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REMINDER

The New Village News

The next edition of the Village News will be February 2019, to be delivered by the end of January. All contributors are reminded that we will need news and diary dates by 15 January.

Thanks to all who help to ensure that there is a Village News each month - whether as an advertiser, contributor, donor, distributor or deliverer. As the public 'face' of the News, we do receive thanks, but without the rest of the chain, nothing would happen. Thanks also to Trevor Coltman, for keeping our accounts straight and Tony Arnold, for examining our accounting! This examination ensures they are accurate and transparent, and that all funds are used appropriately.

We would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all good wishes for 2019

The Editors

Preparations are continuing on the re-vamp of the Village News and we were able to share some proposals with those who attended our AGM last month

As part of our re-launch, we hope to include more items, including a photo competition, replacing 'You Write' with a feature, provisionally titled 'Village Pump', where readers can share short tidbits of interest or issues for discussion and, with readers' contributions, a 'Recipe of the Month', hopefully showcasing locally available produce.

As ever, we are constrained by cost, so our advertising rates have had to be increased with effect from the first of the new-look issues, but we will be able to offer the option of larger ads, and in colour (at extra cost). Although we do receive some income from the gas terminal companies, we can only afford to provide the Village News at

no cost to households thanks to the support of our advertisers and, of course, generous donations from our readers.

In the meantime, we are still open to suggestions about what you would like to see in your Village News, so please get in touch. We can be contacted by email: bactonvillagenews@hotmail.com or text 07918 056179, or, of course by phone or in person.

Kate & Steve, Editors

Complimentary Calendars

Everyone in our 4 villages should have received one of the annual gas terminal calendars with this month's Village News - and a heartfelt thank you to all of our deliverers who have undertaken the distribution. If, for any reason, you appear not to have received one, please feel free to contact me or you can collect them from the front porch at Eversleigh House, on the corner of Kimberley Road, Bacton.

Kate North, 650641

Notes from Bacton & Edingthorpe Parish Council

There was a further meeting about the Community Housing proposals last month, but we are still seeking suitable land within the village.

DON'T FORGET the Bacton & Edingthorpe Children's Christmas Party 2018 - the

list of attendees is being compiled. Remember, remember that it is on Sunday 9th December at the Village Hall - please contact Sally Dunham or the Clerk. Invitations will go out via Bacton School - if your child attends a different school they are also welcome to attend. Just let us know.

The Council received an update from NNDC about the planned improvements to the public WC facilities and we were extremely pleased to learn of the total refurbishment of the block. There will be new sanitary items and flooring and a flood door available to be used if necessary. It may have an automatic system for opening and closure during specific times. The disabled facility will also be upgraded. The front will have an outside tap so that users can wash sand off and there may even be a bench

Contributions for the Village News (max 250 words) must arrive by the 15th of each month to bactonvillagenews@hotmail.com

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together with a unit to lock bikes to. The anticipated start date will be February 2019 and the block will be closed during the refurbishment.

NNDC are negotiating with the landowner to bring the old car park back into use along the Coast Road. As yet this has not been concluded however funds have been allocated by NNDC.

The 2019-2020 Parish Precept request has been slightly increased by £250 to account for the loss of the yearly Government grant. Members took into consideration the work which needs to be continually undertaken within the Parish and we will review play equipment provision which may lead to a new replacement piece of equipment in the area. Any suggestion for a new item would be welcomed however, we need to remember that it will need to be compact to fill the allocated space.

Two new benches have been gifted to the Parish Council by the Gas Terminal companies and these will be located in Edingthorpe and Bacton.

It has been suggested that a new dog bin be placed near to Edingthorpe Church and the Council is working with NNDC on the location

of this to enable easy emptying by the operatives. Another year has passed so quickly and the Council would like to thank every resident for their support throughout the year and to wish you all a fantastic Christmas period and a Happy New Year for 2019.

Dates for the 2019 meetings will be on the website and the next meeting is the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 14th January 2019 at 7pm in Bacton Village Hall Annexe. All are encouraged to attend.

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Witton and Ridlington Village Hall

As promised in last month's newsletter here are the details of our Christmas lunch which will be on Saturday December 15th. This will be a traditional, homemade, three-course turkey dinner with all the trimmings, using locally-sourced produce whenever possible. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, mince pies, mints and complimentary glass of wine included in the price



St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival

of £12.00 per person, (children under 16 half price). The Hall will open at 12 noon for 12.30 serving. We can provide vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free alternatives on request. Advance bookings only by Monday 10th December. Phone 650265 to book and with details of any special dietary requirements.

Please note that as usual there is no quiz in December and, at the moment, we are not able to give a firm commitment to arranging any further quizzes in the New Year. Our AGM will be on Monday 21st January 2019 at 7.00pm. The Hall is run for the benefit of the community and all Witton and Ridlington residents are entitled to attend, either to

contribute to the running of the Hall or just to find out how it functions.

If you are interested in hiring the Hall, please get in touch with Richard on 650265 and arrange a visit. If you're not sure where we are you can also email us (see below) and we will send you details and a map. Contact Lynne on 650265 for weekly Pilates and Stretch and Tone classes but please note that there will be no classes over the Christmas period from the week beginning Monday 17th December. Classes in the New Year will start in the week beginning Monday 7th January 2019.

Happy Christmas to all from the committee.

Lynne Hosking 650265
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Diary Dates for December 2018/January 2019

December

January

5th - History Gp Meeting

1st - Fancy dress Dip in the Sea

7th - Gardening Club Lunch

7th - Theatre Gp Coffee Morning

- Wild Touch Quiz & Chips

- Pilates Restart W&R VH

8th - History Gp Exhibition

11th - Gardening Club

9th - Pop-Up Bakery

13th - Pop-Up Bakery

10th - Theatre Gp Coffee Morning

14th - B&E PC Meeting

All Christmassy events listed on page 6

15th - Deadline for Village News

21st - W&R VH AGM

24th - Book Club

25th - Burns' Night Supper W&R

forward to seeing you there!

*Sam & Mark Cornish,
650871*

Wild Touch Quiz and Chips

We have decided to follow up our successful event in August with another one, embracing the festive season at the same time, so the date for your diary is Friday 7th December, 6.30pm for 7pm start, at Bacton Village Hall. Booking Required.

We look forward to seeing you there.

*Gill, 652991/07837
004836*

Christmas Fete

Bacton Primary School are holding their annual Christmas fete on Friday 7th December 2.45-4.30pm. There will be our usual fun and games going on including our raffle with lots of fabulous prizes. There's something for everybody, including a chance to meet Father Christmas and refreshments available and freshly cooked chips kindly donated by Bacton Chip Shop. Please come along and support your local school, it would be lovely to see you there!

Jenni Rooke

'Pop Up' Bakery

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to Bread of Haven's first Pop Up at Cafe Carmel in Bacton. It was a great success and apologies to those who came along after we had sold out. We were so pleased with the support of the local community that we shall be holding the Pop Up regularly on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The next one will be Sunday 9th December at 11am. The cafe will be open from 10am every Sunday.

*Sam & Mark Cornish,
650871*

Christmas Tree Festival - St Peter's Ridlington

The Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's returns again this year for another early festive treat. The festival runs from Friday 30th November (2pm-6pm), Saturday 1st December (12pm - 4pm) and Sunday 2nd December (12pm - 4pm) with the Carol Service starting at 3pm). There will be lots of trees decorated by local groups, businesses and individuals hoping to raise lots of money for their chosen charity. There will of course be refreshments served every day and everyone is welcome to join us for the Carol Service on Sunday at 3pm. We look

Fancy Dress Dip In The Sea

The annual 'New Year's Day Fancy Dress Dip in the Sea' will be held at the Poachers Pocket at 1.00pm. Join the 'Dippers' in the sea or cheer them on from the car park in this early bit of New Year fun. There will also be a raffle with the proceeds going to 'Guide Dogs for the Blind' - the charity supported by the Poachers Pocket for 2019.

The raffle will be drawn at 2.00pm. Raffle Tickets will be available from the Poachers Pocket from 26th December and also on the day of the Dip.

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**Ady & Lynn Willett,
650958**

Witton News

On Thursday 2nd November we bade a sad farewell to Beryl Lodge, a stalwart of the Village and local area. Beryl was laid to rest alongside her husband Colin. It was a well-attended and fitting tribute to a lady who worked tirelessly for the community, PCC secretary since 1989 and warden since 2013. A much-admired leader of North Walsham Brownies for many years, Trustee of the Witton charities, Parish Councillor and chair for many years and the person responsible for keeping open the Village Hall which became almost a full-time job.

Beryl dedicated her time to the community, despite suffering ill health for many years. Few are prepared to take on the roles she did with such efficiency.

To Andrew, Kirsty and Jo we send heartfelt condolences. We miss her.

On a lighter note - advance notice of a "Burns Night Supper" at the Witton and Ridlington Village Hall on Friday 25th January, at 7 for 7.30pm, price not yet decided, but advance booking on 650223 will be required. Special dietary

requirements will be catered for.

**Charles and Gillian
650223**

Book Group

Everyone enjoyed 'Eleanor Oliphant' by Gail Honeyman a book which dealt with the lonely life of a thirty year old single woman whose best friends were a houseplant and Vodka. Written from Eleanor's point of view it is full of gentle humour as her life becomes one of less routine with more social interaction. We wondered if she was on the autistic spectrum or just the result of her unorthodox early life when we gradually learn that she also suffered abusive trauma. We all liked Eleanor but some felt frustrated by her. We agreed that this was one book where you definitely didn't want to read the last part first. It wasn't a thriller type ending but a shock that made complete sense when you read it. Only two of us completed 'My Name Is Shylock' by Howard Jacobson. This was a clever modern version of Shakespeare's 'A Merchant Of Venice.' I had to read a synopsis of the play to be reminded of all the characters, and there they were, now all living in the Cheshire Golden Triangle (where Premier footballers

and stockbrokers live). It was a challenging read with much philosophy and introspection but written with Jacobson's wry wit shining through.

At the November meeting we will have discussed the current books and issued the new ones, 'The Crossing' by Andrew Miller and 'Sister' by Rosamund Lupton. If you would like copies of these or more information, please contact me.

We will not be holding a December meeting so the next one will be on January 24th at 2:30 in Bacton Village Hall. Please come along and try out this group, the first meeting is free.

Have a very Happy Christmas.

**Sally Hogden 651085/
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Bacton Gardening Club

With the festive season fast approaching 'Santa' Sandra's demonstration of lovely Christmas wreaths and table decorations encouraged members to make their own during the November meeting.

Plans for our Christmas tree to add to the Festival in Bacton Church are under way. Club members are most welcome to contribute their ideas and time. If you are interested contact a committee member for proposed dates.

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Our main Christmas celebration on 7th December, at the Poachers Pocket, promises to deliver good food, entertainment, fun and games in true festive tradition Yo Ho Ho!

We have a full and varied programme for 2019 starting with on January 11th with a talk by Richard Hobbs on "The Garden in Spring".

February 8th will be our AGM and afternoon tea. For more information contact Lyn Ross 07787 521151 or email bactonosgardenclub@gmail.com

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Linda Jenkins, Secretary

Bacton History Group

Don't forget that we will be holding our Christmas meeting on Saturday

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St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival

December 8th when we will be showing our photos and archives with something of a festive theme and providing mince pies and other refreshments, open between 12.00 and 2.30 pm. We will also be meeting on Wednesday December 5th at the usual time, 7.30, to make final arrangements for the Saturday.

**Jo Arnold, 652205/
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Theatre Group

Ironically, I forgot to mention in last month's report that Rosie and I had been to see 'Still Alice'. Sharon Small played Alice, a 50-year-old professor of linguistics, diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's and we witnessed her gradual decline as she tries to maintain independence. The play focuses on her relationships with her husband, son and daughter, their different reactions to her illness and, the changes in her relationship with each. A difficult subject, it was a gripping story, dealt with realistically and sympathetically. The staging was very clever with another Alice shadowing

her moves and expressing her thoughts.

By complete contrast five of us attended another Theatre Royal production, a constant laugh out loud affair, 'The Comedy About A Bank Robbery'. From the very clever writers who had previously wowed us with 'The Play That Goes Wrong', this new offering didn't disappoint. They borrowed from or, as they prefer it, paid homage to, many comedy sources to write a very entertaining play. The construction of the set and the timing of the physically agile actors make this comic play successful.

The most recent outing was to Cromer Cinema to see the screening from Moscow of 'La Sylphide,' a ballet composed by a Dane, set in a Scottish baronial home, performed by the Russian Bolshoi Company. The music was delightful with classical ballet sequences and typical Scottish reels. We have not decided on further visits but will do so at the next Coffee Morning on Monday 10th December from 10:00 in the Village Hall Annexe. The January meeting will be on the 7th. Please join us or, failing that contact me, if you

want any details of future events.

Have a very Happy Christmas.

**Sally Hogden 651085/
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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, 11th December 2018: **Mamma Mia 2 Here We Go Again!** (PG). Ten years after "Mamma Mia" grossed more than 600 million around the world, you are invited to return to the magical Greek island of Kalokairi in an all-new original musical based on the songs of Abba.

Starring Lily James, Amanda Seyfried, Meryl Streep and Cher.

The film for January has yet to be agreed, please check our website or Facebook pages for details.

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

For more information see <http://www.mundesley.org/film.html> or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MundesleyVillageCinema)

Keep Dancin'!

Wonderful beginners Swing/Lindy Hop class just started at Gimingham Village Hall. Mondays 7.30pm to 9pm. No experience or partner required. Great fun. Do come to the next class. More information from Lyn on 01263 722375

Mundesley Jigsaw Club

This fortnightly club meets at Mundesley Library on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month, from 2-4 pm, although puzzles are available every Friday. All

are welcome to join us for a cuppa and to chat and puzzle in good company. Puzzles are provided by Cromer Library, but you can bring your own to swap with other members.

Dates for December are 7th and 21st and in January, 11th and 25th. No need to book, but for more information contact the library staff on 01263 720702, Tuesdays, 1.30 - 7 pm, Friday, 11.30 am - 7 pm and Saturdays, 12 - 4 pm.

You Write

Flower Shop News

As many of you may have seen I sadly had to come out of the premises on Walcott Road, Bacton due to work and family commitments. Despite this I am still taking orders and making flower deliveries from my home workshop so feel free to contact me at any time on 01692 650555 or 07904 810144. Orders are now being taken for Christmas wreaths, bouquets and arrangements. Lots of Love to you all.

Tricia

Duke Public House

Following a very helpful and detailed response to a letter I sent to the Head of Planning at NNDC, (response available on the VN website), I attended the latest Parish Council meeting having asked the Parish Council to register the Duke Pub and other assets on a Community Register. According to the video link I was sent by the Planning Officer, it would cost nothing to create the register and this information was made available to the councillors prior to the meeting. On attending the meeting, the developer made various comments, true or false I

don't know so I shut up, only questioning that The Duke couldn't, like the Vernon and Foundry Arms, be successful as it was a drugs den, to which I took issue because my daughter worked there when it wasn't and shouldn't be if run correctly.

Councillor East then informed the Parish Council that he had polled 30 villagers and only one would use the pub. We need 21 people to go forward to

apply for a register ourselves as the Parish Council unanimously decided not to take up the challenge

Peter Shepherd

Merry Christmas from all at the Village News

See you in the New Year with the new and (hopefully) improved Village News



Christmas Services and Events - December 2018



Friday-Sunday, 30th Nov, 2-6 pm - 2nd Dec, 12.00-4 pm (Sat & Sun)

	Christmas Tree Festival	St Peter's Church, Ridlington
Saturday, 1st, 9.30-12.00	All Saints' Christmas Fair & Coffee Morning	St Benet's Hall, North Walsham
Sunday, 2nd, 3.00 pm	Tree Festival Carol Service	St Peter's Church, Ridlington
Friday & Saturday, 7th & 8th	Christmas Show (Ticket Event)	Poacher's Pocket, Bacton
Friday, 7th 2.45-4.30 pm	Christmas Fair	Bacton Primary School
Saturday, 8th, 10.30-4.30 & Sunday, 10th, 12-4.30 pm	Christmas Tree Festival	St Andrew's Church, Bacton
3.30 pm	Carols Around the Christmas Trees	St Andrew's Church, Bacton
Sunday, 9th, 5-7 pm	Children's Christmas Party	Bacton Village Hall
6.00 pm	Carol Service	Beacon Church, Bacton
Wednesday, 12th, 7.00 pm	Sing-a-long Carols	The Lighthouse Inn, Walcott
Friday, 14th, 7.00 pm	Service of Carol & Readings	St Margaret's Church, Witton
Saturday, 15th, 12 for 12.30	Christmas Lunch (Book by 10th)	Witton & Ridlington Village Hall
Sunday, 16th, 10.30 am	Service of Carol & Readings	St Andrew's Church, Bacton
Sunday, 23rd, 4.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight	All Saints' Church, Edingthorpe
Monday, 24th, 4.00 pm	Crib Service	St Andrew's Church, Bacton
4.00 pm	Christmas Eve Service	Beacon Church, Bacton
11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	St Mary's Church, Happisburgh
Monday, 25th, 10.00 am	Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion	All Saints' Church, Edingthorpe
11.15 am	Christmas Day Service	St Margaret's Church, Witton



Church News



Beacon Church

Endings and beginnings are part of life. As 2018 closes, and 2019 begins, we either live in the past or look to the future. Each year we gain experience, and experience teaches us to learn from what has happened. If we don't, problems are often repeated! But we cannot live looking behind us. We need to move on.

As you come to this annual changeover, God wants you to learn and benefit from all you have experienced. He also waits to be invited into your present and your future. In 47 years of walking with God I have never been disappointed in him. I would encourage you to do the same. Have a wonderful Christmas and a 2019 open to the amazing surprises that God has in store.

Jonathan Squirrel
580018

St Andrew's Church, Bacton

This year's Christmas Tree Festival will be on Saturday, 8th December, 10-30 am to

4-30 pm, with Carols round the trees at 3-30pm, and Sunday, 9th from 12 midday to 4-30 pm. If any Church, club, shop, school, business, pub or individual would like to put in a tree, please contact me on the number below. The trees will stay in church throughout the Advent season. Refreshments will be available on both days.

Our Service of Lessons and Carols will be on 16th December at 10-30 am. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas from St Andrew's

Joan Etherington 536186

All Saints' Church, Edingtonhorpe

The "Who Done It" evening was held in October at St Benet's Hall. There was a lovely Fish and Chip supper and Pam Warren and Friends acted out the play 'who killed the mad scientist?' - the mad scientist was perfectly cast! Many thanks to all who helped organise the event and to all who supported by attending. A total of just under £400 was raised for the Church.

The Annual Christmas Fair with Coffee and Mince pies together with crafts, cakes, bric-a-brac, tombola and raffle for Christmas Hampers and various prizes, will be held on Saturday 1st December from 9.30am to 12 noon. Please support your church by joining us at St Benet's Hall, North Walsham.

The Village Christmas Choir has started, rehearsals are on a Tuesday evening at the church. It's not too late to join in, you would be very welcome - just come along at 7:30.

The Candle Lit Carol Service is on Sunday December 23rd at 4:30. It's a lovely service, our little church is always full so do come, sing carols and celebrate the festive season.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas time and New Year.

June Hannant, 402337

St Margaret's Church, Witton

We were greatly saddened by the loss of Beryl and send our condolences to Andrew, Kirsty and Jo. Beryl had been a hard-working

member of the Church, PCC secretary since 1989 and Warden since 2013.

We were able to say farewell to Beryl in a clean, beautifully decorated Church. Special thanks must go to the helpers and the Builders who completed their work at 4pm on the day before the funeral. The stolen lead has now been replaced with coated stainless steel.

We are still about £10,000 short of the estimated £36,000 cost of the work and to this end a Burns' Night Supper will be held in the Witton and Ridlington Village Hall on Friday 25th January at 7.00 for 7.30pm. Price not yet sorted. Advance booking required on 650223 and special dietary requirements will be catered for with advance notice.

It is now obvious that to keep the Church open we are in desperate need of new members on the PCC. You do not have to be profoundly religious, just interested in keeping the Church open and in a usable condition. If you feel able to be involved in any way, please contact Charles on

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650223 or the Rev. Catherine.
Our Carol Service will be held on Friday 14th Dec. at 7pm followed by refreshments.

On Christmas Day, there will be a short service at 11.15am with drinks and nibbles

All most welcome

**Charles and Gillian,
650223**

**St Peter's Church,
Ridlington**

Though attendance for our Remembrance Service was a little disappointing, I'm

sure we were able to experience the emotion of the big day which was to come a week later. Thanks to Richard for researching the lives of those named on our WW1 memorial. One of the greatest tragedies of the Great War was the 309 British and Commonwealth soldiers who were executed for cowardice and desertion - what effect must this have had on their families and loved ones.

Well, it's that time of year again! Our Christmas Tree Festival begins on the 30th November from 2-6 pm and then on the 1st and 2nd

December, 12-4 pm. As usual, refreshments will be available and we have our Carol Service on the 2nd at 3pm.

There will be a United Holy Communion service on the 23rd December at 10-30 and then our first service of the new year will be Christingle on the 6th January at 3pm.

What an industrious lady Beryl Lodge was. I really don't know how many years she had contributed to the VN, but when I asked her once how she managed it, she replied 'you just waffle

away'. I wish I was half as good at waffling!

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ray Allcoat 651609



See Listings on page 6 for additional Christmas services for all our churches



Sunday Services at a Glance:

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December

2nd	10.30	Church Family Service	Bacton
	3 pm	Carol Service	Ridlington
9th	10.30	All Age Worship	Bacton
16th	10.30	Service of Lessons & Carols	Bacton
23rd	10.30	United Holy Communion	Ridlington
30th	10.30	United Holy Communion	Happisburgh

January

6th	10.30	Church Family Service	Bacton
	3.pm	Christingle	Ridlington
13th	10.30	All Age Worship	Bacton
20th	10.30	Songs of Praise	Bacton
27th	10.30	Holy Communion	Bacton with Walcott
	10.30	Holy Communion	Witton

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December

2nd		No Service
9th	9.30	Holy Communion
16th		No Service
23rd	9.30	Holy Communion
30th		No Service

January

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