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### Bacton & Edingthorpe Parish Council Meeting 13th April 2015

The Parish Council would like to thank its past members who chose not to stand for election this year for their support and the work they have undertaken within their community over the past 4 years.

In May 2015 we start with a new Council and welcome our new team. Your new Councillors will be: Susan Holden, Richard Barr, Richard Kimble, Tricia Myles, Pauline Paterson, Ian Witham, John East and David Gale. No elections were necessary as not enough people put their names forward to generate an election. Hence all people nominated automatically go through to be Councillors. Bacton and Edingthorpe Parish Council need another three members for a full Council and these may be co-opted as necessary by the Council. If you are interested in joining the Council please let the Clerk know. It is vital that the Council secures people who are

interested in working hard for their community and who will ensure that it is run for the benefit of the whole parish. Look on our website (under the Parish Council tab).

We are seeking views from Edingthorpe residents on their ideas of what the land at Highbanks, Edingthorpe could be used for. As outlined earlier we are working with the landowner to solve the issues with the pond. The Council considers that this area will become an excellent community amenity for local people. Your vision is welcomed - you can either write directly to the Council or utilise the website.

Multisports - it is hoped that with the input from our volunteers that this initiative will run again this year. Multisports will be managed by the Parish Council directly and funded by external sources. We are also seeking to purchase the equipment for this project from Multisports. This would mean that the Parish Council would then own these assets for the benefit of the children of the villages.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th May 2015 commencing at 7pm in Bacton Village Hall Annex. The first meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. You are welcome to attend.

*Elaine Pugh, Clerk to  
Council, 402998*

### Village News Directory

You should have received the updated Directory with your Village News this month. Copies will also be available, as usual, in Bacton Superstore, Bacton Fish Shop and Sugar & Spice Café, as well as the Bacton Information Booth in Abbey Street. If you need further copies, please give Kate a call (650641) as there may be some spares. Although the entries are largely Bacton-based, we hope you find it useful, wherever you live!

Thanks to all who have contacted us to be included.

*Kate & Steve, Editors*

### Sandcastles Pre-school

We will be holding a May Day fete on Monday 4th May, 12noon -4:00pm at the Sandcastles premises on the site of Bacton Primary School. Come along and join us for a fun, family friendly afternoon. Refreshments, tombola, raffle, games, stalls, craft activities and more. This is our main fundraising event this year and we would love to see you there.

Look out for another May fundraiser- a fishing competition to be held on Walcott beach- date to be confirmed- Check on Sandcastles Preschool Facebook page for more details as they are confirmed. You can also follow us on twitter [@sandcastles\\_fun](https://twitter.com/sandcastles_fun) or check out our soon to be updated website [www.sandcastlespreschool.co.uk](http://www.sandcastlespreschool.co.uk). If you are interested in visiting sandcastles please contact us by phone (650284) or e-mail [team@sandcastlespreschool.co.uk](mailto:team@sandcastlespreschool.co.uk)

### Bacton Village Show

Would the winners of Trophies in 2014 please return them to me or any member of the Garden Club as soon as possible. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing your entries for 2015 and welcoming new participants. Entry forms/schedules will

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be available soon. In the meantime, please call me for any information you need.

**Joan Galbraith, 650434**

### Edingthorpe

Just a reminder that we have visits from the excellent mobile library each fortnight, calling at the Old School at 4.15 pm and the Old Chapel at 4.30 pm. The next visit will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> May. This is a good service and deserves to be better supported.

**Geoff Thomas, 405263**

### Bacton History Group

A reminder that Bromholme Priory is open to the public on Saturday May 16th, from 11 am to 1 pm. We are very lucky once again to have the architectural historian Stephen Heywood to help us interpret the ruins, so do come along, this is a chance not to be missed. We'll be asking for a donation of £2.00 per person. Enquiries to

**Jo Arnold 652205**

### Witton and Ridlington Village Hall

Thanks to everyone who came to our Spring Lunch. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed putting it on. Thanks to Steve at the Lighthouse for letting us use



Priory Open day 2013

his ovens (and for continuing to support our Hall) and to Chef for all his help and advice. As usual the soup was made by Sally, as usual it was delicious and as usual her plating-up skills were epic.

Our next regular monthly quiz will be on Friday 22nd May. Proceeds go towards the upkeep of our Hall but our main aim is to maintain the Hall as a social centre for the village so that local people can enjoy good food and social events at reasonable prices.

Our quizzes are good fun in a relaxed setting so if you're interested contact Lynne/Richard to book a table for up to six people. If you don't have enough to make up a team just come along anyway and we can make you up a team on the night. Cost is £6.00 per person which includes a baked potato, (let us know if you would prefer rice), with home-made beef chilli and/or vegetarian curry, salads, sides, table nibbles, tea, coffee and soft drinks. (Bring a bottle or can.) Doors open at 7.00pm. Supper served between

7.00pm and 7.30pm followed by the quiz.

Please note that the Summer Fete this year will be on Saturday 20th June not on 27th as previously published in the News, as it would clash with a village wedding. More details nearer the day.

For enquiries about regular groups and classes at the Hall (details in the latest Village News Directory) or to hire the Hall for social or business purposes, contact Lynne - details below.

**Lynne/Richard, 650265,**  
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## Diary Dates for May 2015

4th - Sandcastles' Fete  
 - Bluebells at Witton Hall  
 10th - Tractor Run  
 11th - Theatre Club Coffee  
 - B&E PC Annual Parish Meeting

16th - Priory Open Day  
 18th - Gardening Club  
 22nd - W&R Quiz  
 23rd - Book Club

### Bacton Yard Sale

As last year's sale was a success I would like to arrange another village yard sale for August Bank Holiday Sunday.

As with last year, all proceeds from the sale of the maps and any donations will go to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

If you are interested, can you please contact me ASAP so that I can get some idea of the number of houses wishing to participate

**Pauline 650634**

### Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 23rd April. The new book will be "The Life Class" by Pat Barker. I was unable to get more copies of the March book by Kate Atkinson so will renew this book for another month.

**Joan Galbraith, 650434**  
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### Gardening Club

Firstly, apologies for the cancellation of last month's meeting. Due to illness our speaker was unable to attend, and it was too short notice to get someone else to take his place. We did try to contact everyone in advance, so we hope no one was inconvenienced.

As you might remember at our AGM, I asked for anyone who wanted to host an afternoon tea to pick a date from your programmes and let me know., I'm sorry to say that I haven't heard from anyone, so are we to presume that no one wants to hold one this year?? It would be very sad if this happens as it has been a summer tradition for many years now!!!!

For this year's outing we are going to Sandringham, on Sunday 26th July. You will be able to visit The HOUSE, Museum and Gardens, details and prices will be

available at our May meeting (8th May). At that meeting our speaker will be John Fleetwood, from the Woodland Trust, giving us an insight to Ancient Woodlands & Plants. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Raffle prizes and things for the sales table are always needed, also help with refreshments would be gratefully received.

We have some very interesting talks, you don't have to be a Horticultural expert, so come along, have a cuppa and a chat and give us a try. Visitors are always welcome £3.

**Tricia Myles,**  
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**651390**

### Theatre Visits

I apologise for not writing for the last two months especially as those who saw 'Sister Act' were all full of praise for this production.

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Once again the amateurs of the Norfolk and Norwich Operatic Society proved the equals of many professionals. It was another 'feel-good' show featuring sassy songs and an hilarious storyline with a deeper message about friendship.

Two members enjoyed the chilling detective thriller, 'Dead Simple,' by Peter James. It was a complicated story with classic twists and turns that was well staged.

I turned up to see David Hare's 'The Absence of War' only to find it cancelled. The lead actor had been taken to hospital. I hope he is now fully recovered and able to continue his tour of this well-timed political play.

Seven members saw Brian Conley as Barnum in the show of that name. Those that expected more circus feats were disappointed

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and one even reported



being bored. Those that expected the story of Barnum and went to see Conley in that role were pleased with the production and enjoyed the circus items that were performed on the relatively small stage and also in the auditorium which made the audience feel a part of the show. They were pleased not to be in the very front stalls where water was sprayed!

The last show was 'Top Hat' which recreated the Astaire/Rogers musical. This was another 'feel good' production with strong performances, a humorous element and an amazing set. The next group outing is to see 'The Jersey Boys' followed by 'Annie'. The acclaimed 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time' is playing in September.

If you are interested in any of these please contact me. Remember we do try to arrange the necessary transport.

If you would like to be involved in deciding what we see or just want a chat please come to the coffee morning on Monday May 11th from 10:00. The one after that will be on June 8th.

**Sally, 651085**

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## Norfolk Vintage & Classic Tractor Club

In May we are planning a tractor run on the 10<sup>th</sup> to Gunton Saw Mill. We will be there on display in the afternoon. The saw mill will be open as part of the National Mills' Day. It's a fully restored water-powered mill and with luck there should be the opportunity to see it in action cutting wood! We shall be leaving Bacton around 10:00am and travelling via Colby for a meal at the Banningham Arms, then a short distance to the Mill. New members are always welcome, why not have a day out and a chat.

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e m a i l : [info@norfolkvintageandclassicttractorclub.co.uk](mailto:info@norfolkvintageandclassicttractorclub.co.uk)

**Nick Lewis, Secretary**

## 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**

## WW1 Remembered

Arthur Walter Noad was born in Hendon in the first quarter of 1893. His parents were John Henry and Ellen Noad (Nee Neave), one of eight children.

Arthur joined the Lincolnshire Regiment on or about 4th February 1909. When war was declared in August 1914, the 2nd Bn was stationed in Bermuda. They arrived in France and Flanders (via Nova Scotia) on the 6th November 1914, to refill the vastly depleted British Expeditionary Force that had suffered at Mons. Arthur was most likely wounded during the Battle of Neuve Chapelle (10 March-22nd April), the first time Poison Gas was used on the Western Front. He would have been taken back to a casualty clearing station near the line then brought back home for treatment. Arthur died on 13th May 1915 aged 22. He is buried in an unmarked/mass grave in Greenwich cemetery. His name is on the wall of remembrance.

For Arthur's service to the Great War he was awarded the 1914 star (With clasp and roses), British War Medal, Victory Medal and Death Plaque. These would have been sent to his mother Ellen, as she was his Next of Kin. She lived at Melrose, Kimberley Road

from 1919 until her death aged 94 in 1945. The medals were sold at a local auction house in 2009.

**Kurtis Gale**

## Bag It & Bin It

We are pleased to see that most doggy 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 dust bin 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 intend to obtain additional red bins for the convenience of (doggies) owners, please use them, there is no one else who will clear up for you! Spring/Summer is here when Town Beach (between the groynes to the North of Newlands Estate and Cable Gap slipway) becomes 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 do not tell Dog Wardens to 'get a life' or square up to us, we are only

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### **Bacton Community Dog Wardens (NNDC)**

#### **Walcott Village Hall**

12 to 24 year-olds, if you like to sing, do a bit of dancing, or play an instrument, and like the idea of being in a show, come along at 2pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> May to the hall. If we get enough interested people we will give it a go. Just bring £1 for subs and tuck money if you wish.

Any agers, if you knit, sew, want to patchwork, or just like a natter, come along to Material Girls at Walcott between 1.30 and 4 on any Thursday. Subs just £2, which includes a cuppa and a biscuit.

The Walcott Show this year is 20th June and is open to all villages. Flowers and vegetables, home produce, craft and photography, so lots of scope for you to take part. Watch the front porch of the hall for details.

#### **Craft Fair**

Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - 10.30am to 2pm, East Ruston Craft Fair in the Village Hall, School Road, East Ruston, Norfolk. NR12 9JD

Great variety of handmade crafts & gifts.

Refreshments also available. Free admission & parking.

**Tina Mullins**

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#### **Thank You, Terry**

As you will have read in last month's Village News, Terry McCallin has decided to retire from his role as the eyes and ears of the village. We know from the

considerable amount of positive feedback that his musings were enjoyed by many, even though there were some who were not amused!

We would therefore, on behalf of all who have enjoyed his contributions, to thank him and assure him that editors, past and present, have always appreciated his commitment.

Many of you will know that Terry and Michelle are facing some difficult times at present and we would like to assure them of our best wishes.

**Steve & Kate, Editors**

#### **Trunch Concerts**

After the success of our opening concert in this, the 17th season of concerts in St Botolph's Church, Trunch, the concerts in May and June continue to explore the Romantic chamber music tradition with concerts on Saturday 2nd May (Icknield Trio), FRIDAY 22nd May (Susanne Hurrell & Tom Primrose) and Saturday 13th June (Darragh Morgan & Mary Dullea). 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. As usual, I attach posters for those who kindly print and display. The concerts for May and June are as follows, with some more detailed notes on our website: <http://www.trunchconcerts.co.uk>

### **You Write .....**

#### **Fly Tipping**

I live on Newlands estate overlooking a large grassed

area which is adjacent to a foot path leading to the beach. I have been clearing a small part of land which has lots of brambles and nettles on.

I have undertaken this to make the view clearer, safer from getting snagged on brambles and generally to make the area more appealing. However, when I have been clearing this small piece of land I have come across a range of garden rubbish.

Please can I kindly ask the community of Newlands not to empty your garden rubbish on any open area. Brown bins are available from the council at less than £1.00 a week.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Sue Wigley**

#### **Thank You**

I would like to thank everyone for the many cards and flowers sent after the sad loss of my wife Julie.

**John Rainsbury**

I would like to thank all the kind people who brought me flowers and cards after my hip replacement. Hopefully I will soon be in the garden again

**June Fuller, Church Road**

#### **Otago Group Update**

The Otago Strength and Balance Programme is now in its 4th year and the Bacton Gas Terminal Companies have continued to fund the group to date. It is scientifically proven to reduce falls and is provided in many other counties in this country and in other countries as part of Local Health Services.

The group have now moved to Walcott Village Hall although it is still only available to Bacton and Edingthorpe parishioners as the funding was applied for

and is administered by B&E Parish Council.

I have had meetings with the local authority to press for more professionals to undertake the training to run these programmes in other parts of North Norfolk as it appears that residents in other villages do not have access to similar targeted exercise programmes. In addition the programme is not sustainable on a long term basis on a voluntary basis as it needs input from health professionals and referrals through the local health services.

Having invited Norman Lamb, the Health Minister and local MP, to visit our group with a view to considering promoting our programme on a more comprehensive basis, we got him to do the exercise class. (We did give him some tea and sandwiches afterwards though.)

We all enjoyed the visit and, more importantly, Mr Lamb was impressed with the group's progress. He has asked me to write to him which, I am hoping, will give me the opportunity to promote the value of the programme in reducing falls and improving the health and wellbeing of older people throughout North Norfolk.

Thanks to everyone in the group for demonstrating your skills on the day, you were brilliant.

**Lynne Hosking (Otago Strength and Balance Programme Leader)**

#### **Message from the Editors**

#### **Just A Reminder!**

Don't forget that we will be producing a combined August/September issue of the Village News. We will need your diary dates for September by 15th July. Thank you

# ✚ Church News

## All Saints' Church, Edingthorpe

I have to open with a sad event, namely the passing of Lorna Howes, who had been unwell for some time. Our thoughts must be for her husband, John, at this time.

All Saints' offered two services on Easter Day, the first being at 6.00 am - yes, 6.00 in the morning. I was previously unaware there was a 6.00 am, but some made it. Others, like myself, attended the 9.30 Holy Communion being, for me, a more civilized time of day!

**Geoff Thomas, 405263**

## St Peter's Church Ridlington

Easter Praise at St Peters saw a good congregation & thanks to ALL who came & helped make this a happy occasion.

Seemingly we have jumped from a blustery, wet, end of Winter, straight into a heat wave. Hopefully this will encourage the bluebells at Witton Hall to be at their best in time for the Bank Holiday on 4 May. The week prior to this will have seen Bishop Alan 'walk' our Benefice culminating in a United Communion Service at Witton church on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10.30. The service is followed by a 'Bring & Share' lunch in the marquee at Witton Hall.

Our next service at Ridlington will be a Songs of Praise on 24 May at 3 pm. Do bring your best singing voices along!

Finally, thanks to the wonderful 'spring-clean' at the end of March, the

churchyard is looking good. I think we said our 'thanks' to all but just in case anyone was missed - you were all stars!!

**Tina Soldan 650402**

## St Margaret's Church Witton

How lovely it is to see the masses of Spring flowers everywhere. When my parents moved to North Norfolk they were amazed at the number of Daffodils that grew in the hedgerows and in quite remote areas, with no evidence of properties that they might have escaped from, quite amazing.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be hosting the Coastal Group service at St Margaret's. We are delighted that Bishop Alan, the Bishop of Thetford will be officiating at the service of Holy Communion. After the service there will be a Bring and Share lunch at the Hall at the kind invitation of Sally, so do please join us for this event. You will be more than welcome. The service starts at 10.30am.

On the following day, the 4<sup>th</sup>, Sally's garden will be open to enjoy (hopefully) the Bluebells and all the other spectacular colours in her garden. The Open Day is in aid of NGS but the refreshments and plants will benefit the church

**Beryl Lodge 650546**

## St Andrew's Church Bacton

There is no report from St Andrew's for this month

**Kim Reynolds 406246**



Daffodils at St Andrew's Church, Bacton

## Beacon Centre Bacton

Walking this morning I came across a budding bramble stem. What was unusual was that above the stem, the main branch was broken and almost completely severed. Although it was clearly damaged, sufficient life was passed from the branch to the stem in the remaining fibres of the branch. Most of us are broken, to a greater or lesser degree, by our

experiences. The good news is that life is still possible.

We have seen broken people receive healing. The damage of the past does not have to determine the present reality or the future hope. Get in touch, or come along to Beacon (Sundays 10.30am), to experience this for yourself. Become everything that God designed you to be: whole, and budding.

**Jonathan Squirrell  
580018**

## Sunday Services at a Glance: May

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	Rev Eiler Mellerup	651393
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30	United Holy Communion Witton
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	All Age Worship Bacton
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Songs of Praise Bacton
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion Bacton with Walcott
	10.30	Morning Prayer Witton
	3.00	Songs of Praise Ridlington

## All Saints Edingthorpe

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Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No Service
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Morning Prayer
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	No Service
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	No Service

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