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# Village News

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## STOP PRESS

**Witton & Ridlington Parish  
Council**

You are all invited to the Annual Parish Meeting to be held at the village hall on 15th May 2018 commencing at 7pm.

Sue Falch-Lovesey from Vattenfall will be in attendance solely for her to hear your concerns with regard to the chaos surrounding the traffic generated by the cabling within the village and the proposed location of the principle mobility area.

**Elaine Pugh, Clerk  
402998**

**[elainepugh15@hotmail.com](mailto:elainepugh15@hotmail.com). Raynham House, 10  
New Road, North  
Walsham, Norfolk, NR28  
9DF**

**Notes from Bacton &  
Edingtonthorpe Parish  
Council**

**URGENT:** We are seeking views from the community on the possible future use for The Duke public house within the village. It is important that we have your ideas otherwise the

owner may select to develop it solely for additional housing. The owner is keen to hear your views - please send them to the Clerk in writing or via email and these will then be co-ordinated and forwarded to the company. In this way the Council can monitor the volume of the response and view the ideas coming forward. Email - [elainepugh15@hotmail.com](mailto:elainepugh15@hotmail.com). The Council needs your input and will arrange a community meeting.

Waste recycling centres will start charging for DIY waste from April - information on this is available on the Norfolk County Council website ([www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk)). If you see fly-tipping please report it to the environmental team at NNDC ([www.north-norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk)) with a copy to the Parish Council who, along with our County Councillor Ed Maxfield, will be monitoring the situation. The flood gates are closed by North Norfolk District Council at times of potential risk to public safety. They are opened ONLY once the risk has

passed, often several days later. The gates should under no circumstances be opened by any unauthorised persons. Unfortunately, we seem to have some irresponsible people who believe that they know best and open the gates. This leaves others at possible serious risk of flooding leading to injury or indeed death. DO NOT open flood gates if they are closed.

Defibrillator training has been arranged for Thursday June 14th commencing at 7pm. If you would like to book a place, please let the Clerk know - [elainepugh15@hotmail.com](mailto:elainepugh15@hotmail.com).

We have been working with NNDC to source land for a community housing scheme which would be allocated for people with long-standing connections to the village. It is proposed that there would be 8-10 erected and around 4 sites have been identified within the Parish. The Council has suggested a further site which may be appropriate. It is hoped that there will be a community consultation on this later on in the year.

The Council has been approached by the agent for the owners of the land identified in the LDF known as BACT03 (the area either side of the village hall). This would provide additional affordable housing - approximately 34 new homes - and 0.6 hectares of public open space, which would be

allocated to the Parish Council under a 106 agreement. The Council is supportive of this plan as the land has already previously been allocated for housing and will be built on. However, initial thoughts are that this may be an ideal opportunity for the location of additional parking provision within the village. This could also serve the Duke public house for overflow parking in the longer term. Any written comments would be welcomed.

Multisports should commence in May and we are waiting for confirmation of funding from the Gas Terminal Companies. This initiative costs around £1,200 per annum to run. As usual we are seeking volunteers.

There are a number of councillor vacancies on the Council - if you are

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interested in serving the parish, please call 402998. The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council Meeting, to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting, on 14th May 2018 - 7pm in Bacton Village Hall Annexe. All are encouraged to attend.

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### Witton and Ridlington Village Hall

Our next regular monthly quiz will be on the 27th April at 7 pm, £7.00 per person. Usual supper, sides, tea, coffee, licensed bar or BYO. Bookings taken from the first of the month. Tables of up to 6. Please specify numbers when booking as places are limited.

Our Summer Fete this year will be on Saturday 21st April and will be part of a summer of events in Witton and Ridlington which will include the Village Show. More details in the next newsletter.

The Art Group at the Hall will be running from this month. Ring 650265 for details of this and regular

weekly events and classes as well as Hall hire.

Hopefully the weather will have improved by the time you are reading this and don't forget all you Witton and Ridlington gardeners to bear the Village Show in mind when you are doing your planting.

**Lynne Hosking 650265**  
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### Bacton Flood Gates

Bacton has 3 flood gates that are controlled and maintained by NNDC and supervised by our flood wardens. Their purpose is to help keep the public safe and not just from flooding. They are only closed when NNDC is advised by the Environment Agency and the Met Office that there may be the possibility of dangerous weather conditions affecting our coast.

NNDC pays a contractor to close and open the gates as was done on 1st - 5th March because of persistent high winds. As an aid to drivers who access Mill Lane and Newlands Estate through our middle gate at the end of Beach Road, we place 'road closed signs' when the gate is shut. No physically easy task.

Despite all the warnings, yet again the flood gate was opened within 2 hours of



Daffodils in St Andrew's churchyard

the closure and worse, left open. Even with notices on the gate someone continued to do this. Trying to close the gate against gale force winds is no joke. Please, if you are a resident of the village don't do this, you are putting other people at risk. If it is visitors, and you see the gate open when the road closed signs are out please ring me so I can get it shut again.

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

### Book Club

Unfortunately, our rescheduled meeting for

March 1st had to be cancelled due to the weather. Hopefully we will have met on March 29th to discuss 'Saturday' and 'Exposure' and received our new book, 'My Name Is Lucy Barton' by Elizabeth Strout. At that meeting we will have decided what to read next. If you were not able to attend but would like information about the books or the group, please get in touch.

April's meeting will be in Bacton Village Hall on Thursday 26th at 2:30. Please join us for refreshments and chat

**Sally Hogden 651085/**  
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## Diary Dates for April 2018

9th - Theatre Group  
 10th - W&R WI Coffee Morning  
 11th - History Group  
 13th - Gardening Club  
 14th - B&E PC Annual Parish Meeting  
 15th - W&R PC Annual Parish Meeting  
 21st - W&R Summer Fete  
 26th - Book Club  
 27th - W&R VH Quiz & Supper

### East Coast Line Dancing

I have been running a well-attended line dance class in Bacton Village Hall for almost two years. The class is on a Monday morning between 10am and midday, although I start the class half an hour earlier for beginners just to give them a little more attention.

From 7th March there is an evening class on a Wednesday, between 7 and 8.45pm following encouragement from the Monday dancers to hold another class during the week.

Not only is dancing a good physical workout, and a lovely way to make new friends, but it has been proven to be the best exercise for a healthy mind. Dancing reduces stress and stimulates the brain function by learning and

remembering different dance routines.

Line dancing has an image of Stetsons and country music, but times have moved on. We now dance to lots of modern music and incorporate different styles of dancing. Everything you see on Strictly Come Dancing we do but without a partner!

I would like to encourage people to come and see if it's for them. The class is open to all abilities and each class is £3.00.

**Jacqui Moore, 581857**

### Bacton-on-Sea Gardening Club

During our March meeting we were encouraged to grow all kinds of edible plants by Charlotte Philcox. Her enthusiastic but gentle delivery of the requirements for growing

healthy plants from sprouting seeds to full beds of fruit and vegetables motivated many of us to have a go.

On April 13th we hold our Members Spring Flower Show and an information session on garden fertilisation for the growing season by Gina Kennell. There will be time for questions, discussion and sharing tips for gardening followed by refreshments. Plans for Bacton Opens Gardens on July 29th are progressing so please contact us if you wish to open your garden.

**Linda Jenkins, Secretary,**  
[bactonosgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bactonosgardenclub@gmail.com)

### Seniors' Lunch Club

If you are over 60 and would like a 2-course meal with nice company, why not come to The Lighthouse Inn, Walcott, every Tuesday, 12

for 12.30. Run under the auspices of the Royal Volunteer Service (RVS - formerly WRVS)

We look forward to seeing you.

**June & Charlie Fuller,**  
**650277**

### Bacton & District History Group

This month we are looking forward to starting on two new projects - one on the history of farming in the district, and another on stories and memories relating to our collection of photos, perhaps linking both these subjects with our maps of the district. Looking ahead to our June meeting, we are delighted that Mr. Graham De Feyter of Green Farm, Edingthorpe, will be able to give us an informal talk about his life in farming. Our meeting will be on Wednesday April 11th, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall annexe as usual. Any of you with stories or information to tell about farming or any other local subject, please feel free to join us, you will be very welcome.

**Jo Arnold 652205**  
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knitting/crochet, why don't you join our 'Material Girls' 'R' Us group that meet every Thursday in Bacton Hall Annexe, except for the third week in each month. We are a very friendly club, plenty of chat and laughter, tea/coffee and cake included for only £2 per week. We meet at 1.30 until 4.00. We also make charity knits for Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital (NNUH). Each Christmas we go to a pub/hotel for a free lunch. Please call me for further details.

**Valerie 652277**

### **Sugarcraft & Cake Decorating**

Cake decorating and Sugarcraft lessons at Bacton Village Hall every first Monday of the month, 7.00-9.00pm. All equipment provided, £10.00 for two hours with a very friendly group. Please ring

**Janette 650557**

### **Theatre Group**

Unfortunately, our long-awaited trip to Norwich to see Matthew Bourne's Cinderella was cancelled due to weather conditions. The performance went ahead but The Theatre Royal has acknowledged the unusual travel difficulties and offered us 20% of the ticket price. This is the

profit they would have made so we thank them for this goodwill gesture. Luckily there will be a screening of this production in May at Cromer.

Three members attended this Cinema to see La Bohème. It was their first experience of opera and they loved it. The music was thrilling and the scene changes were remarkable. They marvelled at the use of tracks to roll on a complete market. It was a long performance and they were glad of the two intervals to stretch their legs but also hear interviews with the cast.

There are two productions to consider for April. 'Guesthouse' is an Eastern Angles production at St George's Theatre, Yarmouth. 'Habeas Corpus' is an hilarious Alan Bennett farce at The Maddermarket. 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 9th April from 10:00 in the Bacton Village Hall Annexe.

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[sallymh@btinternet.com](mailto:sallymh@btinternet.com)**

### **Witton & Ridlington WI**

The Committee and Members of Witton & Ridlington WI would like to invite you to their Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 10th

April, 10.30 am at Witton & Ridlington Village Hall. There will be a Tombola and produce and bric-a-brac stalls. £2.00 for coffee + refill and a scone or piece of cake. All Welcome.

**Gail Armstrong, 650563  
[gail.armstrong.nccc@g.m](mailto:gail.armstrong.nccc@g.mail.com)**

### **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, 10th April, **Paddington 2** (U): Sometimes, buying a very special birthday present brings trouble. Starring Hugh Bonneville, Hugh Grant, Sally Hawkins & Julie Walters. Schedule is subject to the film distributors making the films available.

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

### **Museum of the Broads 2018**

Easter Trail 28 March to 15 April - A fun family trail around the Museum with Easter prizes. Take a trip on our steam boat, Falcon, Tues to Thurs. Come aboard

the Wherry Maud and discover our wildlife with the RSPB during the Easter weekend.

Museum open Sun - Fri 1000 - 1630

Broadland During the First World War Exhibition Launch: Sunday 08 April 1100 - 1600. Official opening of exhibition by historian, Neil Storey at 1430.

Normal admission charges apply - meet a WWI 'Tommy' and find out what life was like on the front line for our local boys sent to fight. Discover how the war impacted on local families and watch our film made with the help of the local community.

Sunday 13 May - Boat and Fishing Jumble 9am to 12pm. If you enjoy boats or fishing, like a bargain and recycling, then this well-established sale is for you! £1 entry. Please phone the Museum if you would like a stall (£10). Part of the Broads Outdoors Festival Sunday 27 May: Emergency Services Day. Come and meet those who respond to emergencies on the Broads. See their craft and learn how to stay safe. So far, we have the Broads Authority, Hemsby Lifeboat/Inshore Rescue Service, HM Coastguard, Norfolk Police, NNDC, and the RNLI attending.

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# Church News

## Beacon Church

When we hear statements such as 'it was the coldest weather for a generation' we know that it's quite a significant claim. For many of us, a generation suggests 40 years or thereabouts. But now there are multiple generations even within the children of a family. A gap of five to ten years between the oldest and youngest child frequently results in siblings having completely different views of the world around them. Why is this? Partly, it is because of the increasing pace of change. As we age, it seems that technology evolves faster than we can keep up. And yet, it is reassuring to know that much is still the same: the need for family and belonging; the desire for people's actions and words to be consistent; the basic human heart cry to be understood and to be forgiven. All this, and more, does not change. It may be dressed differently, but is essentially the same as it has always been. Thousands of years ago the Bible claimed that there is nothing new under the sun. God's heart is still to connect with the people

that He has made. This Easter, and into the spring, ask a still relevant God to speak to you. He is always willing. And He never changes.

**Jonathan Squirrel**  
**580018**

## St Andrew's Church, Bacton

Spring is coming, the last of the cold weather has hopefully now gone and we will see new growth on our trees and plants. We are sorry that there was not a service at the church on 4th March, but the church was snowed in - as were many of us - but we are now back to Services at 10-30am each Sunday except for Easter Sunday when the service is ½ an hour earlier at 10am. The Annual Meeting of St Andrew's is the 23rd April at 7 pm at the church.

Bible Fellowship continues at 2 Tulsa Way, at 2-30pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays and all are welcome.

"An empty tomb a stone rolled away, speak of the saviour who rose Easter Day". We at St Andrew's church wish you all a Joyous Easter Day.

**Joan Etherington,**  
**536186**

## St Margaret's Church, Witton

Well, the snow caught us all by surprise - it's a while since we had that amount, although thankfully it didn't last too long. Those old enough, remember 1963, when it started snowing on Boxing Day in the previous year and it just went on and on and on. It's very pretty when you are sitting in the warm looking out, but not so brilliant when you have to go somewhere.

Not to worry, Spring will soon be upon us, the hedgerows already have daffodils and violets peeking through - nature really is incredible.

We are in the Season of Lent when our Churches are stripped of their finery awaiting Easter, but our church will be decorated in celebration of this joyous day. If you would like to donate some flowers in memory of a loved one or just to decorate the church, I am sure that Sally will be delighted to accept your contribution.

Our service time has changed for Easter Day, so please note that we shall assemble at 11.15 for Holy Communion NOT 10.30 as

normal. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

If you are a hardy soul, watch out for details of the Sunrise Service at Happisburgh Cliff top.

May I wish you a Happy Easter on behalf of the members of St Margaret's Church

**Beryl Lodge, 650546**

## St Peter's Church, Ridlington

The latter part of February and early March saw the meeting of Lent groups across the coastal group. These meetings of small groups and in fairly relaxed surroundings, in our case due to the kind hospitality of Sam and Mark, gave us chance to discuss Paul's letters to the Phillipians and relevance to the church today. I'm sure Paul would be impressed with our modern-day kind and caring church communities though sadly declining in numbers. What great news! Our village is no longer under the threat of being blighted by those terrible relay stations. We would like to think that this in no small way due to the efforts of our Parish Council, the small groups who worked

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## Services & Events for Easter



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

Easter Sunday, 1st April

6.15 am Sunrise Holy Communion

Happisburgh Clifftop

9.30 am Easter Celebration & Communion All Saints', Edingthorpe

3.00 pm Easter Praise

St Peter's, Ridlington

behind the scenes to maintain awareness of what was going on and lobby councillors, MPs etc., and finally the residents who attended Vattenfall's consultations to express their opposition. Our next service is on Easter Sunday and is titled Easter Praise - indeed we have much to be thankful for - and is at the usual time of 3pm and will be followed by our 'Easter Egg Hunt' (there is no age limit!).

**Ray Allcoat 651609**

**All Saints' Church,  
Edingthorpe**

Hopefully Spring will soon be with us. The Churchyard is full of snowdrops and the daffodils are beginning to show their heads.

Unfortunately, due to the bad weather we had to cancel the Quiz on 3rd March and rearrange it for the 17th March, so the result of the evening will be announced in the next issue of the Village News.

At the service on Mother's Day all the ladies were handed a bunch of daffodils which were greatly appreciated. Thank you, Sue.

On 20th May we are having a river trip on the 'Southern Comfort', the Mississippi Paddle Boat, with afternoon tea. This event is usually very popular as we

are able to see many birds and the lovely sunset on the return journey. A pair of binoculars are useful for this trip. Tickets are £12.50. Boarding is at 5.30 pm from Horning, next to the Horning Swan Hotel, and we disembark at 8.30 pm. Any enquiries to Jan Withers on 07535 125448 or any committee member.

On 14th March the Church was full of family and friends to say goodbye to Jenny Hazel. Jenny and John loved Edingthorpe Church and they will be greatly missed by us all. We have happy memories of them both and the active part they took in all we did at the Church. They are now at peace together and our thoughts and prayers are with all their family.

On the 15th April there will be a Gift Day at All Saints Church. The format of this will be sent under separate cover later.

Dates of other events being organised will be in later issues of the Village News.

**June Hannant, 402337**

### Morning Prayer:

9am Wednesdays across the Coastal Group.

It lasts about 20 minutes. Everyone is welcome.

4th April Waxham

18th April Hempstead

11th April Sea Palling

25th April Lessingham

## Sunday Services at a Glance: April

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Rev Catherine Dobson 650359

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Rev Eiler Mellerup 651393

1st	10.00	Holy Communion	Bacton
	11.15	Holy Communion	Witton
	3 pm	Easter Praise	Ridlington
8th	10.30	All Age Worship	Bacton
15th	10.30	Songs of Praise	Bacton
22nd	10.30	Holy Communion	Bacton
	0.30	Morning Prayer	Witton
29th	10.30	Utd Holy Communion	Lessingham

All Saints', Edingthorpe

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1st	9.30	Easter Celebration with Holy Communion
8th	9.30	Morning Prayer
15th		No Service
22nd	9.30	Holy Communion
29th		No Service

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