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Bacton and Edingthorpe Parish Council Meeting 14 July 2014

The meeting started with an interesting presentation from Bridget Youngs of North Norfolk Area Transport, outlining their Dial-a-Bus Service to people of all ages who are unable to use ordinary transport services through no fault of their own, not just the elderly or disabled. They also provide transport to medical appointments where a fixed mileage rate is charged.

Details can be found at www.northnorfolkcommunitytransport.co.uk, 01692 500840 or in the Village Hall and Sugar and Spice Café. A disgruntled member of the public from Edingthorpe expressed their despair at the lack of broadband in the village. Bacton is having green boxes installed in various locations for new fibre optic cables which in due course should help improve broadband generally.

It was also requested that Edingthorpe is provided with a dog poo bin.

Multisports is to be extended throughout the summer holidays so watch out for a new date for the BBQ!

The Parish Council has spent over £200 on replacement nets to protect the play area from cricket balls and the like? Talking of the play area the equipment now belongs to Bacton and Edingthorpe Parish Council who now own it outright. Currently the clerk is getting quotes and preparing applications for funding to get the pavilion refurbished to a reasonable standard.

The three main companies at the Gas Site at a CAG meeting agreed to donate £400 each to the exercise classes and £200 each towards the Christmas Parties.

Are you interested in helping with a Youth Club as the clerk has been approached about setting one up in Bacton? If so please contact Elaine Pugh on 01692 402998.

There is no meeting in August so the next date for your diary is Monday 8th



Last Year's Village Show

September 2014 in Bacton Village Hall at 7 pm.

Jaine Shepherd

Witton and Ridlington Village Show

By the time you read this, the show schedule will be available. So we hope that villagers will start working out their exhibitions for the show on 6th September - details will be distributed. All welcome to see the show from 2pm onwards with cream teas and the traditional raffle.

*Richard, Treasurer W+R
VH*

Bacton Village Show

You should receive an entry form with this month's Village Show (Bacton & Edingthorpe residents, although entries are welcome from everyone). Please take a look and see what you could enter - we have tried to find something for everyone and

have added some new classes this year. The recent sun and rain have meant plants are growing madly - hopefully they will be just perfect for August. There are 3 child classes based on age and we are really hoping for some lovely entries this year. The show itself opens at 2:00pm so if you don't enter come along and be inspired for next year. There will be a

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Norman Lamb MP Opens Sandcastles' Sensory Garden

raffle, tombola, plant stall, knitted items stall and refreshments. If anyone is interested in having a stall selling cakes, crafts or handmade items please contact me, the cost will be £5 per table. So if you bake, make preserves, knit, hand craft, paint, take photos, arrange plants, grow veg or flowers, have a go and enter something for the show this year. We look forward to seeing the amazing things that people can create.

Chris McBurney
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All Saints' Church Flower Festival

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd August 2014, 11 am to 5 pm at All Saints Church, Edingthorpe "The Village Remembers..." Refreshments, Crafts & Stalls
Saturday 2nd August 2014 at 7.00pm, "Songs for a Summer Evening Concert" TICKETS - £5.00. Contact Mrs deFeyter 01692403182 For more details of these events, please see the entry for All Saints' Church in the 'Church News' section of this edition.

Witton and Ridlington Village Hall Summer Fete 2014

What a wonderful time we had - the sun shone, the coconuts were flying and the poor rat was truly splatted! Dick Hutchinson from North Norfolk radio demonstrated his skills as auctioneer for the cake auction and as prize draw announcer. We are very grateful to him for helping make the day go off so smoothly. A special mention must go to Julian and his team from the Bird and Sea life Sanctuary for displaying some of their beautiful birds of prey. We cannot thank enough all those people and businesses who donated

prizes, cakes, and bottles and an enormous thank you goes to our helpers who worked like Trojans. Many thanks also to the WI and Homewatch for their contribution and to East Ruston Village Hall for lending us newbies some of their attractions. Thanks to both Walcott and East Ruston Halls for helping us to publicise the event.

Everyone said it was a lovely way for the villagers to get together so we will certainly be making this an annual event. Flying high on this success we plan to hold more occasions to suit all tastes. (By the way, next year we will definitely have better signs and try to get more leaflets out!) Next quiz and chilli supper 22nd August. Tables of up to six, (by popular demand) £6.00 per person. Starts at 7pm.

Carol Gilman
Witton and Ridlington Village Hall Committee Chair

P.S. Please note our new hire charges which are as follows:

£8.00 per hour, £7.00 per hour for any subsequent hours. 20% discount for parishioners. 10% discount for regular users. £10.00 charge for charitable use, (by negotiation). To book, contact Olive on 650791 or email oliveceaser@gmail.com.

Can You Make a Difference?

A good primary school is part of keeping any small community alive and thriving. Bacton Primary School have made significant progress in the past two years despite specific challenges (including being a small school and changing from a First School to a Primary) and we aim for our next Ofsted inspection to move us into the all-important "good" category. Running the school requires all sorts of leadership, governance and community organisational skills, not just an educational background. Do you think you might have something to offer? If so, have you thought about becoming a community governor?. If you think you have something to offer, please ring our Governors Clerk (me again, but with a different hat on!) and I'll put you in touch with our Chair for a chat.

Steve Lunniss 652163

Bacton Village Yard Sale

Sunday 24th August' between 10 am - 2pm. Over 20 houses participating, maps available from "Sugar & Spice" café, only 50p, proceeds from which will



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Diary Dates for August 2014

2nd All Saints Festival	15th Garden Club Tea
3rd Open Churches Week Starts	24th Village Yard Sale
11th Theatre Group Coffee Morning	28th Book Club
13th Bacton History Group	30th Village Show

go to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

If you wish to have a sale please contact me by August 10th

Pauline 650634

Book Club

The Book Club met on Thursday 24th July to discuss the July book, "Lucky Break" by Esther Freud. This was a light-hearted read which took us back to the early '90's with the would-be actors starting out, and carried through to this century. The August book is "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khalid Husseni. The August date is Thursday 28th at 2.30 pm in the Main room of the Village Hall. I look forward to seeing you there.

Joan Galbraith 650434

Bacton Bowls Club

Congratulations to Rhys Lloyd, Nick Taylor and Ady Willett who, representing Bacton Bowls Club became North Norfolk area champions in the Federation County League competitions (3 bowl rink). This win sent them to the Norfolk Area semi-finals in Kings Lynn in which they represented North Norfolk, where they were narrowly beaten by East Norfolk. For their first attempt the Club were very proud of their achievement.

If you are interested in joining our Club please

contact Ady Willett (Chairman) on 650958

Lynn Willett

Bacton History Group

Thanks to everyone who came along to our exhibition and wine in June. It was a delightful and fun evening, and it was great to meet newcomers to the village and established Bactonians too! Our meeting this month at the Village Hall is on 13th August at 7:30pm and is a planning and project meeting. There will also be an opportunity to look into the group files! Everyone is welcome! There is a small donation of £2 and there are refreshments.

Steve Lunniss 652163

Material Girls 'R' Us

Not to be confused with the group of a similar name that meets at Walcott. A very friendly patchwork, sewing, knitting and crochet group that meets each Thursday 1.30 - 4.00 in the annexe at Bacton Village Hall. £2.00 per session, to include tea/coffee/biscuits. Please phone

Val 652277

Gardening Club

There is no meeting in August for the Gardening Club but the Village Show will be the main event on Saturday 30th. If anyone would like to help with

booking in or manning a stall during the event please contact me. We will be setting out and booking in entries from 5:30-6:30pm on Friday 29th August and 9:30-11:30am on Saturday 30th and the event will take place between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. We still need tombola items, raffle prizes and cakes for the refreshments, please bring them along at either booking in event.

On Friday August 15th at 2:00pm Joan G will be hosting a members' tea afternoon - please come along if you can. If you need directions please give me a call. We will start our regular monthly meetings again in September on Friday 12th at 2:00pm in the Village Hall. Members £2 and visitors £3- visitors always welcome. See you there

Chris McBurney

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Theatre Visits Report

I apologise for not writing an update last month. We have planned a few outings for the Autumn already but no doubt some others will emerge over time.

In early September four folk are off to see 'West Side Story' and then later on nine of us are going to see 'To Kill a Mockingbird.' October brings another production of 'Joseph' and then in December we see the saucy

'Full Monty.' All these performances are at The Theatre Royal. I have already booked tickets but if anyone is interested I can try for more, or put you on a reserve list.

I was on holiday when 'Pygmalion' was here and sorry to miss it. Those that went enjoyed the play and thought Alistair McGowan was very good at playing the pompous Dr Higgins. Rula Lenska as his mother portrayed a possessive character that soon began to champion Eliza over her son. Marie was disappointed in the ending as she thought it would be 'happy ever after' as in the film.

The next coffee morning will be on Monday 11th August from 10:00pm. It is open to anyone who likes to chat.

Sally 01263

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Village News on Facebook

The Village News is now on Facebook for those that love that sort of thing. Here you can post your news halfway through the month, make comment and interact with us. This will complement our website and build interest, but the paper edition continues to be our main focus. We will update the website and Facebook with important news, but for the real thing, you cannot beat our glorious paper version. If you are a Facebooker, just search for Village News or go to <https://www.facebook.com/villagenewsnorthnorfolk>.

Walcott Village Hall

Walcott Village Show this year is on 23rd August. Anyone from any area can enter. Entry forms with a list of categories can be found in the village hall porch.



And the winner is

Free entry to the public for viewing from 1pm to 4pm when a raffle will be drawn. For information contact Sheila on 07826033801

Material Girls still meeting at Walcott Village Hall on Thursday afternoon. This is a social session for those interested in fabric and fibre work with a special interest in Patchwork. Bring your projects along, or get some inspiration for a new hobby.

For information contact Annie on 500226

Toastmaster of the Year Award

Karen Battrick was presented with Toastmaster of the Year Award at North Norfolk Speakers Club on Wednesday 25th June.

'I was both delighted and surprised to win this award,' said Karen. 'I joined North Norfolk Speakers Club to gain confidence and skill in speaking and giving presentations - for me a very daunting prospect - but the members make it fun and it's thanks to their support and guidance that

I am now much more confident. I thoroughly enjoy it and recommend the club to anyone.'

North Norfolk Speakers Club meets on alternate Wednesdays, 7pm, at North Walsham High School, Spenser Avenue, North Walsham

Guests and new members are always warmly welcomed. For further information please visit www.nnsc.co.uk, email northnorfolkspeakersclub@gmail.com or contact

Gillian 650250

Trunch Concerts

In August & September, we welcome several musicians new to St Botolph's Church, Trunch, as well as audience favourites, Norfolk Winds.

All concerts start at 7.30 pm and admission is by programme at the door, £9 (£7 concessions). Further details are available on www.trunchconcerts.co.uk.

Trunch also has a musical initiative of a different kind over the August bank holiday weekend, in the form of the open-air 'Trunchonbury'. For more information, please refer to the Trunchonbury website: www.trunchonburyfestival.co.uk/.

Organ Recitals at Saint Nicholas' Church, North Walsham

Come and hear our renowned organ put through its paces every Thursday lunchtime in August by a selection of local and nationally-acclaimed organists. The music performed will be accessible for a 'non-aficionado' audience. Each recital takes place at 12:30 and will last for 45 - 60 minutes. A selection of drinks will be available, and you are invited to bring your own lunch to share with friends old or new. An excellent place to finish after a morning shopping in the market.

Aug 7th - John Farmer (Great Yarmouth) (Organ & Piano)

Aug 14th - Laurence Caldecote (All Saints, Nuneaton)

Aug 21st - Tim Patient (Norwich)

Aug 28th - Henry Macey (Aylsham)

Feel free to stay for as little or much as your time affords you. There is no admission charge, but there will be a retiring collection for on-going maintenance and improvements to the organ.

David Ballard, Organist & Choirmaster, St Nicholas, North Walsham

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You Write ...

Quiet (?) Lanes

We are writing this piece to raise awareness of the dangers of driving too fast down the small, quiet roads in our villages.

For the second time in two years, one of our cats has been hit and severely injured by a car, which was obviously driving too fast down Church Road in Bacton.

Both times our cats have suffered with broken pelvises, and this time she is also suffering with broken ribs, puncture wounds, losing her claws and almost her eye, and severe bruising. We are now looking at an extortionate vet bill and 6-8 weeks cage confinement for her.

Aside from the costs, she is a much loved pet who our 11 year old daughter/sister has grown up with her whole life, and if anything were to happen to any of our cats through these circumstances, she and the rest of the family would be absolutely devastated.

PLEASE, PLEASE, think about your speed down these lanes, especially in

the summer as there are so many more people walking down these roads with children and pets. Next time this could be a child!

**Kat and Caroline
Pamment**

✠ Church News

St Peter's Church Ridlington

I hope that by now you have all taken the opportunity to meet your new Rector Catherine at our Tea Party on the 27th of July. I say new but Catherine has been

with us since May and during that time has already made herself known at local events, along with her husband Steve.

We have two -yes two - services here at St Peter's in August. The first is Holy Communion on 3rd August at 9.00 am; we are trying an early morning to see if this works, if not let us know. Some of you early risers might prefer this to an evening as we have done in the past.

The second is a United Service on 31st August, this time at 10.30 am. Always a chance to get together with friends from other parishes in the benefice.

Many of the churches in the Diocese are participating in

what is called the 'Summer Trail'. Each church has its own 'stamp', the idea being to visit as many churches as possible on a map downloaded from the Diocesan Website - the start date is the 28th July finishing on 7th September. Perhaps something for your family to do if the weather is not encouraging you to brave the beach!

Have a happy summer.

Tina Soldan 650402

St Andrew's Church Bacton

By the time this edition of Village News is through your letter box, schools will have 'broken up' for the holidays. As a child the summer holidays seem to go on, and on and it was always seemed to be sunny, or was it? I'm sure our children and grandchildren are equally looking forward to their holidays, at home or away and I hope they have a wonderful time and keep safe - hopefully the sun will shine too.

Please remember the garden sale at Mary Smith's on Saturday September 13th. Donations of books, plants and bric-a-brac gratefully received as well as your company.

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✠ Church News

join us - we'd love to see you. Have a lovely summer.

Kim Reynolds 406246

All Saints' Church Edingthorpe

All Saints' was a beautiful sight for the wedding of Kate Patterson and Ben Wood. The floral arrangements of green and white were splendid. We wish the newlyweds much happiness for the future.

Shirley (Gilbert) celebrated a 'Special Birthday' in July (I don't know what this means, but many more are wished!)

Our new vicar, the Rev Paul Cubitt was inducted at St Nicholas' Church, North Walsham on the 17th July. We wish him joy in his new posting and look forward to his first service at All Saints'. We regret to note the passing of Jan Withers' mother. She gave much assistance in the fund-raising activities for All Saints'.

The weekend of 2nd and 3rd August is the 'Big One'. This consists of 'The Village Remembers' Flower Festival, from 11am - 5 pm and a 'Blessing of the Graves' Service on 3rd August at 10.00 am. Refreshments will be available on both days, as well as crafts, cakes and plants. Please contact June Hannant (402337) if you can give local produce or cakes for selling at this event. All those wishing to place flowers on the graves for the Blessing on 3rd August are welcome to do so.

On the evening of 2nd August is a concert - 'Songs for a Summer's Evening'. Tickets

@ £5.00 still available from Jan (403432).

Jan Withers would like to hear from anyone who is willing to help with the fund-raising activities for All Saints'. Please telephone (evenings) on 403432

Geoff Thomas 405263

St Margaret's Church Witton

From the 3rd until the 10th August, St Margaret's along with many other churches will be taking part in OPEN CHURCHES WEEK. During this week many churches which are not always open will throw open their doors for everyone to come and visit.

Now, we have almost started a tradition of our own during this week. Not only will the church be open but there will be refreshments available too. On Sunday the 10th August our Morning Prayer service will start at 11.30am (please note different time) and will be followed by a Picnic Lunch. This is open to all, please bring your own picnic, teas and coffee will be available. If the weather is kind to us we will sit outside but if inclement (you cannot guarantee the weather) we will enjoy our lunch in the church. Do come along and join in with this friendly restful gathering, and meet our new Rector Catherine.

Beryl Lodge 650546

Beacon Centre Bacton

Do you ever lack motivation? It could be needed for changing an aspect of your life, for getting fit, for learning something new, or anything else that takes you away



All Saint's Flower Festival

from where you are now, to where you wish to be. It's easy to daydream and wish, but that alone is insufficient. If we have the final goal clearly fixed in our minds however, inspiration and motivation follow. When I see myself having achieved whatever target is set, that spurs me on. It's no different with God. Many people lack motivation to check Him out simply because they have no idea what He is like (if He is even there). But when we open ourselves up

to the possibility that He exists and begin to envision what a relationship with Him could be like, change is really possible.

Over the 5 years of Beacon Community Church we have watched people make that journey of discovering God. Change has occurred, Hope has been restored. We would love to travel that road with you. Sundays @ 10.30.

**Jonathan Squirrell
580018**

Sunday Services at a Glance: August

Church of England Rev Catherine Dobson 650359
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Rev Eiler Mellerup 651393

Sun 3rd	09.00	Holy Communion	Ridlington
	10.30	Church Family Service	Bacton
Sun 10th	10.30	All Age Worship	Bacton
	11.30	Morning Prayer & Picnic	Witton
Sun 17th	10.30	Songs of Praise	Bacton
Sun 24th	10.30	Holy Communion & Baptism	Bacton with Walcott
	10.30	Morning Prayer	Witton
Sun 31st	10.30	United Holy Communion	Ridlington

All Saints Edingthorpe

Church of England Vicar: Rev Paul Cubitt

Sun 3rd	10.00	Blessing the Graves
Sun 10th	10.30	Morning Prayer
Sun 17th		No Service
Sun 24th	9.30	Holy Communion
Sun 31st		No Service

The Beacon Centre

Rev Jonathan Squirrell 580018

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