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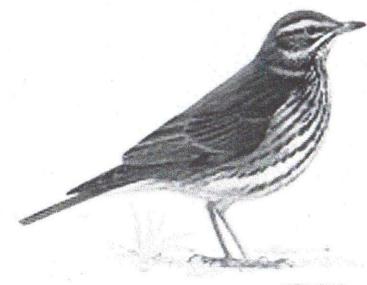
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NOTICE BOARD

Tobacco pouch found in Mill Road around 6 Nov. Call 688386

There is an increasing amount of dog poo through Bawdeswell - especially in The Street - which is really unpleasant when walking the kids to school (as I have done this week).

A concerned Mum.

I want to wish my Mum and Dad a very Merry Christmas - and to say a HUGE THANK YOU for everything this last year (and previous years of course!) 2004 has been rather eventful and it just goes to show - you always need your mum and dad however old you are! They have been wonderfully understanding and supportive and fantastic grandparents, having the kids with less than a moments notice sometimes.

Love you both. Fel x

Thank you for donations to the Reeves Tale in the Bawdeswell store tin, period July/ Nov, amounting to £36.66 Ed.

Looking ahead to the Bawdeswell Village Fete on 26 June next year, please think about making something this winter for a Homemade stall – be it produce or handicrafts – all contributions will be welcomed and will add a traditional stall to the event. Ed.

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A Seasonal Big Thank-you to all the contributors to the Reeve's Tale and the band of volunteers who deliver the magazine to your homes.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

DECEMBER/JANUARY EVENTS

- 2 Dec. Book Club Meeting Old Workhouse Bar
- 6 Dec. Bawdeswell Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
- 8 Dec. "You must remember this"- Foxley Social Club, Village Hall 2pm
- 10 Dec. Julian Group Meeting, Bawdeswell, see page 30
- 10 Dec. School Disco 6.30pm, see page 9
- 11, 12 Dec. Christmas Tree Festival 10am 4pm, Bawdeswell
- 12 Dec. Christmas Concert and Tea 4.30pm, Bawdeswell
- 13 Dec. WI Christmas Dinner, see page 26
- 14 Dec. Pre-School & Class 1 "Whoops-a-Daisy Angel"
- 15 Dec. Christmas Lunch Foxley Social Club
- 16 Dec. Local Heritage Group Christmas Gathering 7.30pm
- 16 Dec. Dereham Stamp Club 7.30pm See page 24
- 17 Dec. School breaks up Children's Concert 1.30pm in the church
- 19 Dec. Carol Services Bawdeswell 10,30am, Foxley 4,30pm
- 23 Dec. Mobile Police Station at Foxley Village Hall, 1330 -1500
- 24 Dec. Christmas Eve service Foxley 11.30pm
- 25 Dec. Christmas Day service Bawdeswell 10.30am
- 5 Jan Back to School
- 5 Jan. Blood Donor Session at Bawdeswell Village Hall
- 5 Jan. Foxley Social Club meeting 2pm
- 7 Jan. & 21 Jan. Julian Group Meetings, Bawdeswell
- 10 Jan. WI meeting, 7.30pm Sparham Old School Room
- 19 Jan. Foxley Social Club meeting 2pm



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...And finally the Christmas party will be held on the last day of term, Thursday 16th December, when we will be expecting a very special visitor.

Spaces available

The Pre-School is open Mon-Fri from 9.00am to 12.00pm for age 2 years (by mutual agreement) to 4 ½ years.

There are currently spaces available. If anyone is interested in reserving a space or would like to arrange a visit please contact Tracey on 07990 963345.

Linda, Tracey and Sharon

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.

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TAG RUGBY

The Tag Rugby Team played in a tournament on Wednesday 10th November at Holt Rugby Club. They played extremely well and came 2nd in the tournament. Well done to all that took part.

FOOTBALL MATCH AGAINST COLKIRK

The football team played an exciting match against Colkirk on Wednesday 10th at Bawdeswell. All the children played well and Bawdeswell won 9-0. Well done to the team.

SCHOOL LIBRARY PROJECT

With the help from FOBS we are looking to update our library area, with new furniture, books and computerised stock system. We have arranged for professional companies to measure up and give us quotations for the work needed. We have also arranged for a county librarian to come and spend a day with Mrs Martin to stock take the library. This day has been arranged for Thursday 9th December and we will need a team of 3 parent helpers to work with the staff and county librarian. If you could help us on this day, please let Mrs Lambert know in the office as soon as possible.

CHURCH SERVICE FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Our Christmas service starts at 1.30pm . All welcome.

The children will be collecting money towards the upkeep of the church and The Meningitis Trust during the service.

It will finish approximately 2.30pm and parents may take their children home from there.

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- Friday 10th December Kids School Disco to take place at school. £1.00 per child. Years R, 1 and 2 from 6.30 – 7.30 p.m. then years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 7.30 – 8.30 p.m.
- ◆ Tuesday 14th December A nativity for parents.
- Wednesday 15th December A non-uniform day. All funds raised will be donated to charity. Theme for the day and designated charity to be determined by the children of the school council.
- Wednesday 15th December Special Christmas dinner for the children of Bawdeswell School
- Friday 17th December The usual school church service at 1.30 p.m. followed by the start of the Christmas holidays.
- Wednesday 5th January Return to school.
- Date to be established A New and Second hand uniform sale to take place at school in the New Year.



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NEXT MEETING:

An open meeting, all welcome.

Tues 11th Jan 05

at 7.30 p.m. The Workhouse bar

ENQUIRIES AND COMMENTS CONTACT: -

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Individuals, Clubs and Groups please come forward.

The Christmas Tea party and Concert will again feature the school choir along with professional singers. Parents of participating children will be offered reduced-price tickets. Please try and come. They enjoyed it a great deal last year.

100club renewal & 'thank you night' Saturday 22nd January will be held at Bawdeswell Hall by kind invitation of David and Jacquie Gurney. Invitations will be sent out by The Friends Committee.

If you want to join the Friends please contact James Lilwall, or Peter Jervis on 01362 688 499

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FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Just to let you know what's going on in your village hall

Committee: Chairman, Dennis Barrett, retired in September and Ruth Whitmore was elected Chairman in October. Ruth, Gladys Dewing (Treasurer), Bill Potter (Secretary), and John Driver are pleased to welcome Beryl Mayes and Samantha Elmhurst to the committee.

Activities: The Committee has taken note of your comments in the Village Appraisal and has taken on some of the responsibility to provide regular activities as listed below. It is hoped you have found something to interest your family, but if not, maybe you would like to start something else. If so, please let the committee know by contacting Gladys Dewing (01362-688438).

Short Mat Bowls
Xtend Exercise Classes
Computer Classes (pm & eve)...Beginners upwards
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Art Classes
Social Club – Active Group, Speakers & Outings

Celebration Venue: The village hall is a warm, attractive venue (so regular users say) equipped with new tables and chairs, plus all the necessary equipment to hold a family celebration party, or any other event. Please come and look around before you decide to book elsewhere. Hire Rates are very favourable!

Village Emergency: In the event of a village emergency, the hall is the most practical building for every resident to use.

The Future: It is clear from comments received from residents and visitors to the hall, that provision for storage of equipment is necessary. After carefully considering the many available options, the committee, on your behalf, has decided to start the process to extend at the rear of the existing hall.

The most important factor to be considered before starting this process is to obtain ideas and suggestions from local residents. If you would like more information or, would like to make suggestions to help the committee make the correct decisions, please (a) ring for chat (b) write in (no need to give a name), or (c) email. (see next page).

To successfully execute a project in a public building it is necessary for the Committee to adhere to stringent regulations laid down by grant organisations, and

the Local District Council. An architect has to be employed to obtain planning permission and building regulations and the committee has to raise funds and prove financial competence.

SHOULD BE SHOWED BURNES

Dates and Events to raise funds and enjoy ourselves:

Sun 19th June Open Gardens (see February issue of Reeve's Tale for more information)

Sun 19th June Launch of VH "Buy-a-Brick Scheme"

Sat 20th August Hog Roast with Entertainer

Fri 14th October Ascot Race Night & Supper

Finally

The Committee would really appreciate your comments so please (a) ring Ruth on 688768, (b) write to Ruth at Old Hall Farmhouse (no name needed) or, (c) email: ruthwhitmore@onetel.com

Many thanks for your help.

WASTE PAPER BANK

Would like to encourage all Foxley residents to use the waste paper bank outside the village hall. The money collected from the regular emptying of this bank is used for the continual improvement and maintenance of the hall.



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RECREATION GROUND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

An 'open' meeting was held on Monday 25th October to discuss the potential development of both the village hall and recreation ground. 14 members attended to express an interest in the project and 3 apologies had been sent.

A presentation was given which covered a number of issues as well as the history of the current situation i.e. a half-built hall and it's limitations. The needs and wishes of our community as expressed through the village appraisal, user groups and potential users. The costs and funding of new facilities for the hall and recreation ground.

There was some good discussion and a real enthusiasm to take this project forward.

A steering group was formed with 14 members under the chairmanship of James Lilwall and two members offering to act as secretary.

The meeting agreed to hold a project planning session on Saturday 4th December from 9.30am until 1pm

If you would like any further information about the project, or have any views or ideas you would like to share with us please drop me a line at Church View, call 01362 688499 or email: pililwll@hotmail.com. This is a real opportunity to get some fantastic facilities for our community that we so desperately need. As a group we are prepared to give the commitment, time, energy, enthusiasm knowledge and experience to make this happen! We need all of your support.

James Lilwall

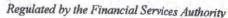


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PRESENT; Councillor Hind, Mallen, Lilwall, McColville and Swain Mrs. Floering Blackman (CC) Mr. G. Bambridge (DC)

APOLOGIES- Councillor Wallace.

MATTERS ARISING:

- 2 applicants for vacancy as Councillor.

 Meeting took place between Heritage Group and Highways regarding tree planting along A1067 – list of recommended species to be sent.

 Rubbish dumped at Slad Lane and builders rubbish in lay-by – Police and Breckland informed.

PC Jason Davis – our new Police Liaison Officer visited meeting – he has just been transferred from Thetford and covers the Lyng, Elsing and Bawdeswell area. His mobile number is 07721371881 and he will be seen looking around the village within the next few weeks.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT: Councillor Lilwall report on the meeting held on 25 October to discuss the Ground Development Project. There is to be a planning session on Saturday 4th December 9-1 in the Village Hall. This will be a 5 year project to obtain funding for the extension of Village Hall.

- New Swings fitted in the children's Play area.

 Councillor Mallen has agreed to be our representative on the N. Elmham Patients Group.

- New church gate has been ordered

 Mrs. Floering Blackman asked for a PC representative to be on School Governors - Councillor McColville has been asked to take on this job.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2004 AT 7.30PM. IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THIS IS WHEN THE PERCEPT FOR NEXT YEAR IS SET – ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

WE WISH ALL PARISHIONERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2005.

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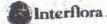
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Monday 7.30pm Tuesday 10.am

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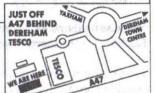
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BOOK CLUB

Held in The Old Workhouse Bar on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.

Our choices for November were Touching the Void by Joe Simpson and Alias Grace by Margaret Attwood.

By coincidence, the film of *Touching the Void* was on TV on the evening of our book club, so we finished in good time to go and watch it!

This is the harrowing yet heart-warming account of the author who, as a young man, fell into a crevasse whilst climbing in Peru, was presumed dead by his companion, yet, despite a badly broken leg, made it down the mountain single handed against all the odds.

The book is well written, though I had difficulty with the early chapters, containing, as they did, many mountaineering terms: however, the book soon became gripping and left me wondering at the bravery and strength of character of the author and at the "madness" of mountaineering in general.

Alias Grace is a novel based on the true story of Grace Marks who was convicted, at a very young age, of complicity in a double murder and spent many years in prison.

My sympathies were aroused by the account of Grace's early years but, once imprisoned, she became an enigma for me in the way in which she apparently accepts and adapts to her fate whilst, around her, doctors examine her, others pronounce her mad, yet others, believing in her innocence, campaign for her release and the governors wife makes use of her needlework skills.

I found the book an excellent read which held my attention to the end, at which point the reader is still left wondering at the truth of past events.

Our choices for the December meeting are :-

The Stone Diaries Carol Shields. Liza's England Pat Barker.

and for January :-

The Lady in White Wilkie Collins "
--plus our own choice of poem.

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WENSUM VALLEY BIRDWATCHING SOCIETY

We are having a Christmas party on the 16th of December at Lenwade Village Hall. All are welcome but please bring your own refreshments.

Another well attended evening as we heard Malcolm Rains, using our newly acquired projection equipment, talk about the birds of China when he re-visited a major migration site 160 Km east of Bejing after a period of ten years.

Birds to look out for this month - among the list provided by our bird recorder are:-Redwing, Fieldfare, Brambling, Siskin, Redpoll and also in December look out for the 'turkularis-bootiful' which will be appearing in large quantities toward the end of the month.

We are out and about on the 4th of December. David Pelling is taking us to Lynford Arboretum. We start from Waitrose (Safeway) car park, Swaffham at 9.30 a.m. Bring stout footwear and a packed lunch.

Best wishes to you all for Christmas and the new year and happy birding.

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The 'WE' in the above statement is the Dereham & District Stamp Club. Since 1975 the Club has provided a focal point for philatelists in the local area and at our peak we had over 35 members, but now we are down to 8 and are in danger of disbanding. But, as Baldrick would say 'We have a cunning plan'.

What we wish to do is expand the remit of the club beyond stamps into other collectables areas. The reasoning behind this is simple - many of our members not only collect stamps but also postcards, cigarette cards, ornaments, books, bottles, toys etc which are related to their stamp collections or other interests.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 16th December @ 7:30 pm @ Church House (adj Phoenix Hotel) and appropriately the theme for the evening will be:

'The Festive Season'

Members and visitors are invited to bring along a few examples relating (tenuously or directly) to the theme for display and discussion.

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There are local Walks leaflets available on the counter at the Bawdeswell Store. The following Internet Links give maps and details of walks over the whole of Norfolk.

www.edp24.co.uk/Content/Leisure/Walks/WalksHome.asp

www.norfolkbroads.com/guide/brecklan.htm

REEPHAM & DISTRICT ROTARY

The club has had some extremely interesting meetings over recent weeks. Members and wives visited the Eastern Anglian Air Ambulance at Norwich airport where last year's Vice President Ivan Tubby presented a cheque for £7,000 to Peter Mendham. This was the main charity for Ivan's year as President. It is the largest sum the club has ever raised and certainly went to a very good cause.

We have also visited the recycling centre at Costessey, which was organised by Rotarian Paul Smith. It was a very interesting evening and it was brought home to us all just how important it is to recycle our rubbish.

At a recent meeting the club gave a Paul Harris fellowship to the Reverend Gus Jones. Gus has done a tremendous amount both for Rotary and other charities in his 80 plus years. He originally joined Wembley Rotary club in 1966 and became their President in 1973. He and his wife Muriel moved to Norfolk in 1987, originally joined Aylsham Rotary club and then had a 'free' transfer to Reepham and is still an honorary member of the club. He is a great man and well deserves the award.

The club made a record amount of money at the Aylsham Show art tent. Over £1,500 was raised despite the appalling weather. A large number of pictures were displayed this year, which was mainly down to the efforts of Rotarian= David Baxter, who was in charge.

K.J Ewing

THE BECK WI

Our President, Aleathia, welcomed members to the Beck's Annual Meeting on 8th November. Ruth read the Minutes of last year's Annual Meeting and also the Annual Report.

Aleathia thanked committee members for their valuable help throughout the year, mentioning those who had helped in any way. She then spoke briefly on the financial position and had a draft Balance Sheet for all to see. Forthcoming events were discussed, including our Christmas DInner on Monday 13th December - therefore no meeting on that date.

A new but smaller committee was then elected - Aleathia, Ruth, Gill and Jennifer. The evening ended with a short but lively Beetle Drive. The winner was Margaret Pointer.

Our first meeting in 2005 will be on Monday January 10th at 7.30 pm. in Sparham's Old School Room.

Mary Humphrey.

NORFOLK CARERS' VOICE

- Do you provide unpaid care or support for someone?
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What happens if I want to join?

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This Register is managed by the Health Information Team, Eastern Support Services who work with other organisations to improve the quality and availability of information for people using GP surgeries and the project has been funded by the Norfolk Carers' Grant.

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BENEFICE CHOIR

The choir sang at the benefice service on Sunday 31st October at St. Mary's Sparham. They contributed two anthems during communion and gave a good lead to the hymn singing. Thank -you to Albert Peachment for his organ playing and turning out to the Thursday rehearsal.

The choir must have made a good impression as we have been asked to sing at a wedding on the 31st May next year by a couple who attended the service.

The choir is making excellent progress becoming quite musical, singing unaccompanied in 3 parts and staying in tune!

As I have told them, I wouldn't have believed it of them earlier in the year. We are now working on the next service which will take place at the end of January when you will hear a 4 part choir, singing in tune and unaccompanied! Not bad in a year....... thanks to all of you for your commitment and enthusiasm, Well done for working so hard. We will be able to relax at our Christmas party on Thursday 9th December and raise a toast to a very musical 2005!

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School Service - Friday 17th December at 1.30pm

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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - 10.30am



A warm welcome is extended to you all.



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call and coo.
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while bees pass,
flower to flower,
humming on their way.

Water droplets, fine enough to fly, glide gracefully across the blue moved by the wind that lullabies the leaves, hushes the tree-tops and shakes the silent, hanging, ornamental bells of flowers. Thus, music of the here and now punctuates the day, sings "Glory" and praises God by being.

Francis Buxton – written on Quiet Day July 10th 2004

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From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

We decorate our houses at Christmas time, often both inside and out. Some of the decorations are new each year, the cards, the holly, the wreaths on the door. Others live in the loft or garage and are brought out year by year: the lights, the Christmas tree baubles, the toy Santas for the windowsill. Some of these may be decades old, and part of our Christmas family traditions.

Decorating the house should not be a chore. It's an opportunity for us to be thankful for the homes that we have. As we think of the Holy Family temporarily displaced by the authorities from their home, in order for a census to be taken, it reminds us of all those families who do not have a home. Those who cannot afford one, those who have lost them by mental or family collapse.

Also, Jesus, Mary and Joseph were changed from temporary travellers to refugees. They fled to Egypt because of a real threat of persecution and murder, as soon as Herod discovered what he thought of as a rival. Refugees are mostly only victims; they are in danger because they are perceived as a threat, sometimes only for being from the wrong tribe. They make their homes in camps or in other countries, but their true homes are where they have been driven from.

For most of us, decorating a home, especially with age-old possessions, is a sign of stability. For those who are under threat, it is a sign of defiance. Let us also, this Christmas, remember to give charitably for the relief of refugees and the homeless.

God bless you this Christmas

David Head

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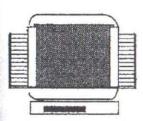


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