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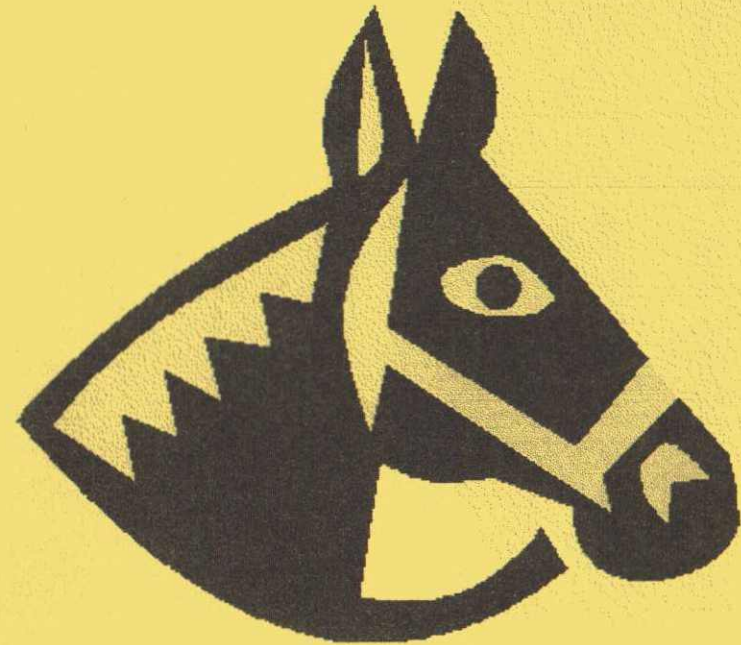
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Bawdeswell: School	0658	0721	1048	1248	1448	1648
Bawdeswell: Nor. Rd Bus Shelter	0659	0722	1049	1249	1449	1649
Norwich: Castle Meadow Stand U	0742	0821	1132	1332	1532	1732

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Foxley: A1067 opp War Memorial	0730	1045	1245	1445	1645
Bawdeswell: opp School	0733	1048	1248	1448	1648
Bawdeswell: Norwich Road Bus Shelter	0734	1049	1249	1449	1649
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Operators - Sanders	SA	SA	SA
Foxley: A1067 opp War Memorial	0851	1326	1646
Bawdeswell: opp School	0855	1330	1650
Bawdeswell: Norwich Road Bus Shelter	–	–	1651
Norwich: Upper King Street os Abbotts	0945	1420	1725
Norwich: Castle Meadow Stand O	0950	1425	1730

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Operators - First	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
Norwich: Castle Meadow Stand C	0904	1104	1304	1504	1719	1749
Bawdeswell: Nor. Rd. opp Bus Shelter	0944	1144	1344	1544	1806	1836
Bawdeswell: School	0947	1147	1347	1547	1809	1839
Foxley: War Memorial	0949	1149	1349	1549	1811	1841

**Saturdays – X56 Norwich – Thorpe Marriott - Foxley**

Norwich: Castle Meadow Stand C	0904	1100	1300	1500	1745
Bawdeswell: Norwich Road opp Bus Shelter	0946	1146	1346	1546	1831
Bawdeswell: School	0947	1147	1347	1547	1832
Foxley: War Memorial	0950	1150	1350	1550	1835

**Sundays – Sanders 29 Norwich – Reepham –Foxley**

Operators - Sanders	SA	SA	SA
Norwich: St Stephens Street Stand J	1000	1510	1740
Norwich: Castle Meadow Stand C	1005	1515	1745
Bawdeswell: Norwich Road Bus Shelter	1041	–	–
Bawdeswell: School	1042	1607	1837
Foxley: A1067 War Memorial	1046	1611	1841

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## NOTICE BOARD

### Children's Society

Boxes £716  
Coffee Morning £252

TOTAL £968      Thanks! *Diana Harvey*  
See page 23 for report. *Ed*

### Seekers (The six villages church club)

We started the New Year on Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, and will be following it up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month at Sparham Old School Room.

10am – 12 noon 6yrs – 12yrs Cost £1 – this includes Tuck.

We look forward to seeing our old members and look forward to welcoming new ones. If you would like to know more, ring *Margaret Keeler* 01603 872565.

To: All Residents of Foxley

Just to let you know .....

### FOXLEY IN FLOWER - OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 19th June 2005 10.30am - 5pm

A newsletter with questionnaire all about the above event will be delivered to each home by the end of February. To make sure your views are known, please be kind enough to complete the questionnaire and return it to Gladys Dewing, Four Winds, Old Fakenham Road, or Beryl Mayes, Lonning End, Old Fakenham Road, by the end of March.

Many thanks.  
*Ruth Whitmore*

### Tsunami Earthquake Appeal

Gladys and Tracy Dewing would like to thank everybody for their gifts and donations, and all those who helped at the Coffee Morning held in Foxley Village Hall on 8th January for the Tsunami Earthquake Appeal.

We raised the brilliant sum of £1,274.40. THANK YOU ALL.  
*Gladys and Tracy*

## FEBRUARY DIARY

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>** Foxley Social Club, Strawcraft & Corn Dollies by Ellen Howe, 2pm.

**Thu 3<sup>rd</sup>** Bawdeswell Book Club 7.30pm – p.11

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup>** Julian Group Meeting – p.26

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** Wensum Bird Society visit to Welney. Dep 2pm Swaffham – p.17

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>** Bawdeswell Parish Council meeting 7.30pm – p.15

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup>** Youth Group at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm – p.6

**Thu 10<sup>th</sup>** Stamp & Collectors Club. Church House Dereham 7.30pm – p.19

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>** Blood Donor sessions at Bawdeswell Village Hall: 1 – 3.30 & 5 – 7pm

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>** School Half Term.

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup>** Beck WI meeting at Sparham Old Schoolroom. 7.30pm - p.13

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup>** Foxley Social Club, "Street Farm" by John Fletcher, 2pm.

**Thu 17<sup>th</sup>** Mobile Police Station at Foxley Village Hall – 1330 – 1500

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** Julian Group Meeting – p.26

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup>** Seekers Club at Sparham Old Schoolroom – p.2

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup>** Back to School.

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>** Youth Group at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm – p.6

**Thu 24<sup>th</sup>** Foxley Parish Council meeting 7.30pm – p.14

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup>** Race Night at Bawdeswell Village Hall – p.9

**Next Month:** 4<sup>th</sup> March Women's Day of Prayer at Lyng  
9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March Dereham Operatic Society – *Local Affairs*  
Full details of these and other events in next Month's magazine.



**BAWDESWELL COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL**



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

The children thoroughly enjoyed performing in the production 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' and I'm sure their family and friends who attended would agree that a lovely time was had by all. A big thank you to everyone involved in helping and to all who attended.

This half term our topic is 'people who help us'. We are arranging a trip to Reepham Fire Station. We will be receiving visits from a policewoman (who will be bringing along a police car for the children to look at) and a representative from the R.S.P.C.A.

**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**

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## BAWDESWELL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Changes to Staff

Welcome to Mrs Oven who is covering maternity leave for Mrs Bates in the office. Miss Foucher is job sharing with Mrs Hallam in Class 4 to release Mrs Horner for administration tasks. This arrangement is for one full term only.

### Congratulations

Well done Rebecca Smith for achieving a Merit Pass for her Grade 1 Clarinet exam.

### Tsunami Disaster

Our super mums organised a cake stall, raffle and a non-uniform day to collect money for the above appeal, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January. We would all like to say a big Thank You to everybody who supported our fundraising day. We managed to raise £450.00. Without your help it wouldn't have been possible to raise that amount.

### Class 2

During the spring term, Class 2 will be learning about their local community, past and present. In particular, we will be thinking about how farming has changed in Bawdeswell and what it might have been like to attend Bawdeswell School in years gone by. If you have any old photographs of Bawdeswell, or any tales to tell, I would be very grateful to hear from you... Many thanks, Anita Wilson.



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THE FRIENDS OF BAWDESWELL C. P. SCHOOL

# Friends Newsletter

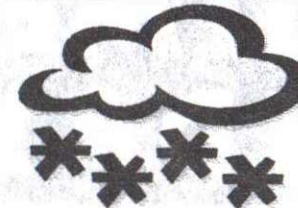
## Happy New Year

It's good to be back. The Friends of Bawdeswell School would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year. It appears that all of our children had a very exciting time over the Christmas holidays, but they are now all back to school refreshed and ready for challenges.

At this moment the school is responding to the need for aid in East Asia and caring parents have organised a non-uniform day, cake stall and raffle. As this is in the process of happening we cannot report on its success. However everyone is being very generous and genuinely concerned about the disaster, so, in advance, thank you all for your support. Our thoughts are with all those involved.

Fundraising efforts for the new library environment within school also continue. It has been established that the monies raised last term will enable the school to buy the computer needed to set up the catalogue system and links with Norfolk County libraries. We couldn't have hoped for a better start to this campaign and appreciate all the effort. There is still a fair way to go, but as everyone can appreciate the benefits gained, then the goal is completely achievable.

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.



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*Adult and child sizes.*

Remember empty ink cartridges are still being collected and can be turned into money for school.

### NEXT MEETING:

*An open meeting, all welcome*

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
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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**Results of the 100 Club Quarterly Draw held on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2005**

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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Next Coffee Morning - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2005, in the church. FREE & Everyone Welcome

**EXTRA 30<sup>th</sup> April Saturday CONCERT** - South Norfolk Operatic & Choral Society also The Cavatina String Quartet

- May 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday**  
**THE BAWDESWELL BALL**  
 (profit split Ch. Friends, Alexander Roper Trust & Big C)  
 Venue: Village Hall plus Marquees
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**VILLAGE FETE & CAR BOOT SALE**  
 Venue: Recreation Ground & Village Hall  
 Joint event with other Village organisations
- July 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday**  
**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT & SUPPER**  
 Venue: Church & marquee  
 Performer: Dr. Gerald Gifford 'Georgian Delights' with instruments
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday**  
**HARVEST SUPPER & CEILIDH**  
 Venue: Village Hall plus Marquee
- Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Friday**  
**CHRISTMAS FLOWER & DECORATION DEMONSTRATION**  
 10.30am coffee/11am Demonstration/1pm Lunch
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR ALL THE FAMILY Inc TEA 4pm**  
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## BAWDESWELL BOOK CLUB

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

Our book choices for the February meeting are :-

" Our Lady of the Forest " David Guterson

" The Mill on the Floss " George Elliott.

*Unfortunately the Book Review this month was lost in the e-mail system and the reviewer is away on holiday. Ed.*



## BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

A meeting of interested people took place on 4<sup>th</sup> December to discuss the future development of the hall and Recreation Ground.

Subjects discussed ranged from the current site, whether there was a better alternative, to what would be ideal in what it provided for the community, to whether it would be better to encourage a commercial concern to run it.

It was decided to visit all the surrounding village halls and commercially run facilities nearby and develop a plan based on what we thought best and most practical for our village.

Alex Kirby has now drawn up a plan of action for these visits and recording the findings.

A meeting is due to take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January with Breckland Council development officers talking about funding etc.

We will give a full update in the March Reeve's Tale.



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## REEPHAM & DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB

Club members organised the erection of the Christmas tree in Reepham market place - bigger and better than ever. It was arranged by Robert Buxton who selected the fine tree from the National Trust woods at Blickling.

11 students from Reepham High School competed for the Tony Poole Memorial Trophy and the winner this year was Tom Barwick. The winner was determined by the quality of a piece of Geography GCSE course work on the subject of "Sustainability". The runners-up were Elizabeth Jobbins and Kerry Wright.

The Club is to receive £2,000 from the Aylsham Show Committee. This was for their hard work at the Art Tent and the monies will be given to our Rotary charities. A small contingent of members is hoping to attend the Delden Borne Rotary Club in Holland in January to help them celebrate their anniversary.

*Ken Ewing*

## BECK WI

Illness and holidays meant that a smaller number than usual attended our first meeting of the year. However, that did not detract from the enjoyment of the evening when John Clifton took over and showed us some really beautiful slides of the Shetland Isles.

We were treated to views of glorious land and seascapes, isolated cottages, calm - then dramatic seas, followed by close-ups of a red-necked phalarope, puffins, hundreds of gannets, black guillemots, great and arctic skuas, razorbills and many more distinctive seabirds.

A few shots then of unexpected visitors to Shetland - a long eared owl and a bullfinch, finishing with slides showing the small seemingly delicate flowers which manage to survive in most inhospitable looking surroundings. Indeed, an extremely interesting hour.

In the absence of Ruth, the November minutes were read by Jennifer and Aleathia told us of forthcoming events.

The exhibition - wildlife photo - was won by Janet, 2nd Ruth Clarke. Zillah won the raffle.

Next meeting: Monday 14th February in Sparham's Old School Room at 7.30pm and new members are always welcome. The exhibit is an old postcard.

*Mary Humphrey*



Extracts from the meeting on Thursday 2 December 2004 at 7.30 in the village hall.

**Present:** Mr J Harvey, Mr N Mears, Mrs R Waller, Mr Adrian Westfield, Mrs Floering Blackman, and the Clerk and 14 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Mr G Bambridge

**Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting accepted and signed.

**Matters arising:** Norfolk Wildlife Trust. They hoped that the new barrier would be installed before Christmas 04.

**Peran Wisa** - The parking had been resolved.

**Village Sign** - Thanks to Adrian Westfield and Mr McColville for their timely maintenance to the War Memorial. The sign is actually in need of replacement and everyone was asked to look for a friendly woodcarver who might do the job.

**AWA** - letter to them had not been answered. It was agreed to wait for reply before planning further action.

**Homewatch sign** - still not in place. The Vice Chairman would organise.

**Tree Cutting** - Highways Engineer to be contacted to discuss continuous maintenance.

Mrs Floering Blackman will also check on our behalf.

**Correspondence:** The Chairman will contact NCPTCA regarding the necessity for Quality Council qualifications.

**Route of new N Bypass around Norwich.** Mrs Floering Blackman explained the options, council will deliberate individually.

**Wind Farm at Guestwick** - There was much discussion from members of the public and the council. 5 voted for the Windfarm, 10 were against with 1 abstention.

**Village Hall Extension :** A strong discussion followed letters of appeal to the Parish Council for extra funding to help build a much needed extension to the Village Hall. The Vice Chairman declared his interest and offered to leave as he could be a key figure in building the extension. The Chairman thanked him but asked him to stay to answer technical questions about the building. The VHC needed a donation from the PC. It is important that the PC support the VHC in this way in order to receive a grant and Mrs Floering Blackman would check with RCC re grant possibilities. Finally it was agreed to give a one off payment of £500 to the VHC and to support them in their bid for grants.

**Planning Applications:** None

**Report on Bus Shelter:** No further progress was able to be made at this time as it had been agreed by Highways, Transport etc that lay byes must be constructed before the new bus shelter can be installed and as there is no present funding, the status quo must remain. The Vice Chairman would organise repairs to the existing shelter.

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

**Budget 05/06 :** The Clerk had prepared a budget with slight increases on items to take into consideration inflation. It was agreed to give a donation of £25 to NWT in addition to the usual ones. The proposed precept for 05/06 was set at £2300.

**Date of next meeting:** 24th February 2005 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 9.50 pm**

## **BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL - EXTRACTS OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2004 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillor's Hind, Mallen, Lillwall, Swain and Wallace

Mr. G. Bambridge 6 parishioners

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor McColville. Mrs Floering Blackman

**MATTERS ARISING:**

- Mr. David Cockburn has been co-opted onto the Parish Council

**PLANNING**

- Bawdeswell Garden Centre - new growing tunnel - no objections

- 6 Wind Turbines, Skitfield Road, Guestwick - Broadland sent this PA for consultation purposes - Councillors against this PA on aesthetic grounds, safety in surrounding areas and danger for low flying aircraft.

- Breckland intend to offer for sale land in front of Folland Court to Registered Social Landlords for affordable housing. Councillors totally against sale of this land as it is felt that enough houses have been built or are being built in Village - extra housing will cause problems with infrastructure. Entrances and exits onto The Street will cause dangerous traffic problems. Infilling in The Street will effectively cut Folland Court (sheltered housing) off from the Village centre.

- Breckland state that as from January 2005 a more detailed response will be sent to PC explaining why PA's have been determined contrary to Councils views.

**PRECEPT** - Clerk had circulated list of financial details for year 2005/06 to all Councillors before meeting - these were fully discussed. **PRECEPT TO BE SET AT £7,500** to include

Money for Village Hall maintenance. Clerk and Handyman's salaries. Subscription/donations. Cost of one new dog and one new sand/grit bins. Insurance costs. £100 also included for Bawdeswell Heath Public Liability insurance. Grass cutting Recreation Field and grass cutting and maintenance of Closed Churchyard.

- Auditors Report for year 2003/04 signed OK.

- New Account to be set up for Village Hall Development Project with £1,000.

(£500 from Village Hall Current account and £500 Premium Bond held in Village Hall name to be cashed and money put into new account).

- New Licensing Act comes into force February 2005 - New Public Entertainment Licence needed.

**PARISH COUNCIL IN RECESS UNTIL MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2005 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**



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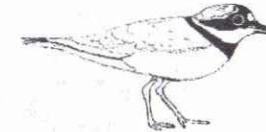
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**WVBS**

**Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society**

Our Christmas party went well. A special thanks to everyone who contributed to such a fine evening. The Treasurer's punch was excellent, lovely food, challenging, varied quizzes and convivial company.

Our most recent field trips were to Breydon Water in November and Lyndford Arboretum in December. Highlights at Breydon were a small group of Snow Buntings, a Little Egret and two Knot. At Lyndford we saw our 'target' bird the Hawfinch.

**Feeding Garden Birds in the Winter:** The winter months are particularly difficult for birds when their natural food sources become scarce. Birds can be fed household foods as well as specially bought food. The following advice is an extract from the RSPB leaflet, 'Feeding garden birds'.

**Household Foods** include bread, pastry (cooked or uncooked), cooked rice, bacon rind, fat, mild grated cheese, cold baked potatoes, dried fruits such as raisins and fruit such as apples, pears etc. Do not put out salty or highly seasoned foods. **Bought Items** include nut feeders, bird seed mixture, porridge oats, bird cake, peanuts and mealworms. Clean, fresh water is also very important. If freezing conditions are forecast, line the bird bath with a sheet of polythene, this will allow the ice to be easily removed.

Sensible feeding will help birds survive the winter and be in good breeding condition when spring arrives and, once word gets round that you are a soft touch, you will be rewarded with a delightful variety of winter visitors.

The outdoor meeting in February is Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> at the Wildfowl & Wetland Trust reserve at Welney. Meet at Swaffham Market Place for departure at 2 pm.

Next indoor meeting is Thursday February 17<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7.30 at Lenwade Village Hall. Moss Taylor (EDP) will give a talk on 'The changing fortunes of Norfolk's birds'. All are welcome. Non-members £2.

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We had a good turnout on Christmas day with over 40 people in church. The Rector took the service which was very much on the theme of Celebrating, and we thank him for a good start to the rest of the day.

The pattern of services for 2005 is going to remain the same as before – Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month, lay-led services on the second and fourth Sundays. The 6pm Words & Praise service on the second Sunday remains popular – it is short, the hymns are all popular ones, and the words are carefully chosen. The *Benefice Choir* are taking part in *Elsing's Words & Praise Service* on Sun 30 January. Not to be missed!

We are grateful to the Friends of the Church for their continued support with repairs, paying for the electricity and the Insurance etc. They have undertaken to finance the re-wiring of the building over a period of time. The work needs to be done as soon as possible and you can help in two ways. We need to raise a minimum of £12,000 straightaway to pay for this. You can help by offering to lend the church a sum of money now towards this and the Friends will undertake to repay you within two years, or you might be able to make a donation – however small – it will help. If we can raise the money now, the work will be carried out sooner rather than later, when costs will go up and the Chancellor might reimpose VAT on church repairs.

Do also continue to support the regular fund-raising events. It all helps.

A major event this year is to be a May Ball. The marquee and the band have been booked. It will be an event not to be missed – May 21<sup>st</sup>.

This month there is a Race Night at the village hall on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.





## MID NORFOLK JULIAN GROUP

### Coming Meetings:

4<sup>th</sup> February, 18<sup>th</sup> February – details from Irene Ames

### Take down your lantern

Take down your lantern from its niche and go out;  
 you may not rest in firelight certainties  
 secure from drifting log of doubt and fear;  
 you may not build yourself containing walls, and say thus far  
 and thus far  
 and thus far shall I walk  
 and these things shall I do and nothing more.  
 Go out,  
 for need calls loudly in the winding lanes,  
 and you may seek Christ there;  
 your pilgrim heart shall urge you  
 still one more pace beyond,  
 and love shall be your lantern flame.

*Anon*

*This was read earlier this January, taken from the final edition of Christian Community, the magazine of NACCAN (the Association of Christian Communities and Networks).*

## From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

There have been many different comments on the Indian Ocean tsunami. One of the most telling has been the poem on Radio 2's Jeremy Vine show, by Lucy Berry, the resident poet. She talks about "the churning wave of the world's emotion", about being "awash with anger", and describes herself as "a drop in the ocean". (If you want to see the whole poem, go to [www.bbc.co.uk/radio2/shows/vine/poem.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio2/shows/vine/poem.shtml)).

Many of us had the feelings she describes; being carried along on a tide of others' emotions, feeling pummelled ourselves, and feeling small. Nature seems so big, so out of our control, and the human misery is almost beyond comprehension. What can we do?

Together we have raised millions upon millions. Yes, we are all drops in the ocean, but together we achieve a great deal. As Mother Teresa said: "People say what I do is *only* a drop in the ocean, but the ocean is made up of drops."

So now the challenge for us – to borrow Lucy's image – is to keep the tidal wave of goodwill going; to see how much we can do together when we are all moved by what we see and know. Together in love and charity we can do great things. Once we have rebuilt these lives, there will be others for us to help. Remember also the campaign to "Make Poverty History".

God bless you in your care for others.

*David Head.*

### Lent Groups 2005

There will be two Lent Groups this year, studying two different books.

Mondays, beginning on Monday 14 February, 7.30 – 9pm. In the Rectory, Lyng, led by David Head. "Out of the Ashes" – reflections on the daily readings in Lent by a number of different DLT/CAFOD authors, with a focus on personal change and action for justice. Published by DLT/CAFOD. (£4.95)

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BYLAUGH	-	-	MP 1030 DH	-	HC(PB) 9.00 TC
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FOXLEY	Evening Prayer 5pm DH	-	HC(1) 10.30 MWB	MP 1030 TC	HC(PB) 9.00 DH
LYNG	HC2 0900 DH	-	-	HC(1) 10.30 MWB	WP 1030 fst
SPARHAM	Family Service 1030 FST	-	HC(PB) 9.00 DH	MP 1030 CW	HC(PB) 1030 DH
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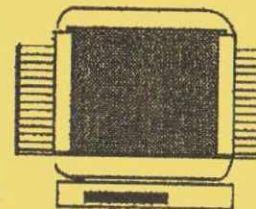
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