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LETTERS & NOTICES

Children have been climbing into the Bawdeswell Paper Bank, through the vents that the papers are posted.

The vents have flaps which swing inwards - the dangers are enormous, including suffocation

Parents please warn children never to play in the bank. There were recent reports of an adult dying in such a bank when trying to retrieve something.

JM. Bawdeswell

Foxley in Flower Open Gardens' Day Sunday 19th June 2005

Please return completed questionnaires to:
Gladys Dewing, Four Winds, Old Fakenham Road or
Beryl Mayes, Lonning End, Old Fakenham Road by
Thursday 31st March for a chance to win a £20 Bawdeswell Store Voucher.
RW. Foxley

Dear Editor

I don't usually find myself writing in response to letters I have read in the Reeves Tale but I feel compelled to do so after reading the letter sent in to you by D.Q.G. of Bawdeswell. The more I read it, the more it incensed me. I am not going to go into great details over what was wrong with the content of the letter but only to say that if D.Q.G. was trying to do a bit of scare mongering they have probably succeeded. It is not illegal for dogs to chase it is illegal for them to HUNT and it is not illegal for a dog to follow a scent trail either. If you are a landowner/property owner you are only committing an offence if you knowing allow HUNTING on your land. The full Hunting Law, for anyone who wants to know the TRUE facts, can be found on the HMSO website.

So to all dog owners please ignore D.Q.G. 's letter, he/she are obviously very bitter about the new Anti-Hunting Law, and think that the only way to get back at the Government is to scare people into thinking that they are breaking the law when actually they are not. Yours, Sara Allen, Kerdiston

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APRIL EVENTS DIARY

Saturday 2nd April Bawdeswell Church Friends Coffee and Draw, 10.30am

Monday 4th April Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm

Thursday 7th April Bawdeswell Book Club, 7.30pm Old Workhouse Bar

WeightWatchers at Bawdeswell Village Hall, 5.30pm & 7pm

Friday 8th April Julian Group Meeting

Sunday 10th April Birdwatching Society, Visit to East Norfolk. 8.45am (page 21)

Monday 11th April Patients Group Meeting, 7.30pm Elmham School

Wednesday 13th April Foxley Social Club, Cryptic Crosswords David Head, 2pm

Thursday 14th April Mobile Police Station at Foxley Village Hall 1330 – 1500 WeightWatchers at Bawdeswell Village Hall, 5.30pm & 7pm

Saturday 16th April Bawdeswell Village Hall Development, meeting 10.30am

Thursday 21st April Birdwatching Society, *Nature in Norfolk* talk 7.30pm (page21) Weight Watchers at Bawdeswell Village Hall, 5.30pm & 7pm

Friday 22nd April Julian Group Meeting

Tuesday 26th April School Friends Meeting, 7.30pm in the school

Wednesday 27th April Foxley Social Club, Scenic Utah Mr D Smith, 2pm

Thursday 28th April WeightWatchers at Bawdeswell Village Hall, 5.30pm & 7pm

Saturday 30th April South Norfolk Choral Society, 7.30pm in Bawdeswell church. Maypole Disco and Barbecue – Bawdeswell Village Hall

FOXLEY SOCIAL CLUB All meetings are held in Foxley Village Hall at 2pm unless stated otherwise. **All are welcome** to visits, functions and fortnightly meetings, so if you would like more information please contact: Sheila on 688099, Ruth on 688768, Gladys on 688438 or John on 688713. Transport can be arranged. Details of our April meetings are above.



BAWDESWELL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT - We have had a few changes outside. We have had new play equipment in the form of a new pirate ship and ½ trim trail installed. We have also had work on the woods making it more safe and accessible. There will be areas for children and conservation areas to encourage wildlife.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FACILITIES - Bawdeswell Primary school has strong links with the Reepham Rascals. It is a registered charity, registered with Ofsted and offers a Breakfast Club, After School Club and Holiday Playscheme for Staff Training days and Holidays. Children are escorted from Bawdeswell School via mini bus and travel to the After School Club premises at Reepham Primary School. The Breakfast Club is open from 7.45am each day offering a healthy breakfast before starting school. The After School Club is open until 6pm each weekday and the Playscheme hours during holidays are 8am to 6pm.

For more information and a registration form please contact Tina Anderson, Club Manager on 07771675509.

<u>LIBRARY NEWS!</u> A start has been made with purchasing library equipment and books being catalogued ready for our new library area. Thank you to FOBS for their fundraising to enable this to happen.

BAWDESWELL COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL



We are a small and very friendly group with twelve children currently attending and three members of staff.

The Pre-School is open Mon-Fri from 9.00am to 12.00pm for age 2 years (by mutual agreement) to 4½ years. Contact Tracey on 07990 963345.

BAWDESWELL MOTHER, BABY AND TODDLER

Mother, Baby and Toddler is held in the White mobile behind Bawdeswell School every Thursday during term time 1.30 – 3pm.

£1 per family inc. tea/coffee.

Come along for a chat and to meet other parents/carers while your children play and make new friends. All welcome.

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RIENDS

Best Dressed Kids

Firstly can we start by thanking Pre-school for the very good craft fair which they hosted on the 13th March. There were plenty of interesting and beautiful stalls to see and, of course, the weather was fantastic so a good percentage of the village came for a browse. The Friends of the school were invited to run the cake stall; all funds raised from this stall were donated to the school library appeal.

With spring now undoubtedly in bloom and summer only round the corner, the next event organised is a Children's Fashion Show, to take place at the village hall on Friday 13th May from 6.00p.m. Tickets will be on sale late April, early May from the school and the village shop.

We are anticipating this to be fun evening, not only will there be the opportunity to see some bright cheerful colours for the summer, but with parental permission we are hoping to use children from school to do a spot of modelling. So there should be plenty of familiar faces within the show.



WEATHER REPORTS

"The weather will be warm today, Sunny, fine and bright."

I poker my head outside the door.

The weather man was right.

"The weather will be wet today, With rainy April showers."

I put my new umbrella up. And walked about for hours. And finally the 100 club run by the Friends of School is still the most successful fundraiser. However there are numbers available for sale, and with them the opportunity of cash prizes every month. Please contact Sally Swan on 01362 688793.

NEXT MEETING:

An open meeting, all welcome.

Tuesday 26th April 2005

At 7.30 p.m. In School

ENQUIRIES AND COMMENTS CONTACT: -

Kay Gordon (Secretary) 01362 688391 Sarah Thirkettle (Newsletter) 01362 688361 Fel Roberts (Chairperson)

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Many thanks to you all for your continued support, and one friend for the gift of the magnificent new small churchyard gate that has replaced the missing one. It matches very closely the main gate and is a great success.

The re-wiring of the church is to go ahead in May thanks to everyone's support. One or two generous donations have been a great help, for which we thank the donors who wish to remain anonymous. Approximately half of the money is being borrowed, so please continue to support the Friends fund-raising events coming up.

Next Coffee Morning & Quarterly Draw - Saturday 2nd April 2005, in the church. FREE & Everyone Welcome

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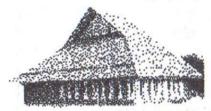
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DEVEVLOPMENT COMMITTEE (BVHDC)

The committee meeting in January was attended by Tony Needham from Breckland Council who gave advice on planning and fund raising. In February Veronica Savage from Norfolk Rural Community Council and Norfolk Association of Village Halls attended and advised on how to structure the project and aspects of grant applications. The next meeting will be held on Saturday 16 April at 10 a.m. in the Village Hall. Please come and join us - the meetings are open to all – your views and comments will be welcomed.

The minutes of all meetings and other information can be found on the Development Committee website at: www.bawdeswell.net/BVHDC (there is also a link from the Reeve's Tale website). Comments, suggestions and requests for information may also be sent by e-mail to BawdeswellVHDC@aol.com or by letter to The Secretary, Bawdeswell Village Hall Development Committee, High Windows, Meadow Loke, Bawdeswell NR20 4TG.

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FOXLEY OPEN GARDENS DAY

Sunday 19th June

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See Letters Page. More details next month

BAWDESWELL VILLAGE FETE & CAR BOOT

Sunday 26th June

The Bawdeswell Fete & Car Boot Sale will be held from 11am at the Village Hall and Recreation Ground.

Supporting the School, pre School, the Church and Village Hall, we hope as many of you will attend and the weather will be kind to us!

Once again there will be many stalls and attractions for all the family.

Traditional Sports for everyone. Football Competition.

There will be a bar, hog roast and traditional refreshments.

The brass band is booked, so come along.

Please help with contributions to the following stalls, it would be much appreciated! Cakes - Wendy Cottrell 688602, Plant Stall, Home Made Sweets, Preserves etc and Tombola prizes, Robin & Sandi Taylor 688268

Full details and programme in next month's Reeve's Tale, but offers of help now please!

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BOOK CLUB

Held on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in the bar. New members welcome.

The March meeting, on a cold and snowy night, was poorly attended but those present enjoyed discussing the books we had read.

The choices for April are :- "Eight feet in the Andes " Dervla Murphy "Enduring Love " Ian McEwan

Happy reading!

There is no book review this month, the Rector has already covered " The Da Vinci Code " in the Reeves Tale last month.

Kath

Editors Note. In place of the cancelled Book Review here is one I prepared earlier.

I was given a copy of Bill de Haviland's book 'Harvest at Random' in my Christmas stocking and found it quite a good read.

Bill used to live in Foxley and it was he who built those glasshouses, growing sweet peas and roses for Covent Garden. Typical of the anecdotes he relates was the day the proposed by-pass was marked out across the field between his house and the nursery, and him seeing the surveyors off his land with a shot gun.

Bill was born with a silver spoon in his mouth and has led an interesting life.

There is a lot of social history in his book and he relates some amusing stories. His mother treated him at the age of 7 to a cigarette, and he subsequently wrote home from boarding school asking for more supplies to be sent. There is tragedy too with the loss of his first wife to cancer, then he relates how he 'acquired' his second wife and has one smiling with disbelief and repeating the story to one's friends.

He did National Service in the Royal Navy and his description of life in a submarine is very graphic and informative. You feel you were there with him.

The narrow scrapes he got into after retiring from his career in Horticulture and becoming involved with Mediterranean princes are pure 007 material.

One of the things authors do to maximise interest in their books is to mention as many names of people as possible, and here he succeeds very well. If you have lived in Bawdeswell or Foxley for any length of time, there is a good chance you will find your name in the book! If you don't, then you certainly will find someone you know.

Bill De Haviland has led an eventful and very colourful life and if you want a light and entertaining read, his book is well worth reading. His story covers the full range of emotions and is a good holiday read. 'Harvest at Random' is published by Athena Press at £9.99 and was available in Bawdeswell Store and Bawdeswell Garden Centre around Christmas. If sold out it can be obtained from book shops and post free from www.amazon.co.uk where it receives several 5* reviews.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL – EXTRACTS OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th MARCH AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors Mallen(acting Chairman), Lillwall, McColville, Swain and Wallace

APOLOGIES: Councillors Hind and Cockburn. Mrs. I. Floering Blackman (CC) Mr. G. Bambridge(DC) 7 parishioners

PLANNING:

- Jasmine House, Dereham Road - change of use garage to granny annexe - no objections

- Land in front of Folland Court - no reply from Breckland at present. Local Bus transport is to be a priority and put on Agenda for April meeting. PC to see if Bawdeswell can be included on the Dereham Nipper route. Mr. Adam Bradley

- Rural Transport Partnership Manager to be invited to PC meeting.

Breckland - Emergency Plan - Mr. A. Battley agreed to continue as contact in an

Breckland – Emergency Plan – Mr. A. Battley agreed to continue as contact in emergency. All information to be included in Reeves Tale and on website.

NCC- consent to cultivate forms for tree planting along the Bypass received. 22 bare rooted native species 'Whips' to be purchased costing £1 each. Mr. Underwood, Bawdeswell Garden Centre has kindly offered to supply stakes/ties etc. It is hoped that work will start in 2/3 weeks.

Clerk to contact NCC for an update on deer signs/20mph signs/movement of 30mph

signs along The Street which were promised last year.

It was reported that children are climbing into the Paper Bank through the side vents — Clerk to check with Whites and Zurich on situation. Note to be put in Reeves Tale warning parents of the dangers. The Parish Council is not responsible for any misuse of the paper bank.

As Councillor Cockburn was unable to attend meeting, items raised by him – School Travel plan/Road safety/Youth PC/Village priorities – will be on April agenda.

Next meeting - Monday 4th April 7.30pm. in the Village Hall.

Bawdeswell Youth Parish Council

Bawdeswell Parish Council is considering the formation of a Youth Parish Council so that the views and needs of the younger members of our community can be heard and acted on. It would be open to any members of the Bawdeswell community who are at Secondary School or College from the ages of 11 to 18 years or older if living at home and still in full time education. But it won't happen unless enough of you are interested!!

First please get permission from your parent or guardian.

If you would like to be involved contact David Cockburn on 688749 or by email to HighWindows@aol.com

Foxley Parish Council Extracts from the meeting on Thursday 24 February 2005 at 7.30 in the village hall.

Present: Mr J Harvey, Mr N Mears, Mrs R Waller, Mr Adrian Westfield, Mr Gordon Bambridge DC, the Clerk and 12 members of the public. Apologies: Mrs Floering Blackman CC

Matters arising: AWA -Received an inadequate letter from them. A strong letter would be sent from PC & the DC.

Village Signs - the clerk had obtained quotes from several sources costing around £1700 to £3000 + VAT. Suggested we keep looking for alternative options.

Quality Status - the Chairman thought it advisable to seek status, when and if more councillors and a clerk were found, willing to take on the extra training. V Difficult.. Highways: They were trying their best to keep matters under control but there were times when they need to be contacted on specific requests i.e. tree cutting. Mr Bambridge reported that a new "refuse removal team", SERCO were taking over in April and their contract allows for them to be paid on results. Please be aware of litter so that we can measure the effect of the new contractors. Mr Bambridge wishes to know progress by mid April. Breckland are seeking to actively prosecute fly tippers. A close eye will be kept on litter but the creation of a volunteer Village Team might help to instil some pride and responsibility into the village as a whole. Several people volunteered their services. More volunteers needed. Ring the clerk, Meg White.

Dogs fouling footpaths etc. Owners are reminded that a £50 fine is in force and Breckland will prosecute owners. The Dog Warden can come out to photograph wayward owners if necessary.

Mud on roads and paths were discussed; Chairman had dealt with one on Themelthorpe Road and Mr Davis would remind his men to clear up.

Homewatch sign -Hopefully would be replaced in better weather.

Village Hall -No further progress with legal matters but grant applications are completed and planning permissions obtained. Mrs Ruth Waller kindly agreed to sit on VHC as the Parish Council Representative.

Open Forum and the rest of the meeting was taken by Vice Chairman, as the Chair had to leave.

Fairly animated discussion regarding piece on Radio Norfolk on new houses for Foxley. It was felt that whilst some houses were needed in Foxley, a large amount would swamp the infrastructure, such as it is. Mr Howell will be making an application in the future to build 50 houses, 20 of which would be low cost housing.

Planning Applications: Village Hall - planning permission accepted for extension
Mr P Davis - Moor Farm - renovation of buildings; Church Farm Barns - renovation; - Moor
Farm - swimming pool, etc. Comments were made regarding the size of swimming pool and
its prominence near road - it is outside the village envelope. The complex at Moor Farm has
gone from a farm with holiday cottages to a holiday complex near a farm. Will it grow larger?
Will the pool be only for the use of tenants or is other use intended. Extra people means more
water into the already stretched sewerage system.

Report on Bus Shelter: Wood costing approx. £330 was needed to repair shelter. It was proposed by Mrs Waller, seconded by Mr Westfield that the bus shelter be repaired. Vice Chair offered to do the work with help from volunteers.

Finance: The financial report was circularised, explained and accepted.

Date of next meeting: 12 May 2005 when the Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and the 1st Council Meeting of the new year will take place at 7.30pm in Village Hall. The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

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REEPHAM AND DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB



Tsunami Appeal

The Reepham and District Rotary Club have received very generous donations with respect of the above appeal from members of the community to a total of £7,947.23. In addition to this the club donated £3,250 making an overall donation of £11,197.23.

The club has paid for 47 Aquaboxes (23 Aquabox 30s and 24 standard humanitarian aid Aquaboxes). We are very grateful to members of the community who have kindly supplied materials with which to fill these said boxes. They have also contributed towards a large stock of materials, which will enable us to fill many more as they become available through our supply chain.

A very big special thanks to Reepham High School, Taverham Hall School, Great Witchingham and Weston Longville District W.I. and Weston pack Girl guides who all raised funds to help with the project. A tremendous effort from them all.

Ken Ewing



BECK WOMENS INSTITUTE

Standing in for our speaker who was unable to attend our meeting on March 14th, Jennifer, one of our members, gave a very interesting and informative talk on silver.

Jennifer had worked with a Silversmith for many years and she brought several unusual small items of silver which she had collected, and passed various ones round for us to guess what they were used for .e.g. a glove stretcher and a small silver spoon with tiny holes in, used years ago for straining tea leaves from teacups. (This was before the usual teas strainer we use today.)

She spoke about Georgian and Victorian silver pieces, and explained the marks on the silver objects; the Lion, Crown, etc.

Jennifer then looked at the items each member had brought along, and told us in most cases where it was made and in which year! A very enjoyable talk indeed.

Tea, coffee and biscuits were served. The raffle was won by Margaret Pointer. Exhibition - 1st Ruth, 2nd Sheila.

At the April meeting (Monday 11th in Sparham's Old School Room at 7.30pm) our speaker's subject is Laughter with Humorous Verse and we are asked to bring a Joke and our hyacinth bulbs. New members always welcome. *Margaret Peachment*.

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The queues that build up from time to time in the reception area of Elmham Surgery have been a major topic of discussion at the recent meetings of the Patient Participation Group. At the latest meeting, in February, it was announced that steps were being taken to remove the need for people to stand in a line while waiting to collect prescriptions from the dispensary.

The surgery is to try out the ticket system that's a familiar feature of delicatessen counters in supermarkets. In this case, patients will collect a ticket from a point near the dispensary counter and wait anywhere they like until their number is displayed. This will be of immediate benefit to the parents of young children (who become quickly bored with queuing) and to people who have difficulty in standing for any length of time. All will be able to sit and wait, out of the way of anyone.

What this does not address, of course, is the time that's spent waiting. That is controlled by the working procedures on the dispensary side of the counter. Two other factors have to be borne in mind: the development of the delivery service of repeat prescriptions through post offices in outlying villages and the existence of a dispensary in the satellite surgery in Swanton Morley (the permanent building there is due to be completed at the beginning of May). The hope is that these could eventually reduce the load on the dispensary at Elmham.

In the meantime, a belated welcome to the latest addition to the practice: Dr Trudy Welton. She's been a GP for 20 years.

The group's next meeting will be on Thursday, April 7th in Elmham School at 7.30pm. If there's any matter you would like to raise, contact Alan MacKim or Ann Adeney (01362 683380).

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Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

The WVBS birdwatchers are generally a rugged lot, braving the elements in pursuit of their hobby. Last month was the exception however when we visited the Wildfowl Reserve at Welney. Here, from the comfort of a heated, double glazed hide with comfy seats, we were able to watch as thousands of birds, mainly Swans and Pochards, flocked to the Reserve for their afternoon feed. It was interesting to see three different types of Swan, Mute, Bewick and Whooper all together. In the resulting mêlée the plucky Pochards fared better than I expected, often 'seeing off' their larger cousins. Some members stayed on for the 6.30 pm floodlit evening feed. A remarkable spectacle and well worth the visit.

A good turnout again at Lenwade as Rob Fuller of the BTO, standing in for Moss Taylor, discussed the fate and fortune of woodland birds. Research so far seems to have generated more questions than answers. It appears that potential causes of decline in woodland birds are due to a combination of factors, one of which is the modification of habitat by the increasing deer population. A full report on this subject can be found on www.bto.org.

Our outdoor meeting in April is Sunday 10th . Ray Gribble will lead a trip to East Norfolk. This is a joint trip with the Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NARVOS). Meet at Morrison's (formerly Safeways), Fakenham at 8.45am to depart 9am. Beginners welcome, binoculars provided - but no heated hides.

Next indoor meeting is Thursday April 21st which is our AGM plus a talk by David Brooks on 'Nature's year in Norfolk', starting at 7.30 at Lenwade Village Hall All are welcome.

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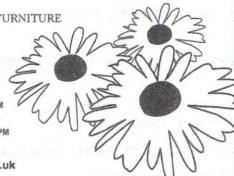
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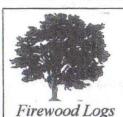
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Many thanks to the Church Friends, and one friend in particular, for the fine new gate that replaces the missing small one. It matches very closely the main gate which we will now have to repaint to make it look as good..

The re-wiring of the church is to go ahead in May thanks to the support of the Church Friends.

Before then we have a concert to look forward to on 30th April. See details elsewhere in the magazine. (Page7)

Two funerals took place during March, details of which follow.

Gwendolen Margaret Nock

of Dale Farm Bungalow died on 17th February aged 82 years.

Her funeral at All Saints Church on 2nd March was taken by Revd Tom Candeland and the organist was Celia Joice. About 40 friends and family attended. She was buried in the churchyard extension with her late husband.

Gwen had been a midwife and brought joy to many people. She was said to be small in stature but big in heart and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Mary Marjorie (Peggy) Tiplady of Norwich Road died on 24th February aged 92 years.

Her funeral at All Saints church on 8th March was taken by Revd Tom Candeland and the organist was Celia Joice. Members of the family bore the coffin on their shoulders and Peggy was given a moving send-off.

Peggy was born and brought up in Belgium where she also trained as a nurse. She furthered her nursing training in England where she met her husband-to-be whilst dancing a Paul Jones at a Fireman's Dance. It was to be a lightning romance and they were married and on a boat to Hong Kong within 60 days of meeting.

When they returned to the UK some years later, they ran a general store for a while and eventually retired to Bawdeswell.

Peggy was a well known figure in Bawdeswell as she liked to take her exercise and often walked around the village. She attended the church regularly and it seemed to bother her little that her eyesight was failing because she knew the services off by heart and most of the hymns too. We will all miss her, family and friends.

The church bell was tolled in salute as she left the church for the last time on her way to St Faith's Crematorium.

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From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

Prince Charles and Camilla Parker-Bowles are marrying this month. We wish them happy.

It's not ideal. It never was. They obviously love one another to bits. But behind their relationship lies a trail of wreckage that will never go away. It is entirely suitable that they marry in a Register Office, as many couples do without having any history of damage.

The service that they will have following their wedding is incorrectly called a "blessing". In fact, it is a "service of prayer and dedication after a civil marriage". If they marry, we should support them in this, pray for them, ask God's blessing upon the two of them, and stand by them as they dedicate their marriage for the service of God and others.

There are many un-ideal things which exist in life. Where possible, they need to be changed. If the opportunity to change them has passed, then we do need to support all those who are trying to make the best of things. Sometimes this support will be accompanied by a level of criticism, sometimes not.

The time after Easter is a time when we remember the new life that we can have. For Christians, it's less relevant to ask whether Prince Charles should be our king because of the way he's lived his life so far, than to pray for him to find both forgiveness and a sense of purpose and dedication. But for all of us, the question remains, how do forgiveness, love, and duty fit together?

God bless you in this Easter season

David Head

CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL 2005

DATE	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th	27 th
Season	2 nd of Easter	3 rd of Easter	4 th of Easter	5 th of Easter	Wednesday
BAWDESWELL	HC(1) 1030 DH	Words & Praise 6pm	HC(PB) 0900TC	Morning Prayer 1030 TC	HC(PB) 9am DH
BYLAUGH	2	MP 1030 DH	-	HC(PB) 9am TC	-
ELSING	HC(PB) 0800 MWB	Words & Praise 1030 FST	HC(1) 1030 TC	Morning Prayer 1030 DH	
FOXLEY	EP 6.30pm DH	HC(1) 1030 MWB	MP 1030 DH	HC(PB) 9am DH	-
LYNG	HC(2) 0900 DH	usep 6.30pm TC	HC(1) 0900 DH	Words & Praise 1030 FST	-
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