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### **Bacton & Edingthorpe Parish Council Meeting 11 September 2017**

Discussion took place on the various dog fouling issues around the Parish however, the Council were mindful that the dog wardens are voluntary and we are lucky to have two reside in our area.

The External Auditor approved the Council's accounts with no comments or recommendations which is always a big relief. The Council is mindful that new Auditors will be appointed in 18-19.

Members considered the possibility of applying to the NCC Parish Partnership Scheme and were keen to support a possible flooding initiative along the Keswick Road. The scheme at Beach Road should be in progress soon.

A communication from residents of Priory Road was forwarded to the Highways Department and Ed Maxfield our Norfolk County Councillor to ask for their input with regards to complaints of parking. Unfortunately, there is no funding for this type of

traffic management scheme at the moment and it would cost circa 3k to implement their suggestion.

The Gardening Club approached the Council to fund 6 plaques for the flower tubs. Members considered that sufficient funding had been allocated for this initiative and therefore declined the request. However, a donation of £50 was made on behalf of the community to the CAB (Citizens' Advice Bureau) to support the excellent work they do.

Multisports was highly successful and well supported - thank you to everyone who gave their time for this valuable community initiative for the children of the village. We would particularly thank Sally Dunham for her co-ordination and commitment to this project. As always, we welcome the financial support from the Gas Terminal Complex.

We will be working with Bacton Football Club to improve the former Bowls Club area for use for Toddler Football in the coming months.

The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on 9th October 2017 - 7pm in Bacton Village Hall Annexe. All are welcome to attend.

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### **Bacton Village Hall**

We are having our next Quiz and Chips on Saturday 14th October 2017 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. Everyone welcome, why not come along and test your general knowledge skills. To book a table please call Barbara on the number below.

The hall makes a great venue for Children's and Adult's Parties, Clubs, Meetings etc, with a fully fitted kitchen. We have two rooms, the Main Hall or Annexe if your numbers are smaller.

For further information or to make a booking please call Barbara on 651236

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

We hope you all had a good summer. Thanks to those of you in the village who contributed to the Village

Show on September 2nd and those of you who came along to see the brilliant entries. Congratulations to our overall winner, Paul Smith, who also won the WI cup for the Baked Goods section and to Harry Prior who was the winner of the Produce section. A special mention goes to Mel Ross, whose handmade violin was an amazing and well-deserved Best in Show and to Janine Burton whose beautiful cupcakes were the Best in Show in the Domestic section.

Please note that there have been some changes in the events at the Village Hall since the summer break.

The Drawing Group is no longer running on Wednesday afternoons.

Pilates classes are on Wednesdays from 5.00pm to 6.25pm and Thursdays from 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

Stretch and Tone classes are Wednesdays 6.00pm to

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7.00pm. Please contact Lynne on 650265 for details. Other events remain unchanged. WI meets on the first Tuesday each month. Please contact Kate on 65134 for times and details.

Our Quiz and Supper is on the 4th Friday of each month. The next one is on the 27th October at 7.00pm. Usual supper of baked potatoes kindly supplied by Steve at the Lighthouse Inn at Walcott with meat/vegan chilli, sides and salads, plus table nibbles teas, coffees. Tables of up to 6. £7.00 per person. As regulars will know places at the quiz fill up quickly so booking is essential. To be sure of a table contact 650265 asap after the first of the month. Please remember that the Hall is available to hire at reasonable rates with discounts for residents. Please contact Richard on 650265 for details.

**Lynne Hosking 650265**  
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### Bat Night at St Margaret's

We would like to thank all who came to support our 'Bat Night' on 4th August. Over 80 attended, and we hope everyone found it of great interest. Philip Parker's talk was quite fascinating and amusing, refreshments enjoyed and

then the infrared cameras set up to display on a large screen the quite extraordinary number of bats flying around in the nave roof above our heads and also in the porch outside.

Our thanks to Phil Parker for a memorable evening.

### Bacton Yard Sales

Mike and Michael would like to thank all the people who took part in the Yard Sale on 6th August. There were 11 sales in Priory Road alone and lots of others throughout the village joined in. Special thanks must go to the literally hundreds of people who turned out from the village, surrounding area and holiday-makers - it was fantastic. Buyers started browsing about 0830 (for a 10am start) and were still about well after 2pm and the weather was perfect.

Sellers and buyers seemed to love the date (avoiding the Bank Holiday and other local village's dates) so we have provisionally booked Sunday 7th August 2018 for our next. More details in the New Year. A big thank you, also, to everybody who promoted the event through their social media pages.

**Mike Booth and Michael Roede**

### Edingthorpe Festival Weekend

I would like to thank all those who helped at, supported or attended the Edingthorpe Festival Weekend.

To the Fund-Raising Committee Members who worked tirelessly and gave unselfishly, the Family Members who were roped in to help in a whole host of ways, the Wine Waiter, Sign Officer and Outside Lighting folk, the Quilters who displayed their beautiful quilts, all meticulously worked, the Crafters, for bringing and displaying their work, the Stall Helpers and Contributors and the many folk who arrived at the end of the event to help put away and take down tents, clearly demonstrating that they really did appreciate the effort that had gone into the weekend - you all know who you are, too many to mention by name but THANK YOU!

Just over a £1300 was raised, which will go towards the upkeep of our church with a donation also being given to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. If you were unable to attend but would still like to make a donation or have a fund-raising idea then please contact me.

**Jan Withers 07535 125448**

### Bacton Football Club

The new season is underway! Boys and girls football: Juniors (ages 5-12) Wednesday 6-7.30 pm, Seniors (age 16+) Thursday 7-8.30 pm, all on Bacton Playing Field. For more details or for info for other ages, call 07788 232920

### Village News News

At last, and as promised, the latest version of the Village News Directory is published. You should have received a copy along with your Village News, but additional copies should be available from Kate. We hope you find it useful.

This year's AGM will take place at Sugar & Spice on Saturday, 18 November at 2.30 pm. Come and enjoy a cuppa and share your views on the Village News. We look forward to seeing you.

**Steve & Kate, Editors**

### Book Group

In July we discussed 'Any Human Heart' by William Boyd, which most people enjoyed, though some found it a bit long-winded and had little sympathy for any character. Everybody agreed that it was an interesting review of the twentieth century, focusing on less obvious events as

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# Diary Dates for October 2017

2nd - Dr & Mrs Barnes' Interment of Ashes

9th - Theatre Group Coffee Morning  
- B&E PC Meeting

11th - Bacton History Group

13th - Gardening Club

14th - Quiz & Chips Bacton VH

19th - Book Club

27th - Quiz & Supper W&R Village Hall

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witnessed and experienced by the main character, Logan Mountstuart.

At the August meeting we had two books to think about: 'Regeneration' by Pat Barker was thought to be a well-written account of Dr Rivers' time at Craiglockhart where he was a respected psychologist treating officers of WW1 suffering from mental breakdown after witnessing the horrors we have all heard about. The poet Siegfried Sassoon was one officer sent to this hospital after the intervention of his friend Robert Graves saved Sassoon from a possible court martial. Sassoon had made an official statement about the futility of this war not through cowardice but from his position on the front line. He wanted to be recognised as fit to return to lead his men if the war was to continue. During his

time at Craiglockhart he met Wilfred Owen who sought Sassoon's assessment of his poems. There is a lot more to this book than I have reported on.

The other book discussed was 'Elizabeth is Missing' by Emma Healey. This is the story of Maud who is suffering from dementia. It is written in the first person so we see her daily struggles with this condition, which worsens during the book, and how various experiences of confusion lead her to reflect on past events surrounding the disappearance of her older sister, Susan. During the dementia phases Maud is looking for her one-time senior friend, Elizabeth, and it is the layering of these two mysteries which propel the book forward. The relationship between ailing mother and her daughter is believable and

the way the teenage granddaughter treats her grandma is delightful. It was another good read.

In September we will have discussed 'The Wine Of Solitude' by Irene Nemirovsky and distributed two new books, 'The Eye In The Door' by Pat Barker and 'How to Measure A Cow' by Margaret Forster. If you would like either of these books please get in touch. The October meeting will be on Thursday 19th at 2:30 in Bacton Village Hall.

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## Bacton-on-Sea Gardening Club

The Village Show was a great success, thanks to all the support from the villagers. A record 268 entries showed off the gardening, baking, craft and photography talents in our area. The day

was concluded, thanks to our Chairperson Sue Shaw, with a very lively and light-hearted auction of donated produce. The Gardening Club, as a whole, worked hard throughout the day which was well rewarded by such a successful event. The overall winners in the main categories were: Sandra Hopkins - Floral, Simon Smith - Produce, Sue Shaw - Baking, Barbara Stackwood - Crafts, and Sandra Hopkins - Best in Show.

Three local businesses, namely May Cottage B&B, Gooch's Garage and Pruners Hair Salon have all kindly offered to sponsor three of the six Village Flower Planters. We really appreciate their support and interest in the village. Sponsors for the remaining three planters are still being sought.

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At our next meeting on 13th October we will be having a talk on Preparing Your Garden for Winter and Dahlia Cultivation.

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**Gina Kennell (Committee Sue Shaw (Chairperson)**

**651623**

**Barbara Stratfull (Treasurer) 651236**

### Bacton History Group

On 20th August, we held our annual exhibition of archives, postcards and photos. We used the main hall this year so there was plenty of room for study and discussion and reminiscence, with cakes and refreshments provided to help to celebrate Bacton's history.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday October 11th, 7.30 in the Village Hall annexe, when Nigel Digby will give a talk on Myths and Legends of the Railways Around Bacton. Tickets £2 on the door. All welcome, it sounds fascinating.

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### Theatre Visits Group

During July and August the group experienced four different productions. Two of them were at Mundesley. 'Pirates of Pen's Aunts' was

a clever spoof by amateurs of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta 'Pirates of Penzance.' Penelope does not know that her mother and aunts are pirates until someone is kidnapped by rival pirates. Those that went were impressed by the high standard of this performance. 'Showtime' was one of three productions directed by a professional director and performed by the Red Loft Theatre Company. Once again the members of our group that went had a wonderful evening. It was a Cabaret style evening where the audience sat around tables and ate delicious food during the three breaks of the performance. The show itself was superb entertainment.

We also went to see a combined National Theatre and Bristol Old Vic production of 'Jane Eyre' at the Theatre Royal. This was performed on a basic set of scaffolding and platforms which was easily transformed to each scene necessary for this atmospheric story simply by effective lighting and a few props. The special effects for the two fire scenes were very good. This large cast of characters was played by a few actors playing multiple parts except for Jane who grew from young child to young woman very

convincingly. Atmospheric music was supplied by a small band discreetly placed on the stage. One cast member had a powerful singing voice used to accentuate the emotional aspects of this story. A first-class production in every way.

The final visit was to another world-class performance of 'The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night Time' at the Theatre Royal. This is another book adaptation that works well on the stage and tells the story of fifteen-year-old Christopher who is autistic, extremely good at maths but has difficulty relating to people and the world outside his immediate surroundings. In his attempts to discover who killed the dog he faces challenges and revelations that send his known world into a spin but he survives them and also achieves an A\* in A-level Maths. It is another remarkable ensemble piece of creative theatre with an innovative set.

Some group members have already booked for 'The Eagle Has Two Heads,' 'Tap Factory', 'How the Other Half Loves', and Matthew Bourne's 'Cinderella' but if you would like more information on these performances please get in touch.

Our October meeting will be on Monday 9th from 10:00 in Bacton Village Hall Annexe. Please come and join us for a coffee and chat.

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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 Oct 10th Love & Friendship (U). Jane Austen's 'Lady Susan' is determined to

be a matchmaker for her daughter Frederica -- and herself too, naturally!

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

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### Trunch Concerts

On Saturday, 9th December, 7.30 pm, the critically-acclaimed university choir, the Chapel Choir of Selwyn College, Cambridge (Director, Sarah MacDonald) presents 'It Came Upon the Midnight Clear', a selection of festive favourites. The programme will include a

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variety of much-loved and familiar carols, newer works for Advent and Christmas, as well as popular Christmas songs in close-harmony arrangements by the choir's director.

Admission is by programme, available at the door from 40 minutes before the 7.30 start, priced £10 (£8 concessions). Proceeds are for the restoration and maintenance of St Botolph's Church, Trunch, one of Norfolk's finest medieval churches.

### Off the Beaten Track!

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## You Write .....

### Multi Sports

We have come to end of another season for Multi Sports and it has been a most successful year, with good attendance from local and visiting children of all ages, coming along with Mums and Dads, Nans and Grandads, to enjoy the wide range of activities on offer. It has been great to see the playing field filled with energetic children, laughing and running around. The weather was kind to us for most of the 10 weeks and, we even managed to extend the sessions for an two extra weeks, culminating with the children enjoying a Mini It's a Knockout and water fight which they all thoroughly enjoyed. On behalf of myself and the other two council members who took part each week, we would like to thank Sally Dunham and her team of volunteers who manned the whole process of checking in, as well as looking after any casualties - without

them we wouldn't be able to hold this event. Multi Sports is a fantastic opportunity for the children to get out in the fresh air and enjoy themselves so please support us next year.

*Tricia Myles*

### Time for an Independent Edingthorpe?

What a stupid idea! The extra costs of a town clerk, hiring a hall and the extra expenses by the leader would all have to be paid by residents. NO THANK YOU.

*Ron Brown*

### Tom and Beverley Barnes

We are sad to announce the death of Mrs Beverley Barnes who passed away on September 9th at South Lodge Care Home in Leicester at the age of 82. Mrs Barnes, who helped care for her husband, Dr Tom Barnes, following his diagnosis of Parkinson's, had grown increasingly frail since his death in March this year.

Tom and Beverley lived in Oadby in Leicester but had a second home in Bacton which they purchased in 1965 and visited frequently until July of this year. Tom and Beverley's ashes are to be interned at St Andrew's church on Monday 2nd October at 10.30. Holly, Charlotte and Rupert would be delighted for anyone

who wishes to attend the service. Refreshments afterwards at a venue to be announced on the day. No flowers are requested but donations if desired to LOROS c/o A C James & Son, FD, 9 Biddulph Street, Leicester, LE2 1BH. Tel: 0116 2542900

*Rupert Barnes*



### Beacon Centre, Bacton

Some say that a change is as good as a rest. Whether that's completely true may depend on the individual and the circumstances, but to be somewhere new can make a massive difference. This summer our family spent a week together in France: different language, culture and cuisine. None of it very 'Norfolk'. All of it a wonderful break from our everyday lives. Of course, we can't always take a holiday in order to be refreshed, so how do you restore yourself when you feel a little jaded?

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There's a song in the Bible that says "I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121) Whatever you need this Autumn, whether you are in crisis or simply reflecting on life, look to the God who has made everything. We may not have (m)any hills in Norfolk, but we have a beautiful county on our doorsteps that points to a Creator that cares. This may bring the change and the rest that you long for.

**Jonathan Squirrel**  
**580018**

**All Saints' Church,  
Edingthorpe**

On Sunday, 22nd October at 10.00, we will be enjoying a Combined Service at St Nicholas' Church, North Walsham with Bishop Alan of Thetford. There will be no service at All Saints' on that date.

**Jan Withers 07535  
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**St Andrew's Church,  
Bacton**

We would like to thank all who put flower displays into the church for Open Churches weekend and all who came and supported the church, which looked lovely.

Our Harvest Festival service is 1st October at 10-30 am and all produce and gifts go to The Night Shelter, Norwich.

Our Christmas Tree Festival will be the 9th and 10th December. If any family, club, school or business would like to put a tree into the church, please contact me. More details next month. It may seem early to mention Christmas but have you seen the shops? Decorations on sale by 2nd September!

**Joan Etherington, 536186**

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

I hope that you all had a good summer break, but it just goes so quickly.

We thoroughly enjoyed the talk from Phil, the Bat Man - he apologised for not bringing Robin! -but gave us a fascinating insight into our not always so welcome residents. Using up-to-date technology, he was able to let us hear the sound of the bats as they circle inside the church before leaving to hunt for their supper. This sound would not normally be heard by humans but with the special tech we could hear them quite clearly and, as the light faded, we could also see them flying silently around in the church.

We then enjoyed some scrummy refreshments provided by the members of the PCC. Thank you. It would be nice if the bats moved out and into the trees surrounding the church, but I think they are too comfortable inside. It's just a shame that they make so much mess for such a small creature. We could be better neighbours then! But the year moves on and we are planning the annual Harvest Festival service on the 8th October. This will be at 11 am, (please note change of usual time). Light Refreshments will be served at the back of the church afterwards. If you have any produce that you would like to contribute, the church will be decorated on the morning of the 7th so please bring it then. Any flowers that you wish to donate would also be most welcome.

Finally, during our Summer break we heard of the passing of Ruby Pettit of Ridlington. Ruby was well-known in the Village and attended many of our services at St Margaret's.

We send our condolences to

John and Rosemary and all their family.

**Beryl Lodge 650546**

**St Peter's Church,  
Ridlington**

To quote Keats, -Autumn is a season of mist and mellow fruitfulness and, perhaps for many until more modern times, a chance to reflect on the results of the year's labours.

Preceding our Harvest Festival which is on the 1st October at 3pm, we will have a sale of bread, cakes and local produce beginning at 2pm, which we hope will be keenly supported.

There will also be a United Service at St Peter's on the 29th at 10-30 am.

On the 19th August, we hosted our second wedding of the year - this time

Brendan and Jessica tied the knot in a very traditional style.

Although a little early to be thinking about Christmas, once again we are organising a Christmas Tree Festival in the church from Friday, 1st December to Sunday, the 3rd. Sponsorship is invited from companies, groups and individuals at £20 per tree, plus you are invited to collect donations for a charity of your choice. It is hoped to extend the Festival into the churchyard to make it a special focal point for the village and passers-by. Please contact Sam and Mark for further details on 650871 or [sammark@gmail.com](mailto:sammark@gmail.com).

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<b>Sun 1st</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>	<b>Bacton</b>
	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>	<b>Ridlington</b>
<b>Sun 8th</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b>	<b>Bacton</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>	<b>Witton</b>
<b>Sun 15th</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Songs of Praise</b>	<b>Bacton</b>
<b>Sun 22nd</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Bacton</b>
	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Witton</b>
<b>Sun 29th</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>United Holy Communion</b>	<b>Ridlington</b>

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<b>Sun 1st</b>		<b>No Service</b>
<b>Sun 8th</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sun 15th</b>		<b>No Service</b>
<b>Sun 22nd</b>		<b>No Service - see Church News</b>
<b>Sun 29th</b>		<b>No Service</b>

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