This is a reminder for Witton and Ridlington residents to plan entries for the show, so if you are planting or preserving don't forget to think about entering your produce, crafts etc. for it. We will be delivering details of categories to all residents shortly. For residents and people in the area, if you haven't visited our show before, come and enjoy a cream tea on the day and admire the entries of flowers, plants, vegetables, fruit, baked items, preserves and art and crafts.

Contributions for the **Village News** (max 250 words) must arrive by the 15th of each month to [bactonvillagenews@hotmail.com](mailto:bactonvillagenews@hotmail.com)

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For details of classes and groups at the Hall phone Lynne, and to hire the hall for parties, classes etc. please contact Richard on the same number.

**Lynne Hosking, 650265,**  
email [lyric@clara.net](mailto:lyric@clara.net)

### Strawberry Fair

A Family Fun Day at The Beacon Centre on Saturday 8th July, 2pm - 430pm, with, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Bric-a-Brac, Cakes, Books, Chocolate Fountain and much, much more!  
See you there!

### Bacton-on-Sea Gardening Club

At our last meeting, we enjoyed a visit to Alby Craft and Garden Centre with so many wonderful things to see and do - a lovely, local place to visit and a much-appreciated social event for the members.

Dates for your diary: Our next meeting will be on Friday June 9th when we will be visiting the gardens of some of our members who live near to St Andrews Church. Please meet at Bacton Village Hall for a 2 pm departure, or you can meet up with us in one of the gardens. We will enjoy our usual cuppa in the Village Hall afterwards.

Posters are now being displayed with details about the Village Show, which will be held on Saturday 29th July 2017. Entry forms are now available from Barbara Stratfull (tel. no below) Bacton Village Hall, Bacton Superstores, Paul's hairdressers, Sugar and Spice, Happy Paws Dog Grooming Salon, Edingthorpe Church, St Andrews Church and Sheila Mason at Walcott Village Hall. Electronic formats are available on request via our email address. There will be a diversity of categories, something for everyone, so no excuse not to participate and make this a success for Bacton. The entry fee is only 30p per item and is FREE for under 16's!!!

Contact us at [bactonosgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bactonosgardenclub@gmail.com)

**Sue Shaw (Chairperson) 651623**

**Barbara Stackwood (Secretary) 652909**

**Barbara Stratfull (Treasurer) 651236**

### Book Group

There is no report this month, due to holiday, but the next meeting will be 22nd June at 2.30 in Bacton Village Hall.

**Sally Hogden 651085**  
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Examples of the Material Girls' handiwork for premature babies at NNUH

### Bacton & District History Group

On May 12th some of our members escorted a group of children from Bacton Primary School, with their teachers, on a short History Walk, starting from the Priory gateway and passing the Coastguard cottages and Rocket House and the Almshouses, continuing down Keswick Rd, along the sea wall and back down Watch House Lane to school. Even in that short distance there are so many interesting houses to look at and the children had plenty of lively and thoughtful questions to ask. It was a very enjoyable outing for us too.

Special thanks to the kind householder who invited us

into her yard and explained that her house was once part of the farm that served the monks of the Priory. Priory Day will be held on Saturday June 24th from 10 am till 1 pm.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday June 14th, 7.30 in the Village Hall annexe. All welcome.

**Jo Arnold 01692 652205**  
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### Material Girls 'R' Us

If you are interested in either 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

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## Diary Dates for June 2017

9th - Gardening Club	22nd - Book Club
12th - Theatre Gp Coffee Morning	23rd - Quiz & Supper W&R VH
- B&E PC Meeting	24th - Priory Open Day
14th - Bacton History Group	29th - St Andrew's Coffee Morning
17th - Summer Lunch W&R VH	

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 N&N Hospital. Each Christmas we go to a pub/hotel for a free lunch. Please call Valerie on 01692 652277 for further details.

### Theatre Visits

There is no report this month, due to holiday, but the next coffee morning will be 12th June from 10:00 in Bacton Village Hall Annexe

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### Bacton Craft Fairs

As you are probably aware the Bacton Craft Fairs have not been running this year. I have booked the Village Hall on Sunday the 30th July 2017 so if anyone would like to hire a table could you

please email me for further details.

**Carolyn Bakers,**  
[bakers329@btinternet.com](mailto:bakers329@btinternet.com)  
**07582 732213**

### 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, June 13th: Lion (PG). When he was five, Saroo fell asleep on a train and ended up 1000 miles from home....First Saroo must learn to survive alone in Kolkata, before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty-five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, his unwavering determination, and a revolutionary technology known as Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family and finally return to his first home....

Based on a true story.

Schedule is subject to the film distributors making the films available.

For more information see [www.mundesley.org/film](http://www.mundesley.org/film), follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/MundesleyVillageCinema](http://www.facebook.com/MundesleyVillageCinema)) or Twitter (@MundesleyCinema) or call 07710 046869

### Bacton Remembers WW1

Private Edward Hamilton Denton of the 905th Mechanical Transport Company, Army Service Corps was drowned at sea on 4th May 1917 and is commemorated on the Savona Memorial, Italy. He was born in January 1893 in Tonbridge, Kent and, by 1911, he was living in Tunbridge Wells with his parents, William and Rachel, and brother, also William, where Edward was an apprentice Motor Worker. In early 1914, Edward married Lillian Pilgrim, of Bacton, who was 10 years his

senior. He enlisted in January 1916, as a Driver Mechanic, stating that he was about 7 years older than his actual age. Despite a slight hernia, he was considered fit for the Army.

On 4th May, 1917, the Hospital Ship Transylvania was carrying Allied troops to Egypt when she was hit by a torpedo fired from a German U-boat when she was about 2 miles south of Cape Vado, near Savona, in the Gulf of Genoa. One of the accompanying Japanese destroyers came alongside to take troops on board, but was forced to take evasive action when a second torpedo was fired some 20 minutes after the first. This hit the Transylvania, which sank immediately, with the loss of 10 crew members, 29 Officers and 373 soldiers. For his services to the War, Edward was awarded the British War Medal and this, along with his Death Plaque and Commemorative scroll, were sent to his widow, Lillian, who was living at Cannon Cottage, Bacton-on-Sea. As he did not serve in a Theatre of War, he was ineligible for the Victory Medal. Lillian did not remarry and died, aged 60, in August 1945.

**Kurtis Gale**

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## Barrington Farm Open Studios

You are invited to our annual Open Studios event as part of the Norfolk and Norwich Festival 2017. If you've never been before but always wanted to, this is your chance!

Film Screening: Friday 9th June at 3pm. This is the premier of Creations - a short film following the work of Barbara Symmons, an artist at Barrington Farm. The event will be followed by a Q&A with the artist and director Dr. Amanda Ravetz. Refreshments will be available. Free to attend and all welcome. <https://www.facebook.com/events/120189388544306/> We look forward to seeing you.

## Beautiful Beaches??

Everyone loves walking our beautiful beaches but look a little closer and you will see washed up wet wipes, plastic bottles, broken helium balloons and pieces of plastic/polystyrene, all of which cause injury to marine and land wildlife. Sadly, inappropriately discarded poo bags are causing a slow starvation death to animals attracted to the cereal in the stool and eating the plastic bag (horses, deer and cattle are also dying because of this).

Birds and sea mammals entangled in balloon ribbon, discarded fishing line and ghost net die from slow strangulation.

At the recent Mundesley Parish Council event, a display showed the shocking amount of beach pollution collected on just three, one hour dog walks.

So, next time you visit the beach please take a bag (or use your dog poo bag) and look behind the sea defences or in the piles of seaweed and help tackle our appalling sea pollution. If you visit Mundesley or West Runton beaches look out for the '2 Minute Beach Clean' stations which provide litter pickers and bags, and share your photos with the worldwide #2minutebeachclean community. Or join one of the forthcoming Marine Conservation beach clean events - they are a great way to meet your neighbours.

17th June 2pm Mundesley opposite Beach Hut Cafe Arcade by Coastwatch Tower

2nd July 10am Sea Palling ramp next to Reefs Bar  
If you are unable to join us, there are other ways to help such as looking at your lifestyle and doing what you can to educate, minimise plastic use and never allow helium balloons to blow away.

For more information, contact

**Michelle Duddy**  
[norfolkbeachcleans@gmail.com](mailto:norfolkbeachcleans@gmail.com)

## Eels Events

A month of opportunities to learn more about the enigmatic eel. Come and join a local, fun, free event (in Cley, Holt and Blakeney) between May 21st - June 23rd. For details of what's on and where, see: [www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk/partnership/the-glaven-eel/1105](http://www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk/partnership/the-glaven-eel/1105)

**Helen Timson, Norfolk Coast Projects Officer**  
**Norfolk Coast Partnership, 01362 869403/01328 850530**

**Village News Directory**  
.....is coming!!

## You Write .....

### Farewell

I finally left White Cottage on 21 April this year and will miss Bacton and all the friends I have made over the last 30 years.

**Chris Brear**  
*Editors' Note: We would like to thank Chris for her parting gift of a donation to the Village News and wish her well.*

**Bryn Thomas (Tom)**

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbours for the kind messages of sympathy, floral tributes and donations received following our sad loss. Our special thanks to Janice and Connie for their love, friendship and compassion and to Reverend Eiler Mellerup for conducting such a special and comforting service. God bless.

**Jan, Caroline and Amy-Rose, 402189**

## Vattenfall Windfarm Project

In his acclaimed book "Portrait of Norfolk" (Robert Hale, 1977 p.86), David Yaxley recalls the cliff-top between Mundesley and Bacton as being "certainly the finest open stretch of raised coastline in the east of England" until 1967 when "despite strenuous opposition from local inhabitants and conservation bodies, the Bacton Gas Terminal, a huge, ugly industrial complex, was built - a disgusting act of vandalism for which the local authorities and the Department of the Environment must take much of the blame for not standing up to the giant companies who saw this

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Visualisation of two cable relay stations (one north and one south of the loke) to scale, with approximate positioning on one of the proposed sites at Munn's Loke East Ruston. Note No decision as yet as to whether one or two stations would be built on the chosen site

area as simply an open space on the map." 50 years on, Swedish Vattenfall want to seek government approval for further major industrial works here - this time to include landfall, plus at least two new electricity relay stations in open countryside, each the size of a football pitch and approximately 30 ft. high (apparently with attendant lighting, fencing, security measures and constant hum). Certainly the biggest prospective change to the area's landscape since 1967.

Do you know what your county councillor, district councillor and parish councils think about this? The latter are planning to host a session with Vattenfall project advocates at Bacton in early June, but with the public excluded. But should something this publicly significant really be held "in camera"? Or ought the public be allowed to be there to listen to the answers (or lack of them)? Does your parish council know what you think about that?

*I M Witham, 650530*

## No To Relay Stations In Unspoilt Countryside (N2RS)

Villagers are becoming increasingly concerned about the prospect of two large cable relay stations being constructed in open and unspoilt countryside, as proposed by Vattenfall, to support two offshore wind farms. Each relay station would cover one hectare, larger than Carrow Road football pitch and up to eight metres high. They would emit noise - hence recent surveys to establish background levels.

Sites under consideration include East Ruston, between Old School Road and Old Lane/Nash's Lane, astride Munn's Loke (pictured) - a green path and haven for wildlife. Other places at risk are by the Telephone Exchange, (where the Happisburgh Road crosses into Ridlington) and around Walcott, Edingthorpe, Keswick and Bacton.

We are not convinced that they can be adequately screened and the extent of any noise or light pollution is not yet known.

If you share our concerns about this industrialisation of the countryside and want Vattenfall to look harder at finding an appropriate solution, act now by:

-recording your opposition to relay stations in unspoilt

countryside at <http://norfolkvanguard.vatlenfall.co.uk/article/consultation-process> and select 'Click here to share your feedback with us'.

-emailing [group@n2rs.org.uk](mailto:group@n2rs.org.uk) and joining our growing number of supporters

Why not ask your general election candidates whether they would oppose relay stations in unspoilt countryside before you cast your vote?

**N2RS (No To Relay Stations)**



**All Saints' Church, Edingthorpe**

We wish John Howes much happiness in his new home in North Walsham. We wish the same for the new owner at 'Chestnuts'.

The churchyard looked amazing over Easter (and still does!), with daffodils now yielding place to Bluebells galore. Why not come and see?

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September 8, 9th and 10th sees the Heritage Weekend, including a Quilting exhibition and craft and cake stalls, all at All Saints'. At the same venue will be the concert with songs by Emma Nuule, to be followed by a buffet supper, on the 9th and the pets' church service on Sunday, 10th (owners also welcome!). Further details from Jan on 07535 125448

**Geoff Thomas, 405268**

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

The flowers and blossom on the trees tell us it is Spring and the grass seems to grow quickly round the church, despite the cold wind. It's May as I write this, but there are not many people enjoying our beaches yet - hopefully by the time you read this, it will be much warmer, once June is upon us.

St. Andrew's is hosting a coffee morning at St Nicholas' Room, North Walsham' on Thursday, 29th June, from 8.45-11.45. It's Market Day (and also St Peter's Day - Peter the Rock), so if you are in North Walsham, please call in for a coffee and scone, buy a cake or try the tombola, all for Church funds. We look forward to seeing you - the kettle will be on, ready!

**Joan Etherington, 536186**

### **Beacon Centre, Bacton**

However do we balance it all? There are times when the demands on our lives seem so great we wonder how we will ever cope! And yet somehow, we do. Years ago, when we had a toddler and our twins were babies, the days and nights merged a little at times but we carried on. There was no 'Plan B'.

God didn't have a 'Plan B' either. His plan was Jesus. That was it. But Jesus was

enough. When you are at the end of your tether, check out God's 'Plan A'. You will never regret it.

**Jonathan Squirrel  
580018**

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

On the last Saturday and Sunday of April we hosted the first Arts and Crafts exhibition with the idea of showcasing the talents of local people. We have got to thank all those brilliantly talented people who gave up their time to exhibit and demonstrate in the church and those who came along to support the event. We had wonderful feedback from visitors and hope to repeat the event next year. For many of us it not until we retire then find the time to unlock these thus far hidden talents and then a whole new world beckons. Our next service is on Sunday 4th June at 3 pm and is themed-Pentecost Praise

**Ray Allcoat 651609**

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

On Spring Bank Holiday Monday, after short showers the sun shone and visitors flocked to The Hall to wander amongst the beautiful gardens. With the Bluebells performing brilliantly, several hundred visitors arrived. They were welcomed and fed and enjoyed lunches and afternoon teas. All round a most successful day, both financially and visually. The profits from the entrance fee were for the NGS and all else for St Margaret's. Thank you everyone who came and hopefully enjoyed the experience, also to Sally for opening her gardens and everyone who worked flat out to make sure that it was a successful event

St Margaret's is well known for our welcome and hospitality and long may it continue.

However, recently we had some nocturnal visitors who were less than welcome to put it mildly! They stripped the South Aisle of its covering - the lead - and left gaping holes in the roof. This is unfortunately becoming a more frequent crime throughout Norfolk and Suffolk. I cannot for the life of me imagine how these thieves can sleep at night, they clearly have no conscience what so ever. So please be vigilant when you pass the church, if you see anything suspicious call 101 and quote OPERATION RANDALL. Take care

yourself, but many eyes help and sooner or later these vandals will make an error and get caught and brought to Justice. In the meantime, the roof has been protected from the elements until the covering can be replaced, but we must all be on our guard, and be observant!

Make sure that you have the 4th August in your diary for our visit by Phil Parker telling us more about the Bats who live in the roof, quite fascinating. Light refreshments will, I am sure, be provided.

Enjoy the Summer sun!

**Beryl Lodge 650546**

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

### **Coastal Parishes**

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

Sun 4th	10.30	Church Family Service	Bacton
	3.00 pm	Pentecost Praise	Ridlington
Sun 11th	10.30	All Age Worship	Bacton
	10.30	Holy Communion	Witton
Sun 18th	10.30	Songs of Praise	Bacton
Sun 25th	10.30	Holy Communion	Bacton
	10.30	Morning Prayer	Witton

### **All Saints', Edingthorpe**

**Church of England** Vicar: Rev Paul Cubitt 406380  
Email: [revpcubitt@btinternet.com](mailto:revpcubitt@btinternet.com)

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

**The Beacon Centre  
Jonathan Squirrel - 580018**

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