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Bacton & Edingthorpe Parish Council Meeting 14th March 2016

The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations will be on 11th June 2016. Keep the date available - it will be filled full of family fun. As promised, we have been working in the background on this event and it is hoped that all the clubs within Bacton will become involved. We have been fortunate to be awarded a grant of £600 for this community initiative which will be used to pay for basic items.

Multisports is being arranged again this year and we are desperate to seek new volunteers to help run this community initiative - without volunteers Multisports may not proceed. We have been successful in receiving a grant of £600 for this year but this is a considerable decrease over the last few years. It may be that the programme will have to be shortened or charges

increased to meet the costs involved. At present it is hoped that these will remain at £1 per child.

The grass cutting and mole patrol should commence soon (depending on weather conditions) on the Playing Field. It will be good to see the children on the play equipment again. The baby swing is also due to be replaced soon.

It was a real disappointment that no one came forward to help with the Edingthorpe project and it will now be difficult to complete. Is there anyone with a tractor who would like to help to pull out wood from the pond?? The Gardening Club have approached the Council to place planters/tubs around the village at strategic points. The Members have requested that a list of locations be prepared so that the Council may approach the Highways Department. If there are any businesses who would consider sponsoring a tub - please get in touch. If you

would like to participate we would also really like to hear from you.

We are endeavouring to develop a guide to Bacton & Edingthorpe to promote the area. If you would like to be involved and advertise your business or properties to rent we look forward to hearing from you. Please send an email to the Clerk.

The Website has proved to be an invaluable tool for the community and last month we received in excess of 2,500 hits with the total usage amounting to 101,985. We are keen to place as much information as possible onto the site to promote Bacton & Edingthorpe. If you would like to utilise this - again contact the Clerk.

We would like to thank the Superstore, Poachers Pocket and Castaways for accommodating the bottle banks. Members fully appreciate that it is far easier to put them in the recycling bin at home but PLEASE take them to the bottle banks at any of the locations. This brings in funds directly to YOUR community to help YOUR various clubs. It is anticipated that this year the recycling credits will amount to just over £800. This is a really excellent achievement - thank you to everyone who makes this valuable contribution and effort. It is truly appreciated.

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.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 11th April 2016 - 7pm, in Bacton Village Hall Annexe. All are welcome to attend.

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Witton & Ridlington Parish Council Meeting 16th February 2016

Just a brief line from the Members to inform you that the Council has now purchased the red telephone box in Ridlington. This will now be refurbished and in the long term will be used to house a defibrillator for the villages.

We are seeking a volunteer to assist with the painting and restoration of the telephone box - is there anyone out there who would be willing to help their community in this initiative for just a few hours??

Please keep filling up the bottle bank located at the rear of the village hall as this will bring valuable income into the community to support your hall.

We will let you know the income derived from this source in May/June.

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Edingthorpe News

I have to record the recent demise of Arthur 'Ronnie'

Gedge, late of Hall Farm, Edingthorpe and, later, a local care home. Our thoughts must be for his wife, Shirley.

On the 16th April, at St Benet's Hall, North Walsham, there will be an evening of entertainment in the style of Marie Lloyd 'Queen of the Music Halls', starring Rachel Duffield. The evening will commence at 7.15 pm, with a fish and chip supper and pudding, followed by the main event. Tickets, at £8.00, are available from Jan Withers (403432) or any committee member.

David and June Hannant's annual Coffee Morning is on the 26th April, from 10.00 am to noon at Stoney Lodge. Entrance is via Stoney Brook Caravan Park, on North Walsham Road. There will be a raffle, cakes, plants and bric-a-brac available. Proceeds this year are for All Saints' Church, Edingthorpe and Diabetes UK.

On the 8th May, a chance to don your jaunty blazer, peaked cap and rope-soled shoes and repair to the Horning Swan to join the Mississippi Riverboat, casting off at 5.30 pm and returning at 8.30 pm. Tickets available from the usual sources (see above).

Geoff Thomas 405263

Bacton Celebrates the Queen's Birthday

A firm date has now been set to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday with a Village Picnic on Saturday, June 11th, 12 -4 pm on the Playing Field. Bring your own Picnics, Rugs & Chairs and we'll supply the rest - music, Beer Tent, Tombola and other stalls, as well as a Tug of War involving strong men (?and women) from The Duke, the Football Team and Poacher's Pocket - should be fun to watch! For the children, there will be a Fancy Dress competition for the under-12s, on the theme of Queens and Kings of the World, with prizes for the best Queen and King. There will also be Face Painting and Balloon Sculpture and, hopefully, a Bouncy Castle and the local Ice Cream Van will be in attendance.

Admission is free and everyone is invited, residents and visitors, alike. Unfortunately, dogs are not permitted on the Playing Field, so please don't bring them.

All local clubs have been asked if they would like to get involved, so if you want to raise money for your club, or just advertise your group, to encourage new members, why not have a stall (we just ask that there will be

NO boot sale items). If you are interested or want to know more you can contact:

Tricia 651390, Pauline, 650634, Sandra 650774

Little Pirates Baby and Toddler Group

Little Pirates has moved to Bacton Village Hall. Following a successful few months at The Pavilion, the group has increased in numbers and has been able to move over to the village hall. We are very excited to be able to run the group in such a nice, large hall where the children will have lots of space to play and the babies also have a safe play area. All children welcome from birth to age 4 with their parent/grandparent/carer. The group runs every Wednesday in term time, 9.30-11.30am. Come along and join us for play, chat and refreshments. £1.50 per family.

Call me for more details or see our Facebook page, 'Little Pirates' Baby and Toddler Group'.

Amy 07748906658

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Diary Dates for April 2016

- 8th - Bacton Gardening Club
- Bacton History Group
- 11th - B&E PC Meeting
- 12th - W&R WI
- 16th - Music Hall at St Benet's Hall
- 21st - Witton Annual Church meeting
- 22nd - W&R Quiz & Supper
- 26th - Edington Coffee Morning

We had another good session in February discussing 'Station Eleven' by Emily St. John Mandel. This novel deals with human struggles after a virulent flu devastates the modern world. It is beautifully written with seamless links to plot and characters and stresses the need for art and culture, especially music, to aid survival in a hostile environment. One member suggested that it was unlikely that all communication throughout the world would be lost if such an epidemic was to occur, which lead to a lively discussion. The book also showed how both good and evil can rise in such circumstances. It certainly gave us food for thought and ended with a glimmer of hope for the human race. At the March meeting we will have discussed the award winning 'A God In Ruins' by Kate Atkinson and possibly 'Waterland' by Graham Swift. The book to have been issued then is 'Goldfinch' by Donna Tartt. If you missed this meeting but would like a copy please contact me. The April meeting will be on Thursday 28th at 2:30 in Bacton Village Hall. Please pop in and see if this club is for you.

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at Bacton Village Hall. Just contact me on 650511.

Jaine Shepherd

Witton and Ridlington Village Hall

Thanks to all of you who came to our first Bingo and Bangers evening on March 12th and helped to make it such a success. Watch out for our next one on Saturday 11th June at 7.00pm.

Our first Village Hall lunch this year will be on Saturday 9th April, 12 noon for 12.30pm serving. As usual there will be three courses using local produce, (with vegan/vegetarian options) with a free glass of wine or soft drinks available. Tea, coffee and mints included in the price of £10.00 per person,

(children half price). Booking is essential by Wednesday 6th April at the latest.

Our next Quiz and Supper is on Friday 22nd April at 7.00pm. Supper of baked potatoes, (kindly donated by Steve at the Lighthouse Inn, Walcott) with homemade fillings and sides, table nibbles, tea/coffee, vegan/vegetarian options, prizes and raffle. Tables of up to 6 people £6.00 per person.

For information about weekly events which include a drawing group, Stretch and Tone and Pilates Matwork Classes, phone 650265 or email lyric@clara.net.

For hire charges please contact us on the email/phone number above or go to the Witton and

Ridlington Parish Council website (www.wittonandridlington.co.uk).

Lynne Hosking

Bacton-on-Sea Garden Club - Open Gardens Day Sunday 31st July 2016

Do you live in beautiful Bacton? Do you think that you would like to open your garden?

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Sheila Cavaliero Receives her Prize from Sue Shaw.
Congratulations

Bacton Gardening Club

Thank you to everybody that came to the meeting on 11th March and contributed to a very productive afternoon, your input was greatly appreciated. We now have a full programme in place for the rest of the year. Our next meeting is on Friday 8th April. John Simmons will be speaking to us about 'Plants I enjoy in my garden'. He was the Curator at Kew Gardens for many years and later a Director of the Castle Howard Aboretum. Future meetings include a Blickling bluebell walk, a talk on 'transforming' your garden, visiting members gardens and allotments, flower arranging and a day trip to West Acre Gardens.

We also agreed that we would like to organise an open garden day on Sunday 31st July 2016. This is always a successful and pleasant day that is enjoyed by the garden owners and their visitors. Several of the garden club members will open their gardens. However, the more gardens that can be viewed the better. If you feel that you would like your garden to be included please contact us on the details below. We welcome variety so your garden will be perfect! It was lovely to see the beautiful spring flower arrangements displayed in the Easter competition. Well done to Sheila Cavaliero for her winning entry.

Take care. Contact us at bactonosgardenclub@gmail.com, or

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Bacton History Group

A reminder - our next meeting will be Friday April 8th at 7.30 at the Village Hall, when we will be joining with Paston Heritage Society to hear Susan Curran, author and historian, talk on the funeral of John Paston, who was buried at Bromholme Priory in 1466 - a very sumptuous event that involved the whole community.

All welcome - £3 entry for non-members

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Theatre Visits

March was a busy month for the group and a mixed one too. Our first visit was to see 'Toast' at the Theatre Royal. It is a play written by Richard Bean who wrote 'One Man, Two Guvnors' which was very funny and very clever, and 'Made in Dagenham' so we expected more than we got from 'Toast'. Set in a bakery canteen of the 70s with an all-male staff it depicted their competitive interaction with each other,

their coarse banter and horseplay and their team work in a crisis. It was funny and the audience sniggered but some were shocked by the swear words used.

In contrast, our second visit was to Matthew Bourne's magnificent production of 'Sleeping Beauty.' He admits to taking liberties with Tchaikovsky's music but the result is masterful. He has developed the storyline of this well-known story and created a compelling piece of gothic art. There is plenty to make you smile, a little to make you gasp and a great deal to fill you with wonder. The set cleverly evolves into three periods of time as do the costumes and dance styles. The dancers are mesmerising as their characters tell the story through creative movement. Another treat was in store for us at the Assembly House where we saw 'The Constant Wife' by Somerset Maugham. We were rather surprised to see a long queue waiting to be seated but the Great Hall Players always perform in the round, or rectangle in this case, so where ever you sit you have a good view. This beautiful room was an ideal setting for this play set in the 1920s drawing room of a Harley Street surgeon. The play is subtitled, 'a comedy of unfaithful manners' where Constance's sister is dying to reveal her husband's

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infidelity with her best friend. It appears that, contrary to her behaviour, Constance is well aware of it and cunningly turns the tables by gaining equality through financial freedom. The script is delightful and delivered with aplomb by these enthusiastic amateur players.

We will be returning to the Assembly House in June to see 'I Have Been Here Before' by JB Priestley. If you want to know more about this play and details about tickets, date, or transport please get in touch with me.

The next coffee am will be on Monday 9th May from 10:00 in the Annexe. Please note there will not be a meeting in April.

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Witton & Ridlington Home Watch

We are all volunteers in this public crime/safety organisation, working alongside the police at all times. There is a list of all the co-ordinators on Witton and Ridlington notice boards, but for more information or advice, contact below for enquiries about membership (free) and any minor concerns. All others to 101 or 999 (emergencies).

Wendy Murphy 650096

Witton & Ridlington WI

We had an interesting talk this month on Spinning, weaving and felting from Anna Ovenden. She is always enthusiastic about her craftwork and has developed a great variety of skills over the years. Always a pleasure to catch up with her.

Remember our Coffee Morning on the 12th April at 10.30 until 12.00 in Witton Village Hall. Cakes, tombola, Bring and Buy and a raffle. Everyone is welcome - please come and support us.

**Kate Johnston,
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Mundesley Cinema

At Coronation Hall, 26 Cromer Rd, Mundesley. Doors open at 7pm when we serve refreshments and the film starts at 7.30pm.

Tuesday, April 12th: Suffragette (12A) 106 mins. The foot soldiers of the early feminist movement, women who were forced underground to pursue a dangerous game of cat and mouse with an increasingly brutal State. With Helena Bonham Carter (Harry Potter & The Kings Speech) Brendan Gleeson (Braveheart & Troy) and Meryl Streep. Tickets on door: Adults £4, Members £3, Under 15's £2.50

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 Twitter (@MundesleyCinema) or call 07710 046869

April at the Museum of the Broads

Spring has definitely sprung and on a sunny day what could be better than a picnic by the river at Stalham Staithe? We bring the story of the Broads alive in many ways, including fun trails and activities for all the family. And if you thought dressing up was just for the youngsters, think again. Our 'Hats for Selfies' are proving popular. Wear a hat from a Broads character, take a selfie, and join in the fun online! And if you fancy some nostalgic window shopping, our exhibition, 'Broadland's High Streets Through Time' is for you. See how our villages and market towns have changed, hear personal stories and discover how self-sufficient our ancestors really were. The Fun Family Easter Trail runs from Friday 25 March to Sunday 10 April with Easter prizes. For grown-ups with a sense of rhyme, rhythm and humour, we're

hosting the Sheringham Shantymen at Hoveton Village Hall from 7 pm on Friday 08 April. Tickets £10 with bar available.

Our steam boat, 'Falcon'. steams on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Phone or see our website for full details.

Museum of the Broads, Stalham Staithe, NR12 9DA, open daily, 10am to 4pm
www.museumofthebroads.org.uk, 581681

Village News Directory 2016

We would like to publish an updated edition with the June issue of the Village News, 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 will be 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 help us to achieve this aim, please get in touch.

Please note that this Directory is separate to the Parish Council's planned 'Guide to Bacton & Edingthorpe'.

Kate & Steve, Editors

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Church News

Beacon Centre, Bacton

Uncertainty seems to dominate our news media from every direction. Whether it's international or domestic politics, the EU referendum or things closer to home, we long for certainty and clarification. Our culture is averse to ambiguity - we like things to be simply straight forward. Of course, as we get older, we quickly realise that not everything is as simple as we first imagined. So in this increasingly complex world where things change with lightning speed, how do we get our bearings? What can we truly rely upon?

As a child I committed my life to God. Like many people, I wavered at times and certainly have had to recommit on a number of occasions. But through it all I have seen the faithfulness and dependability of God. He is the only person on whom I can completely rely. Whatever happens politically or economically it is so reassuring to be held in the arms of someone so much greater than me. Do you know him?

Jonathan Squirrell
580018

St Peter's Church, Ridlington

A sad note to start with this month. On 2nd March we held a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Charles Adams, a long-time resident of Ridlington. Our thoughts are with his family & friends at this sad time.

Having had a wonderful congregation from Ridlington on Mothering Sunday, we do hope that our Easter Celebration will have swollen the numbers joining us in St Peter's to an even greater extent! The week after Easter, Sunday 3rd April at 3 pm, is the next service and on this occasion afterwards you are invited to stay & take part in the Annual Church Meeting. This meeting is an important event in the administrative life of our church, so we look forward to seeing you.

Tina Soldan 650402

St Margaret's Church Witton

Now that the clocks have changed we are looking forward to the coming seasons. Spring is just wonderful with everything bursting into life and all the glorious colours around us - definitely my favourite season - and with Summer just around the corner, those balmy days and long evenings too. It is quite amazing what a difference it makes to have daylight after tea-time - brilliant. Now we come to the official bit. The Annual Meeting (known as the APCM) is to be held this year on the 21st April at 7pm in the church. This is a public meeting open to all. It is where church-wardens and PCC members are appointed. The Annual Review of church activities is heard and accounts presented (always an important subject). The Electoral Roll of the church is also confirmed, so if you

feel that you would like to join the register, there are forms available in the church porch. Please do take one and when completed return it to me by the 14th April. If you need any further information please do contact me. We have important plans for the coming year and will be sharing those at the APCM. It is a busy year ahead. Just to get ahead with diaries, please do reserve

the 2nd May for the Bluebell Walk at The Hall. Everything in the garden has been early this year so we keep our fingers crossed for the Bluebells!

Beryl Lodge 650546

St Andrew's Church, Bacton

There is no news from St Andrew's this month.

Kim Reynolds 01263 834507

Sunday Services at a Glance: April

Coastal Parishes

Church of England Rev Catherine Dobson 650359
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Rev Eiler Mellerup 651393

Sun 3rd	10.30	Church Family Service	Bacton
	3.00 pm	Easter Praise	Ridlington
Sun 10th	10.30	All Age Worship	Bacton
	10.30	Holy Communion	Witton
Sun 17th	10.30	Songs of Praise	Bacton
Sun 24th	10.30	Holy Communion	Bacton with Walcott
	10.30	Morning Prayer	Witton

All Saints', Edingthorpe

Church of England Vicar: Rev Paul Cubitt 406380
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Sun 3rd	No Service
Sun 10th 9.30	Morning Prayer
Sun 17th	No Service
Sun 24th 9.30	Holy Communion

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