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### **Bacton & Edingthorpe Parish Council Meeting 13 February 2017**

The Council would like to extend a big thank you to all the Bacton Flood Warden and volunteers involved in the flood warnings throughout January 2017. It was a relief to everyone that the wind died down on 14th January and that there was no major flooding within the Parish. The Council received a request from the Senior Flood Warden for funding of necessary items for public safety. This will be an Agenda item for March and Members indicated their support.

We were extremely pleased that Norfolk County Council reviewed its decision NOT to withdraw the Bacton school crossing patrol. The Parish Council had worked hard behind the scenes to try and encourage the Members of the Committee to review this matter. Hopefully this will ensure that this service is retained for the foreseeable

future!!! Please remember though that this may be reviewed again.

Volunteers are urgently needed for the Multisports community initiative. Without DBS checks being put in place EARLY on, Multisports may not be able to continue in 2017. It is vital that you let us know as soon as possible if you would be able to help. We need a minimum of 3 volunteers per session per week, so we are seeking a total of 6-10 people in order that we can accommodate holidays and illnesses so that the workload does not fall on one person's shoulders. Please volunteer now - we need you.

After the Council's opinion being sought regarding the location of the new mobile Post Office, Members were disappointed that the Post Office did not agree. The Post Office deems that that the best position for the mobile service is at the Village Hall. We have again written to the Post Office to alert them again to our view that the preferred and best siting would be at

Bacton Superstore and we have re-iterated our reasons behind our guidance. There is grave concern from the Gas Terminal companies that residents are not heeding the advice on the notices. The cliff may be unstable after the recent storm and work is taking place on the beach. Please do not ignore the notices - they are there for the public's health and safety.

The 6 Community planters should be ready to be dispersed around the village for March. They will be managed by the Gardening Club to bring colour into Bacton. The Council would again like to extend their thanks to this band of volunteers who have committed their time to this project.

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

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### **Bacton Village Hall**

Our next Quiz and Chips will be held on Saturday 11th March starting at 7.30 p.m. Cost is £7.50 per person including fish and chips or

£4 per person without food. Bring your own drinks. To book a table please call Barbara on 01692 651236. Everyone welcome.

### **Witton and Ridlington Village Hall**

We hope that all of you who packed the Hall at our last quiz thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Our next quiz is 7pm Friday 24th March and to make sure we have enough food and tables we will have to say that booking is essential. Just contact us (details below) to reserve your table.

We have rearranged our cancelled Bingo and Bangers Night for Saturday 1st April. 7pm for food (£7) and eyes down at 8 for the Bingo (£2). Alcoholic drinks available on the night at reasonable prices.

We pride ourselves on our home-cooked meals, so to continue to maintain their

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quality our aim is to refurbish our kitchen in time for our 50th anniversary in 18 months. To do this we agreed at our recent AGM to launch our new kitchen fund appeal. Watch out for future details and updates about fundraising events.

Finally, for all those who over the years have endured our chairs, we will be getting brand new comfortable chairs before Easter. Come and try them soon!

For details of weekly classes at the Hall and to hire the Hall for private events and activities please ring the number below.

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

### Bacton Flood Wardens

We were alerted and out on watch 6 times between January 4th and 14th this year, opening the Evacuation Centre on the evening of the 13th. The consecutive run of nights and mornings, some very unpleasant weather and some absences (including mine for part of the time) meant that our team of wardens were stretched for longer than I can remember since I became a flood warden.

I want to publicly thank the team and pass on to them the appreciation and thanks

of the Parish Council for all their continued efforts. NNDC also thanked all their flood wardens on their website.

Since my last report, we have gained 2 new wardens and lost one, as well as bringing on board 3 volunteers for the Evacuation Centre. This is very welcome and much needed. However, if Bacton ever has to cope with an extreme event we cannot afford to be understaffed. Eight of our wardens work and so are not always available and some of us are not getting any younger! If you like being outside in all weathers and are prepared to help support people in the rare event of evacuation please get in touch.

In the not too distant future I will be posting on the Parish Web Site and the Village News site further information as to how we are organised and work so everyone can be better informed and prepared.

**Alison Hamilton, Senior Flood Warden, 651213**

### New Year's Day Dip Result

Many thanks to all those people who 'dipped' and 'spectated' on a very cold, windy and rainy New Year's Day. Despite the weather a good day was had by all. The

Grand Raffle alone raised £635.50. All monies raised on the day was kindly matched by Jack Povey on behalf of Barclays Bank. This will all go to the 2017 Poacher's Charity, 'Make a Wish, UK'. The current total raised can be found on the board in the foyer at the Poacher's Pocket. We look forward to seeing you all again this Year!

**Lynn & Ady Willett**

### Jumble Sale

Jumble Sale in aid of Sandcastles Preschool, Bacton to take place on Saturday 18th March from 10 am till 2 pm at Bacton Primary School. Bric-a-brac, jumble, tombola, face painter, raffle and more..... If you have a local business that would be able to donate a raffle prize or for any other donations, please contact us for details. Thank you for supporting your local preschool.

**Laura 07557 767318  
Tracey 07979 541848**

### Craft & Create

We are a thriving craft group who meets once a month (3rd Thursday) in the Annexe at Bacton Village Hall (7.30-9pm). We have tripled our numbers since the beginning and although we work hard at what we do, we don't take

ourselves too seriously! Members have shared their craft and skills with us and we have dabbled in many including wet felt pictures, card making, fabric painted pictures, up-cycling challenges, needle felting and covered boxes. We also love a good natter over tea and biscuits.

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

**Jo Lodge**

**[Jona.lodge@btopenworld.com](mailto:Jona.lodge@btopenworld.com)**

### Book Group

At January's meeting we discussed 'The Prisoner of Heaven' by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. We had met some characters in a previous book and it was interesting to see how they were developed in this one. There were some horrific scenes in a Spanish prison but the prisoner Fermin has a wry sense of humour and makes a dramatic escape in the manner of the Count of Monte Cristo. One member was disappointed by the conversational style of the book and another would have liked more detail of The Cemetery of Books. It was a good adventure story and the mystery will be continued in a sequel.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday March 23rd at 2:30

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## Diary Dates for March 2017

3rd - Women's World Day of Prayer  
 10th - Gardening Club  
 11th - Quiz & Chips Bacton VH  
 13th - Theatre Gp Coffee Morning-  
 - B&E PC Meeting  
 18th - Sandcastles' Jumble Sale  
 23rd - Book Group  
 24th - W&R Quiz & Supper

in the Village Hall where we will discuss 'Her Fearful Symmetry' by Audrey Niffenegger and 'The Illusionist' by Rosie Thomas. We will also be distributing copies of 'And The Mountains Echoed' by Khaled Housseni who wrote the 'Kite Runner.' If you would like a copy of this book, please contact me.

**Sally Hogden**

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### Bacton-on-Sea Gardening Club

Firstly, I need to apologise for launching you into the future in last month's publication. I know it is not 2107 but I didn't notice my error until I saw it in print when my copy of the Village News was delivered through my door. Definitely require proof readers!!!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Seed/Plant

Swap on 11th February. We had a wide range of seeds/plants and a steady flow of visitors.

As a group of community spirited individuals, we are keen to promote the lovely village of Bacton. To this end, we are happy to announce that we shall soon be having six planters located around the village. These have been funded by the Parish Council and the Gardening Club. Many thanks to Sue Shaw and Gina Kennell who have worked diligently with Elaine Pugh to make this happen. We would love you to be involved so, if you would like to help with care and maintenance of a planter, or sponsor a planter, please contact us. Reminder for your diary: Our next meeting will be on Friday 10th March 2017 when we will be having a Spring Flower Show and our AGM. This would be a great

time for new members to join us - we will be having home-made cake with our cuppa!!!

Also, look out for details about the Village Show, which will be held on Saturday 29th July.

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

**Sue Shaw (Chairperson)**  
 -651623

**Barbara Stackwood**  
 (Secretary) - 652909

**Barbara Stratfull**  
 (Treasurer) - 651236

### Theatre Visits Group

Some members went to the Theatre Royal to see Brendan Cole of Strictly Come Dancing and were all very pleased that they did so. Those that had been before thought this show was better than previous ones. One member attended unexpectedly and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Apparently, the dancing by all performers was immaculate and the accompanying band and singers were very good. There was a good pace to the show with music to showcase every dance genre, finishing with an energetic jive. What also impressed the group was the generosity shown by Cole to the whole cast by not accepting all the plaudits.

Two of us went to see the live screening at Cromer of 'Amadeus' by Peter Shaffer, broadcast from the National Theatre. In an interview, the actor Adam Gillen said he regarded Mozart as a radical composer and used David Bowie and the Sex Pistols as models for his characterisation (though not the music!) As a result, I found his performance rather manic but at the same time compelling. His rival at court, Salieri, has the meat of this play and the actor Lucian Msamati, gave a paced commanding performance. Of course, the music is an essential ingredient and the Southbank Sinfonia played divinely despite the fact that these accomplished musicians were required to move on stage and integrate with the cast whilst playing. It was a very effective innovation.

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If you would like information about forthcoming visits please get in touch with me. The next coffee morning will be on Monday March 13th from 10:00 in the Village Hall Annexe.

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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**

**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, March 14th: Florence Foster Jenkins (PG) 100mins. Florence Foster Jenkins (Meryl Streep) was an American socialite and flamboyant amateur soprano described as "the world's worst opera singer" yet she was managed (and loved) by St. Clair Bayfield (Hugh Grant) for 36 years.....  
Schedule is subject to the film distributors making the films available.  
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help us to achieve this aim, please get in touch.

**Kate & Steve, Editors**

**Gardeners' Delight!**

Calling all gardeners/allotment holders. Well-rotted horse muck available, some of it 3 years' old. Lovely stuff, full of worms and from the bottom of a Horse of the Year Show Champion! Mostly field muck with very little bedding. Come get as much or as little as you like!

**Caroline Denson-Smith**  
**407068**

**Village News Directory 2017**

Last year we planned to publish an updated edition of the Directory with the June issue of the Village News. However, as there was a marked lack of interest from businesses and community groups, we shelved the idea. Now, we would like to try again so, if you would like your business, club, organisation or service to be listed, or you would like to update your entry, please contact us as soon as possible. The Directory is delivered to all homes in the 4 villages and we aim to provide a comprehensive guide for residents and visitors alike. Even if you don't usually advertise in the Village News, we would still like to include your details - at no cost - so, to

**Bag It & Bin It**

Most dog owners are clearing up after their pets, however it is important to dispose of the bag responsibly, in a red bin, any black rubbish bin or your dustbin at home. There are a small number of owners who are throwing the used bags onto the grass banking, into long grass or leaving it on the promenade and paths, which is unpleasant and can attract a substantial fine. The Parish Council have obtained additional red bins for the convenience of (dog) owners, so please use them, there is no one else who will clear up for you! Spring is coming and restrictions will soon be in force, when the beach and clifftop between the groynes to the North of Newlands Estate and Cable Gap slipway become a no-go area for dogs. Please help us by reminding visitors that dogs are not allowed in that area, that we have a strict 'bag it & bin it' policy in Bacton and that dogs must be kept on a lead (or very close control) on all footpaths. Please remember that these are NNDC byelaws for the protection of all.

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## Museum of the Broads

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Celebrate Easter somewhere different - make it Stalham!

## Able Care

Able Community Care is a Norfolk company which began in 1980 and now provides its services throughout the UK. As an established care provider we often receive questions from our clients, our carers and the general public relating to questions they have about UK care services and other relevant care issues. These are just a sample - for more information, please check out our website ([www.uk-care.com](http://www.uk-care.com)) or contact us on 01603 764567.

1) Question - I have two elderly relatives and I am their only 'younger' generation relative. When sadly they pass away I will have to make the arrangements that are

needed. Where can I find some information that will tell me what I have to do? Answer - I would log on to the Age UK website and download Factsheet 27 which sets out clearly the arrangements that need to be completed when a person dies, choices that can be made, etc. and gives details of other organisations that you may wish to contact. Their web site can be found at: [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk)

2) Question - I am an older vegetarian, I have no close relatives and I am considering moving into a residential care home. How can I find out if a care home really does provide good, quality, vegetarian food?

Answer - VFL (Vegetarian for Life) is a UK charity dedicated to improving the quality of life for older vegetarians and on their website at [www.vegetarianforlife.org.uk](http://www.vegetarianforlife.org.uk) you can go to their UK list of care homes to find those homes which do provide good vegetarian catering. The list covers England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

3) Question - How can I find out if a relative has appointed a Power of Attorney?

Answer - To find out if someone has an attorney or deputy acting for them you can apply to search the Office of the Public

Guardian registers to see if someone has another person acting on their behalf.

This can be:

- an attorney under a lasting power of attorney
- an attorney under an enduring power of attorney
- a court appointed deputy

You need to complete form 'OPG 100' to search the register. This is a free service. The web site to go to is:

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4) Question - I work in an office where I work on a computer all day. I am told I can claim a free eye test, is this so?

Answer - If you work at a computer screen or VDU as part of your job you are entitled to obtain a voucher for the full cost of the sight test. This is laid down in the Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations 1992. You need to let your optician know that you have a voucher before you have the sight test. You may also be entitled to a voucher towards the cost of your glasses, but not towards the cost of contact lenses. Your optician will be able to advise you. (This answer came from

[www.patient.co.uk](http://www.patient.co.uk))



## All Saints' Church, Edingthorpe

The Annual Quiz held in January was attended by 90 'Quizters' who enjoyed the challenge and the included Shepherds' Pie and a selection of puddings. Thank you to Graham Miguell for compiling the question for the last time, after many years. In excess of £800 was raised so thanks to all who attended and who organised this event. David and June Hannant's Annual Coffee Morning will be on Thursday, 27th April at Stoney Lodge. Further details in the April edition of the Village News.

A big thank you to Ruth Fisher for her continual cleaning of the church which now sparkles and smells of polish! It is much appreciated.

**Geoff Thomas, 405268**

## St Andrew's Church, Bacton

The last service in January was themed on light (Jesus, Light of the World). It was a bright and sunny day and,

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St Andrew's Church, Bacton, in Spring

as the sun shone through the stained-glass windows, the church was filled with a rainbow of light. We sang the Hymn 'Colours of day dawn into mind, The sun has come up, the night is behind', giving a witness of God in our service, Our Bible Fellowship is watching the DVD of Corrie Ten Boon tell of her hardship in Ravensbrook Camp during the War but her Faith stayed strong. Friday, 3rd March is 'Women's World Day of Prayer' and we will be celebrating with a service at 2 pm.

**Joan Etherington,  
536186**

**Beacon Centre, Bacton**

What really makes you think about the bigger questions in life? Sometimes the answer is "nothing", as life keeps us busy and we often put-off the seemingly non-urgent. And then, all of a sudden, something happens to us or those we care for, and it allows us space to pause and think. That alone may be all we need.

So whether you are facing a crisis, or are simply being intentional about considering the "what if" questions, I want to encourage you to take the necessary time. It is always time well spent. And then if you are ready, contact us at Beacon about exploring some of these questions one-on-one or in a group

setting. We would love to seek answers together.

**Jonathan Squirrell  
580018**

**St Peter's Church,  
Ridlington**

January's New Year's optimism tends to fall a little flat once we move into February.

Some of the old weather-related sayings come to mind:

February fill dyke, either black or white. March comes in like a lion, out like a lamb (or vice versa!), and an old saying on the farm used to be 'a spec of March dust is worth a king's ransom'. Then of course, April showers bringing forth spring flowers, but in these days of climate change who knows what's in store?

Our Candlemas service gave us chance to remember friends, family and loved ones no longer with us, but never forgotten.

Our next service is a Service for Lent on 5th March at 3pm.

**Ray Allcoat 651609**

**St Margaret's Church,  
Witton**

Having got through the brief chilly spell (there is still time for more so don't put the winter woollies away yet!), Spring is just around the corner. It is so reassuring to see the Snowdrops and Violets in the hedgerows and we can wonder at the marvel of

these hardy little plants just waiting for the warmer weather to burst forth. Magnificent!

With the imminent arrival of Spring, followed by Easter (16th April which is quite early this year), we are planning our services and we have three to remind you of:

On March 12th there will be a service of Holy Communion at 10.30am

For the hardy souls among you there will be a Sunrise service on Easter Sunday morning at 5.45am at the car park on Happisburgh Cliff top. Do wrap up warmly and marvel at the spectacle of the sunrise on this special morning. All are welcome!

At St Margaret's Church we shall celebrate the wonder

of the Risen Lord at 11.15am (Please note the change to our usual service time) on Easter Day. All are most welcome to join with us.

Have you attended the services at St Margaret's (or maybe thinking about it) and thought 'I could do that!?' Well, now is your chance as I am hoping to compile a rota of willing souls who would be happy to read the lessons! If enough people come forward, it will not be an onerous task. No qualifications required, just a clear loud-ish voice. Please contact me at the number below for more information, Thank you.

Stay warm, its early yet!

**Beryl Lodge 650546**

### Sunday Services at a Glance: March

#### Coastal Parishes

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Rev Eiler Mellerup 651393

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

#### All Saints', Edingthorpe

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

#### The Beacon Centre

**Jonathan Squirrel - 580018**

**Sundays 10.30 am All Welcome**  
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