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Notes from Bacton & Edingthorpe Parish Council

We are pleased to confirm that the defibrillator at the Village Hall is working and being regularly checked and we thank our volunteer for this. We are trying to arrange CPR training and hopeful that this event will be held in June. Residents will be invited to attend. We will be receiving an update in March from the Community Housing Team to inform the Council of the progress to date with the Community Housing Fund. We are planning to run the Multisports programme again this year. The dates are to be confirmed and we are waiting confirmation of funding from the Gas Terminal companies. There are a number of vacancies on the Parish Council. If you would like to join us please call 402998. 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. However, we are always receptive to new ideas and projects and sometimes provide limited funding. Look on our website for more information or come to one of our meetings to see what we do.

The next meeting is the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on 12th March 2018, 7pm in Bacton Village Hall Annexe. All are welcome to attend.

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Witton and Ridlington Village Hall

Weekly exercise classes available at the Hall include: Modern Matwork Pilates classes on Wednesday at 5.00pm and Thursday 3.00pm and Stretch and Tone classes on Wednesday 6.00pm. Please

ring me for more information.

Our Wednesday afternoon art group will be restarting in April. Please ring me for details.

Our next event will be a pub night on Saturday 10th March 7pm. Traditional pub games will be available (cards, darts, cribbage etc). We will be serving wine, beer, cider, lager at reasonable prices. Bar snacks, tea, coffee included in the admission price of £2.00.

Every 4th Friday of the Month we have a Quiz and Supper. £7.00 per person includes supper, tea, coffee, table snacks. The next one is Friday 23rd March at 7pm. Booking (from 1st of the month) essential. (please specify numbers up to 6 people per table).

We are now planning for our summer fete and show. Residents who are getting their gardens ready for spring, please bear in mind our traditional flower and produce Village Show on 1st September when you are doing your planting.

Our fete is now in the planning stage, so details at a later date. As many of you know we are a small committee and we are grateful to those of you who have already offered to help us with the fete, which, as well as being a fun afternoon, will help us to raise money for our kitchen fund. If any of you can help in any way, (planning, lending equipment, helping

on the day) please get in touch.

To book and for all other enquiries including hiring the Hall please contact me. (Please see pics of the hall on the Witton and Ridlington Parish Council website.)

**Lynne Hosking 650265
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Bacton Village Hall

Saturday 10th March 2018 at 7.30pm is the date and time to put in your diary for the next Quiz and Chips to be held at Bacton Village Hall. The cost is £7.50 per person including fish and chips or £4 per person without. You are more than welcome to bring your own snacks and drinks.

To book a table for the quiz, or if you're interested in hiring the Village Hall for any occasion or are thinking of joining one of the many clubs that use the hall on a

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New Year's Day Dip

Many thanks to all of those people who 'dipped' and 'spectated' on New Year's Day. A good dip was had by all. The Grand Raffle raised £410. All monies went to the Poachers Pocket Charity 'Make a Wish, UK'. We look forward to seeing you all again next Year!

Lynn & Ady Willett

Village News Donations

Following last month's appeal for donations to support the Village News, we are pleased - and extremely grateful, - to say that, to date, we have received just over £400. To all who have donated, whether the amount was large or small, please accept our heartfelt thanks. On behalf of all those who are involved with the production and distribution of the Village News, thanks also for the messages of support.

The Editors

Book Club

At the January meeting we were pleased to welcome a

new member, Maggie. We discussed 'Where My Heart Used To Beat' by Sebastian Faulks with mixed reactions. There was a lot to talk about the main character and his solitary life. This began with an impoverished widowed mother and his studious life at school, followed him into the army during WW2, where he briefly became part of a team and met the love of his life whilst on leave in Italy. After they split up he returns to his work in psychiatry and resumes his solitary existence. All this is revealed to us when he meets a man who has written to him saying that he knew his father in WW1 and has more information for him. It takes several visits before we actually find out and, though essential for the effect it has, we found the device rather contrived.

The second book discussed was 'The Muse,' by Jessie Burton. This story has two time frames linked together through a painting and, as it transpires, some characters. This plot device gave us a well written, intriguing story. We particularly liked the two West Indian girls who came to London in the '60s, one of whom is the narrator of this part of the book. The other time zone is set

during the Spanish Civil War of the '30s and although there are some horrific scenes we felt it was a true reflection of that turbulent time.

We had some criticism of both books but were pleased to have read them. We were unable to have a meeting in February so are having two in March. On March 1st at 2:30 in Bacton Village Hall we will be discussing 'Exposure' by Helen Dunmore and 'Saturday' by Ian McEwan and issuing a new book, 'My Name Is Lucy Barton' by Elizabeth Strout to be discussed on March 29th.

If you would like a copy or any information about the group, please get in touch.

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Bacton-on-Sea Gardening Club

Last month we held our Annual General Meeting. Sue Shaw stood down as Chairperson after two years. She has passionately injected her enthusiasm into taking the club forward for its members and initiated the installation of Planters for the village. We thank you Sue. The Village Hall buzzed with interest at the Plant and Seed Swap. There was

de Feyter Agri present their

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Diary Dates for March 2018

1st - Book Club	18th - Lambing Day
3rd - All Saint's Quiz & Supper	23rd - W&R VH Quiz & Supper
9th - Gardening Club	29th - Book Club
10th - W&R VH Pub Night	
- Bacton VH Quiz & Chips	
12th - Theatre Gp Coffee Morning	
- B&E PC meeting	

plenty of time to swap seeds, plants and ideas, gather information and advice while enjoying the refreshments. We were pleased to meet people who have just moved into the village and hope they enjoy their gardening by the sea. On March 9th we welcome Charlotte Philcox a renowned garden designer whose presentation will focus on vegetable growing for everyone. As usual visitors and new members are always most welcome. BACTON OPEN GARDENS is planned for July 29th so please add this to your calendar, plan your planting and allow others to enjoy your beautiful garden. The event depends on the participation of our villagers to open their gardens. Contact us on the details below or tell a garden club member that you will be happy to open

your garden, so we can promote the event.

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Bacton & District History Group

Our February meeting took place on a horribly cold wet evening. Thanks to those who were able to attend - we had a good discussion in spite of the weather, with plenty of ideas for the year ahead.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday April 11th, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe as usual. Details in the April Village News.

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Theatre Group

'Top Hat' proved to be another successful

production for the Norfolk and Norwich Operatic Society. Only two members attended as the third one was unable to go but fortunately the Box Office was able to sell the ticket and so reimburse our member. As always, the NNOS show was of professional standard with outstanding tap dancing and wonderful costumes and scenery. Our members found it an uplifting experience. Three of us visited The Assembly House for the Great Hall production of two short Noel Coward plays. Set in the same hotel but at different times with the waiter being the same character in both, the plays deal with reflections and relationships. 'A Song at Twilight,' was darker than 'Come into the Garden, Maud' in which there were more comic moments but the scripts of both were full of

acerbic wit delivered by competent actors.

Two of us saw John Godber's 'Teechers' at the Playhouse and laughed at the clever and sometimes cringingly accurate high school characters portrayed by three talented and energetic youngsters.

We have several outings already booked but here are two new ones to consider. 'Jerusalem' by Jez Butterworth at The Maddermarket, and 'Education, Education, Education' at the Playhouse. Both are billed as comic dramas dealing with the state of the nation. If you are interested in these or would like more information about our group, please get in touch or come along to the next coffee morning on Monday 12th March from 10:00 in the Bacton Village Hall Annexe.

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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, 13th March: Murder on the Orient Express (12A). Kenneth Branagh's and Ridley Scott's 2017 re-make of

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the iconic Poirot movie. Enjoy watching the ensemble cast including Judy Dench, Michelle Pfeiffer, Derek Jacobi, Penelope Cruz and Norfolk local girl Olivia Coleman pitch their wits against Brannagh's Poirot as he tries to solve the murder of Ratchett (Johnny Depp) before the snow plough clears the track.

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

For more information see www.mundesley.org/film, follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MundesleyVillageCinema) or call 07710 046869

Benefit Checks

Many older people are entitled to claim benefits - but not everyone is aware of what their entitlements are, and how to claim. Age UK Norfolk is working hard to raise awareness so that those in later life, and their carers, can claim and helping them along the way to make those claims.

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To find out more about benefit checks, call the Age UK Norfolk advice line on 0300 500 1217, Monday-Friday 10am-4pm.

Share Your Stories of the Norfolk Coast

The Norfolk Coast Area celebrates 50 years as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty this April.

The official designation as a protected area - given in 1968 - enables us to take action, as well as highlighting that the area belongs, in an important way, to us all. Natural systems are under threat from global warming and other factors, and there is much to be done to safeguard heritage. In this special year, we are looking back to celebrate - and forward to a healthy future for this beautiful place.

We would love to hear from anyone who has any memories of the coast, how life was, living and working in the area in 1968. If you have any stories, photos or videos of the area that you would be happy to share, please get in touch. Call 01328 850530 or email helen.timson@norfolk.gov.uk

You Write

Wild Touch

A few months ago, I was driving through Pollard Street when a car in front hit a cat but did not stop. The car directly in front of me stopped as did I. The lady from that car seemed to know what she was doing as she cradled the dying cat. We eventually found the grateful owner and that was it.

Except it wasn't.

The young lady was the partner of (now) local wildlife expert, David Carr and they were in the process of attempting to purchase the old Seal and Bird Hospital in Mill Common Road, Ridlington, as their new premises for their Wildlife Centre, Wild Touch.

She informed me that a lot of the original residents were still at the home and they were being allowed to care for them. I instantly volunteered my wife Jaine to help and after visiting with her, realised they needed the help of builders equally.

So, over the past 2 months or so, that is what has happened, but there is so much to do and, when Spring comes, the real work will start.

There are a lot of kind people in Bacton and the

surrounding area and if this Sanctuary is to return to its former glory they need voluntary help either with time or money.

You can research the centre on Facebook or Contact David on 07765 345441, which is the same number should you find any wildlife needing care.

Peter Shepherd

Fund-raising Appeal

Following the lead theft from the Church roof in May 2017, which has resulted in a bill for £35,000, the Fund-raising Appeal began on January 14th with a Plough Sunday Service and Lunch. Thanks go to Graham Kirk for bringing his late 19th Century Plough made by Randalls of North Walsham and a big thank you to all who joined us and for their generosity. The Appeal continues, and any donation is very welcome. The Church hopes to hold more events throughout the year.

Charles and Gillian Owles.



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✠ Church News ✠

Beacon Church

It's hard to miss the whites, purples, and yellows that are bringing change to our countryside. A few weeks ago the ground was barren and dull, now snowdrops, crocuses, and daffs are making their appearance sporting life and colour. The first signs of spring fill us with hope and the promise of warmer days. When the apostle Paul was on his way to persecute the Christians of his day, he heard some words that would change his life forever. "Why are you persecuting me?" "Who are you, Lord?" he asked. And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting." His world turned upside down. The One he thought was dead was alive. He had encountered the risen Jesus. Instead of persecuting Christians, Paul told others of the difference Jesus can make. It won't be long before we celebrate Good Friday and Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus. He is alive. He wants to be part of our lives. When we invite Him into situations, He makes a difference. What

seems barren and dull can have the hope of life and colour. The Bible talks about a hope that will never disappoint us. God loves us and at just the right time Jesus came to die for us and was raised to life again to give life and purpose. We would love to see you. Good Friday 7:30pm and Easter Sunday 10:30am.

**Jonathan & Paige
Squirrell 580018**

St Andrew's Church, Bacton

At St Andrew's we continue to enjoy services at the church on Sundays at 10-30 am. except for the 11th March, Mothering Sunday, when our All Age Worship service will be held in the Annexe of Bacton Village Hall at 10-30 am. It's now Lent and soon Easter, Spring approaches and Daffodils are showing their heads in the church grounds - signs of warmer weather to come. On Easter Sunday, the Service at St Andrew's will be half an hour earlier at 10 am. a service of Holy Communion to Celebrate the Risen Lord. In the Glorious Easter Story, a troubled world can find

Blessed Reassurance and Enduring Peace of mind. 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 are welcome 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

As you will have seen from the letter from Charles and Gillian, we have launched our Appeal and hope to put on further events to raise the necessary funds for the repairs to the roof. A small flyer was delivered to all residences in Witton last month and has raised the profile of this quest. If anyone in the other parishes in the Coastal Group would like a copy, please do get in touch I would be very happy to send one to you. Any donations received would be most gratefully received - every little helps as someone is always saying! As we have now entered into the season of Lent, the

churches are devoid of flowers and don't they look bare? The next service at Witton is on the 11th March at 10.30 am, which is Mothering Sunday. Everyone is most welcome, not just the Mums around us. Easter Day will be on 1st April, when we celebrate the Risen Lord.

Beryl Lodge, 650546

St Peter's Church, Ridlington

Twenty-six very hardy souls gathered in a fridge-like church to hear the Canon Keith James speak, supported, I believe at short notice, by Joyce for our service, 'Jesus, Light of the World'. The increasing daylight and signs that nature is beginning to shed its winter state give us that extra optimism for the year ahead. On a recent visit to Great Yarmouth I came across a young, homeless man with his dog, which I found quite moving and no he wasn't begging. We don't of course know the circumstances which lead people to this state. We so take for granted our homes, which provide our security and are the very cornerstone of our

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Services & Events for Holy Week



Maundy Thursday, 29th March	11.00 am	Clergy Renewal of Ordination Vows	Norwich Cathedral
Good Friday, 30th March	2.00 pm	Last Hour	St Andrew's, Bacton
	7.30 pm	Healing Service	Beacon Centre, Bacton
	8.00 pm	Night Time Prayer	All Saints', Edingthorpe
Saturday, 31st March	2.00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt	St Mary's, Happisburgh

lives and perhaps we should also remember all those refugees throughout the world, who once had secure homes, only to find their lives cruelly interrupted by war or other social conflicts. But on a lighter note, our next service is 'A Service for Lent' and is on the 4th March at 3pm and will be followed by the Annual Parish meeting.

Ray Allcoat 651609

**All Saints' Church,
Edingthorpe**

From April, June Hannant will become the new co-ordinator of our village's news. If you have any news that you would like included then please contact June by the 10th of the preceding month. June's phone number is 07747 151503.

That isn't to say that all of you who have enjoyed reading Geoff Thomas' amusing writings over the last few years will miss out. You will be pleased to hear that Geoff will still be making the occasional contribution, so watch this space! I know that you would all join me in thanking Geoff for all his hard work over these last few years. This is all done voluntarily, as is the collation and producing of the Village News by the Bacton Village News team, all of whom deserve our

thanks for the time they give each month to ensure that the Village News is printed in order to be delivered by local volunteers, through your door each month. Thank you to everyone involved.

Easter is early this year and we have our Easter Celebration on Sunday April 1st at 9:30 am. The Church will, as always look beautiful with every window sill decorated. Some people like to arrange flowers or donate some money for flowers to be arranged in memory of a loved one. If you would like to do this, please contact Margaret de feyter on 403182.

On Good Friday March 30th at 8pm there is night time prayer, a special time for quiet reflection.

The annual quiz and supper is to be held on Saturday March 3rd at 7.00pm in St Benet's Hall, North Walsham. Tickets can be obtained from any committee member.

Advance notice is for Sunday May 20th 5.30 to 8.30 when we will be cruising on 'Southern Comfort', the Mississippi Paddle Boat, a three hour sail from Horning. With tea, the tickets will cost £12.50 and can be obtained from any committee member.

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Sunday Services at a Glance: March

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Rev Catherine Dobson 650359

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Rev Eiler Mellerup 651393

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

All Saints', Edingthorpe

Vicar: Rev Paul Cubitt 406380

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

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