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### Notes from Bacton & Edingthorpe Parish Council

**URGENT!** We have been receiving and collating your comments on ideas for the future of the Duke - thank you. Please send more!!! This building is iconic and central to the community and needs to be preserved as it forms part of the historical fabric of the village.

We are still waiting for the date of a possible community consultation. A reminder for defibrillator training, which has been arranged for Thursday June 14th, commencing at 7pm. If you would like to book your place please let the Clerk know at [elainepugh15@hotmail.com](mailto:elainepugh15@hotmail.com). The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday May 14th and we have Nicky Debbage attending to give a talk on the vision for community housing within our parish, starting at 6.30pm. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm, followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting. It is anticipated that Multisports will start on

Tuesday 15th May 2018 in association with Stalham Sports Centre. We are still 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 currently a number of Councillor vacancies so if you would be interested, please contact the Clerk (number below).

If you have any ideas/projects or any comments regarding the management/running of your Council, please let the Clerk know. The Parish Council is your voice in the village, but we are only as good as the people who support us. However, we are always receptive to new ideas and projects and sometimes provide limited funding. Look on our website for more information or come to one of our meetings to see what we do.

The next meeting is the 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. The subsequent scheduled meeting will be 9th July 2018.

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### 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.

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### Witton and Ridlington Village Hall

Our next regular monthly quiz will be on the Friday 25th May at 7 pm. £7.00 per person. Usual baked potato supper, sides, salads tea, coffee, licensed bar,

or BYO. (Thanks as always to Steve at the Lighthouse Inn for his generous donation of baked potatoes). Bookings taken from the first of the month. Tables of up to 6. Please specify numbers when booking as places are limited.

Our traditional Summer Village Fete this year will be on Saturday 21st July from 1pm to 4pm. (You will have probably realised that in last month's news I put the wrong date).

Look forward to a village-wide series of events during the summer as well as the fete. More information in future newsletters.

This year the venue for our fete will be Manor House Barns and as well as the usual stalls and refreshments we will be hosting a fun dog show with the emphasis on fun, (e.g. 'dog with waggiest tail'). For more details about this

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please contact Carol on 651797. If you wish to run a stall at the fete, please speak to Richard on 650265. Our art group at the Hall is now up and running again from 2pm to 4pm on Wednesday afternoons. All materials supplied as well as tea, coffee. £2.00 a person. This is a friendly and relaxed group with advice and support available. For information about fitness classes and how to hire the Hall please ring or email me (details below).

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### Witton and Ridlington Charity Trust

At last we seem to be pulling out of the long cold winter, which has made life difficult for everyone, especially if you had to use extra heating because of the cold weather. Those who thought that they were well-prepared found that Mother Nature had other ideas. Now we are here to help you recover your mojo and look forward to the coming warmer months. We CAN help, we just need to be told of a problem. If you are visiting a loved one in hospital or a care home it all costs money, sometimes unexpectedly, which stretches the purse strings. Please let us help you. If

your appliances give up on you there is nothing worse than a huge pile of washing and no machine, we can help.

The only requirement is that you are a resident of either Witton or Ridlington and have been for at least 3 years. There are numerous ways that the Charity (or Support Fund if you feel better about that) can and will help you.

Please just get in touch with either Beryl Lodge 650546, or John Sings 650496 and we will be there in a flash. Not quite Batman & Robin, but just as fast and, more to the point, completely confidential. We look forward to hearing from you - we like saying Yes!

**Beryl Lodge 650546**

### Open Studios in Bacton

Norfolk & Norwich Open Studios has established itself as one of the largest and most successful open studios schemes in the country. It gives visitors the opportunity to see new art, meet artists, and - with many of the works on display being for sale - to buy original artworks directly from their creators. I'll be doing Open Studios at Bacton House again this summer together with Lucy Care, after a break last year.

We will have ceramics and paintings to show you so please drop in and see what we have been making. And this year for the first time we are setting aside a collection of smaller pieces for sale in aid of Shelter.

We are open for three consecutive weekends beginning Saturday 26th May. There will be many other studios open to visit in our area - the nearest are Amelia Mills in Walcott with paintings and Barrington Farm opposite the Lighthouse pub with art in many different media.

Brochures are available - look out for them in Billy's shop, contact me or find out more at <https://www.nnopenstudio.s.org.uk/>.

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### Book Club

Only five of us could meet at the end of March to discuss 'Exposure' by Helen Dunmore and 'Saturday' by Ian McEwan but we all had plenty to say about them and to compare our thoughts with those of a new member who could not attend but had sent an email. Four had enjoyed 'Exposure,' finding it readable and mainly believable in its depiction

of the personal consequences of involvement in British espionage. pertinent to the poisoning in Salisbury. It has been described as, 'The Railway Children for adults,' but it was much more sinister and thrilling than that.

Not everyone had read 'Saturday' but those that had agreed that once again Ian McEwan had proved to be one of the best British writers of our time. It is an erudite and detailed book following the long, incident-filled day of one man, his interactions with family and professional members, one unfortunate chance encounter, and his reflections on all these and his life in general. The final third is extremely thrilling. We all marvelled at the energy of middle-aged Henry Perone as he navigated his way through a tightly packed timetable! Our next meeting will have been on April 26th where we will have discussed 'My Name is Lucy Barton' by Elizabeth Strout and I will have issued the new book, 'Birdcage Walk' by Helen Dunmore. This is both a historical and gothic novel set in 18th Century Bristol where the French Revolution casts its shadow over a mother and daughter and their respective

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## Diary Dates for May 2018

2nd - Barrington Farm Open Day	15th - W&R Annual Parish Meeting
7th - Annual Bluebell Walk	20th - 'Southern Comfort' Trip
11th - Gardening Club	24th - Book Club
12/13th - Ridlington Arts & Crafts	25th - W&R VH Quiz & Supper
14th - B&E Annual Parish Meeting	26th - Open Studios Starts
15th - Multisports Starts	

husbands. If you would like a copy but are unable to attend the meeting please get in touch.

The May meeting will be on Thursday 24th at 2:30 in Bacton Village Hall. Come along and join in. The first visit is free.

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### Bacton-on-Sea Gardening Club

Members arrived with wonderful displays of spring flowers for our show in April despite the challenging recent weather conditions. The standard was high, bringing out special talents for arranging and growing Spring flora and fauna. The three category winners were presented with prizes. Gina gave us valuable information on fertilising the soil for the growing season including Epsom Salts to encourage sweeter fruit! The planters around the village are full of spring colour - stop and have a

closer look. We are now nurturing the plants for this year's summer display.

Several villagers have agreed to open their gardens on July 29th but "the more the merrier" so contact us for more details and let others enjoy your garden too.

Our meeting at 2pm on May 11th focuses on division, propagation and growing of irises and dahlias with practical demonstrations and a chance to acquire some lovely plants. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

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### Bacton & District History Group

A good April meeting, in spite of the unseasonal fog. We made a good start on our memory project and we are very much looking forward to our next meeting, on June 13th when Graham de

Feyter will be talking to us about his farming life.

Further details in the June issue of the Village News.

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### Theatre Group

We do not have any new visits to offer but plenty to report on.

Those who attended 'Fat Friends, The Musical' reported that the music was rather loud and the singing too shrill but calmed down in the second half. They found it bawdy and a lot of fun. The weigh-in at the slimming club meeting was very funny and the characters were laughing at themselves. They agreed that the lead singer, Jodi Prenger, was very good.

Those who attended the Eastern Angles production of 'Guesthouse' at St George's Theatre, Great Yarmouth found it rather gloomy as it centred around the difficult relationships between a

mother, her daughter and her granddaughter as they face economic difficulties as traditional seaside holidays decline. The mother had mental problems and the father had jumped off the pier. Apparently, there was some humour to lighten this script written by Nicola Werenowska. But it was thought that the theme was drawn out and yet ended abruptly. However, the worst thing about the evening was the cold venue. They were 'frozen to the bone' and 'didn't have ice cream in the interval!' Two members actually left at half time to warm up somewhere.

Two of us saw 'Jerusalem' by Jez Butterworth at The Maddermarket and really enjoyed the exuberant commitment of this talented amateur group in their delivery of this thought-provoking play. It compellingly intertwines the personal and political and is somewhat controversial. The set was interesting and complicated, a great platform for the main character about to be evicted from his woodland caravan to make way for a housing development. A strong performance from this actor. It is just as well that we were warned

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about strong language and adult themes!

Our last visit was to the Atrium where 'Oliver' was being performed by the Red Loft Theatre Company and what a joy it was to see the enthusiasm of these local people as they delivered professional standard entertainment. There was good quality singing with some outstanding performances from children and adults. Some actors had truly captured the wonderful Dickens characters, both major and minor, Fagin being the best example, although Bacton's very own hairdresser, Paul Nurse, portrayed his three minor roles with aplomb, singing powerfully. The simple set design was perfect for the wonderful choreography and direction of this production. We were in admiration of the musical trio who performed throughout.

We are unable to hold a coffee morning in May so have decided to meet on Monday 30th April. Please come along to the Village Hall Annexe from 10:00 and help us to pick some more visits.

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### **Barrington Farm Spring Open Day**

Weds 2nd May, 2-4pm, free entry at Barrington Farm, Walcott, Norfolk NR12 0PF. You are warmly invited to get your wellies on and join us for a fun afternoon out on the farm! Come and celebrate the end of winter and welcome spring to Barrington Farm. There'll be loads going on with new arrivals in the sheep field and hatchery plus printmaking in the art barn, a dog and duck demonstration, egg collecting and loads more! There is free parking and refreshments will be available. We kindly ask that you leave your dogs at home for the afternoon. All welcome. For more info or to bring a group please call Jenni or Sarah on 650707 or email [jenni@barringtonfarm.com](mailto:jenni@barringtonfarm.com). Please share or let us know you're coming! <https://www.facebook.com/events/908472495991803/>

### **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, May 8th: **My Cousin Rachel** (12), Daphne du Maurier's book brought to life by Rachel Weisz who

plays the femme fatale, the mysterious, compelling and recently-widowed Rachel. The question is, was she responsible for her husband's death? A tale of revenge, obsession and infatuation.

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

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CPRE Norfolk is our county branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. With so much countryside in Norfolk there is always plenty to do in trying to ensure development is appropriate to its proposed location, as well as other aspects such as protecting our dark skies and tranquillity. However, CPRE Norfolk is not against development per se, appreciating the need for more housing, such as affordable homes in villages, enabling local people to live near their families and employment, or for retired

residents wanting to downsize.

Across Norfolk our Local Authorities have Local Plans in place which have already allocated sites for sufficient new housing, given current and historic build rates, to last for over 20 more years of construction, yet many more sites are being added into new and emerging plans. CPRE Norfolk is calling for a common-sense approach for Councils to adopt policies which ensure that existing sites are built out first, thus denying the opportunity to developers to cherry-pick the most profitable sites, which are not likely to provide the

homes which are most needed in the most suitable locations. This approach has already gained the support of 142 Parish and Town Councils across Norfolk, as they have signed a pledge to this effect. With threats of unplanned development increasing, particularly when Councils are unable to demonstrate a 5-year supply of land for housing, as well as those new sites coming on stream in the emerging Local Plans, we hope that more Parish and Town Councils will sign our pledge. A full list of the signatories to date is available on our website at: <http://www.cprenorfolk.org.uk/>

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## ✠ Church News ✠

### Beacon Church

It doesn't take much life experience to see how many things have changed. At one time, any talk of personal matters would be relegated to discreet and often euphemistic references buried in the inside pages of a newspaper. Now, they form the lurid headlines of the front page. What is still very much the same, however, is how we view matters of faith. Of course, on one level, faith is personal. However, much we may disagree with someone's views, we

cannot completely ignore their personal experience. That is true even when we do not wish to share such experiences. Nevertheless, there is also a public element to matters of faith. Each November we nationally mourn the dead from many years of conflict - such remembrances often include reflections from leaders of faith communities, and it is encouraging to witness these. But what about the more local, and often 'smaller' events in our lives? Just recently we have seen ordinary locals put their

faith in an extraordinary God who delights to make the 'impossible' possible. Personally, I have witnessed lives being turned around, physical healing brought to people simply by praying, and hope being restored to the hopeless. Yes, these are personal. And yet they are also worth celebrating publicly. If you wish to experience God in this way, please come to a service or get in touch.

**Jonathan Squirrel  
580018**

### St Andrew's Church, Bacton

All who attended St Andrew's Church over Eastertide appreciated how lovely the church looked, inside and out. The daffodils are in flower all around the outside of the Church - Spring is here. Hallelujah, Christ is risen. It's lovely to read the comments written in the visitors' book in the church, even a comment on the poor state of one of the walls (all is in hand and it will soon be repaired).

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Services are each Sunday at 10-30 am all are welcome.

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

Our appeal for the replacement of the roof is going well but still needs more so if you can help in any way please do so, you will be appreciated so much. It is almost a year since our midnight visitors created such mayhem. Although not yet replaced, a Roof Alarm system has been installed, so should any other thieves try to take the remaining roof, alarms will sound in many places, and the Police alerted. Hopefully this will deter chancers

Our next event is the Annual Bluebell Walk, as long as the Bluebells are reading the calendar as well. Sally's garden is wonderful anytime of the year but especially in the Springtime. I had no idea that there were so many different colours of Rhododendrons and Azaleas. They are gorgeous and well worth a visit. The gardens will be open on the 7th May, from 12 noon to 4pm, with light lunches and Afternoon Teas. The entrance charge is for the National Garden Scheme (NGS) supporting many various charities and the proceeds from the refreshments - all those yummy cakes - will benefit St Margaret's Church. The more energetic can walk from the Garden, down to the Church, which is a really pleasant walk. Please do come as you will be most welcome.

**Beryl Lodge, 650546**

**St Peter's Church,  
Ridlington**

I'm sure a good time was had by all at our Easter Egg hunt and service which was quite well attended.

Writing this mid-April, it seems the crops and gardens are only just springing into life. Some of the locals are comparing this year to 2001 when it was also very late. Even May can be a little unpredictable - after all, we are warned to 'ne'er cast a clout till May is out' - but more predictably, our next service 'In celebration of our village' is the usual first Sunday May 6th at 3pm. We also have our annual 'Arts and Crafts' exhibition, to be held in the church on 12th -13th May, between 10am and 4pm. There will be a friendly welcome, usual refreshments and many items for sale.

**Ray Allcoat 651609**

**All Saints' Church,  
Edingthorpe**

The Annual Quiz finally took place after postponements due to the weather. Luckily this time the snow did not arrive until everyone had arrived. It was a very successful evening with over £600 raised for the Church. Many thanks to everyone who helped or supported this event.

The 'Southern Comfort' Mississippi River Boat trip is on Sunday 20th May, boarding at 5.30pm near Horning Swan and returning at 8.30pm. Bring your binoculars. Tickets are £12.50, to include a Buffet Tea, and are available from Jan Withers on 07535 125448 or any Committee Member.

We welcome Mr and Mrs Witham who have moved into the community at Oak Lodge and we wish them much happiness in their new home.

On Good Friday we joined together for a Compline Service led by Rev. Rachael Dines.

Easter Sunday service was a celebration of Holy Communion and it was

lovely to see all the floral arrangements in the Church again. Thanks to all who helped to accomplish this. At the end of the Service everyone was given an Easter egg - Many thanks Andy. The daffodils in the Churchyard were out in abundance and looked beautiful even though it was a wet and cloudy day. It is with sadness we report the passing of Reggie Wild who was born in a cottage on Edingthorpe Green 87 years ago. He attended the village school and then worked on local farms, First at Green Farm for Toon de Feyter and later for Captain Wheeler at Forest Edge. He then worked for John Abel at Church Farm, looking after the hens and pigs. Reggie was always willing

to help his neighbours and he will be greatly missed cycling around the village. Reggie was laid to rest with his brother Sid at Edingthorpe Church on 11th April.

A Coffee Morning has been arranged for 16th June by kind permission of Carl and Jenny Noble at Church Farm Barn, Edingthorpe. Coffee will be served from 10 - 12 noon. Please come along and bring your friends with you.

A Parish Gift Day was held at All Saints' on 15th April when refreshments were served in the Church, followed by a Songs of Praise Service.

Future dates to be announced in next issue of Village News.

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**Sunday Services at a Glance:**

**May**

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13th	10.30	All Age Worship	Bacton
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	0.30	Holy Communion	Witton

**All Saints', Edingthorpe**

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6th		No Service
13th	9.30	Morning Prayer
20th		No Service
27th	9.30	Holy Communion

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**Sundays 10.30 am All Welcome**