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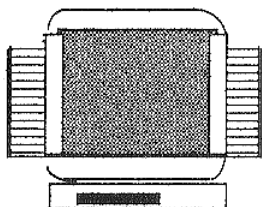
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APRIL DIARY

3 Thu	Bawdeswell Book Club 7.30pm <i>see page 17</i>
5 Sat	Friends of Bawdeswell Church Coffee morning and Draw 10.30am
7 Mon	Bawdeswell Parish Council meet 7.45pm
8 Tue	Mobile Police Station, Bawdeswell Street 11am – 12.30pm Bawdeswell PCC Annual Meeting 7pm in the church.
11 Fri	Julian Group Meeting 8pm
12 Sat	Project Bawdeswell Meeting 10am
13 Sun	<i>One More Step</i> at Bawdeswell 10.30am in the church.
14 Mon	WI meet at Sparham Old School Room 7.30pm
15 Tue	Blood Donor Session Bawdeswell <i>see page 5</i>
19 Sat	Bawdeswell Activities Group Family Quiz 6pm
21 Mon	Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee 8pm
25 Fri	Julian Group Meeting 8pm
26 Sat	Walk from Foxley to Walsingham <i>see page 21</i>

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Mobile: 07778 835 254
Email: BawdeswellVH@aol.com

When the hall is not otherwise in use, village voluntary groups may use the hall free of charge.

Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee is still struggling to keep going and desperately needs more members. There are 800 plus people in the village and just half a dozen of you could help make a big difference. We meet in the village hall at 8pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. Please come and join us!!

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At the meeting on 8 March the group had a preview of the presentation on the future of the village hall planned for 11 March.

Estimates are being received for refurbishment and installation of the new equipment for the play area and a proposal will be submitted at the next meeting

The Activities sub-group reported on their progress and plans for 2008.

The wine & cheese evening and presentation to the village on 11th March, about the future of the village hall, attracted a good audience. They were given an overview of how the survey results have given us a blueprint for a larger hall and the options for building it. Feedback was sought on three specific issues (1) where an enlarged hall should be located on the recreation ground, (2) what style of construction should be used and (3) how ecologically friendly it should be. This feedback is being collated and will be reported on at the next meeting.

A lot of work is being done between meetings and behind the scenes. The next meetings of the main group are scheduled for Saturdays 12 April and 10 May at 10.00 am in the Village Hall. Come along and hear all about the various work streams and share your ideas with us. All are welcome. See our website www.projectbawdeswell.org.uk for more information.

CAN YOU HELP – we need more volunteers to help with the organisation of Project Bawdeswell.

If you are interested in helping please call the Secretary on 688749.

BAWDESWELL FOOTBALL CLUB. (Crown Fire Central & South Norfolk League)

Bawdeswell FC missed a number of games due to poor weather conditions resulting in their home pitch being unplayable and have only played 15 league matches so far this season. They have had mixed results to date with 8 wins and 7 losses.

New players are needed for the team. please contact Philip Duffield on (01362) 688611. More club information is online at www.bawdeswellfc.co.uk



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Friends of Bawdeswell Church

The quiz night on Saturday 8th March was a huge success.

Thank you all who supported us. It was a great turn out and lots of fun. About £700 was raised.

Thank you to those who worked hard in the background, especially the providers of the food and the drinks. Well done James our quizmaster and Nicholas such an able assistant.

Preparations for the **May Ball** on 17th May 2008 are continuing.

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Bawdeswell Activities Group

Family QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 19TH April

at 6pm

In the

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BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG) – Events at the Village Hall

Family Quiz Night – A fund-raising event on Saturday 19th April at 6pm in the village hall - see separate page for details. The activities afternoons at the village hall are run by volunteers but funds are needed to enable them to purchase additional equipment and subsidise materials for specific activities.

News – A working party will be formed to erect the cricket nets in April.

Plans are currently being made for activities during the summer half term and the summer holidays.

Due to poor attendance, the Bingo and Games afternoons are being discontinued. BAG are willing to arrange free activities for groups in the village during the day or possibly on an evening. If there is anything that you would like to do please contact us.

The Group is looking for additional volunteers to help with the events during 2008. Please contact our secretary on 688749.

Bawdeswell Activities Group gratefully acknowledge grant aid from Norfolk Community Foundation, Breckland Council and donations from Bawdeswell Parish Council and very generous donations of cash and equipment from residents.



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BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL-EXTRACTS OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2008

PRESENT : Councillors Mallen, Shannon, Lilwall, Beane , Cockburn and Hipperson
Mr. G. Bambridge (DC) 8 parishioners

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mason. Mrs. I. Floering Blackman

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Agreed and signed

-Visit by Police Community Support Officer Peter Fuller who gave an interesting and informative talk on the work carried out by PCSOs and Neighbourhood Watch team.

He confirmed that in an emergency –if Parishioners see anything suspicious or to report a crime in action – they should still phone ‘999’ – calls to the non-emergency no. 0845 456 4567 will be assessed and acted upon.

-Community Car Scheme: Breckland have agreed to Bawdeswell setting up this Scheme and will send a Contract between Breckland and PC within next few weeks. This scheme will be for essential services such as visits to Doctor, Hospital etc. available to anyone who does not have access to a car.

- Folland Court: Flagship Housing have been successful in securing grant funding and work will start on site during April 08. They confirm ‘the off-site-works have been agreed with Highways and Planning Officer and the existing footpath on Paradise Lane will be extended a further 10m then there will be a painted white line indicating pedestrian right of way which will link to other existing footpath leading into Folland Court’. Councillors concerned this might not meet safety requirements requested – letter to be sent to Flagship/Breckland for confirmation.

- PP granted to 9 Folland Court for single storey rear extension.

- 24 Paradise Road *does* have permission to build lounge onto side of premises.

-Anglian Water – Breckland/NCC trying to find copy of Section 18 Agreement confirming sewers in Hall Road were adopted.

- Mr. Bambridge had visited Bawdeswell CP School and was most impressed with the work being carried out.

NEXT MEETING; MONDAY 7th APRIL AT 7.45pm. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Andrea Long from Breckland will be attending the next meeting to discuss the Local Development Framework and site specifics. All Parishioners are welcome to attend meeting as this discussion could affect us all!

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL – NOTICES

VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK

As Delia Riseborough is retiring, Bawdeswell Parish Council needs a new Parish Clerk.

Applicants must be computer literate, be able to take minutes of PC meetings, keep accounts of PC expenditure and set a Budget each year. They must also be willing, if required, to undertake training and obtain a relevant qualification.

Bawdeswell Parish Council is an equal opportunities employer and applications from both men and women are invited.

Further details of the role of a Parish Clerk and training available can be found online at <http://www.slcc.co.uk/> A booklet ‘The Essential Clerk’ can be downloaded free from this site

Although the job title is ‘Clerk’, this is a very important role in our community and is a point of contact for the village. This is an interesting and varied job – hours approximately 20 per month.

Salary £1,500-2,000pa depending on hours.

For further details contact Delia on 01362 688234.

VACANCY FOR VILLAGE HANDYMAN

The Parish Council still has a vacancy for a Part Time Village Handyman.

If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk on 01362 688234

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1333	NG X29		Fakenham
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1830	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Fakenham
1835	NG X29	Saturdays	Fakenham
Sundays & Public Holidays			
Time	Service		Destination
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1611	SA 29		Wells via Fakenham
1841	SA 29		Wells via Fakenham
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0931	NG X29		Norwich Bus Station
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1031	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Norwich Bus Station
1042	KC 30B	Fridays	Dereham
1131	NG X29		Norwich Bus Station
1319	SA 98	Thursdays	Cawston
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1731	NG X29		Norwich Bus Station
Sundays & Public Holidays			
Time	Service		Destination
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1326	SA 29		Norwich, Bus Station via Reepham
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Parents & Toddlers / Baby Group

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Banham Poultry Rendering Plant at Lenwade - Done Deal?

On 15th February two coaches of villagers from Sparham, Lenwade and the surrounding area attended the Norfolk County Council Planning Committee Meeting at County Hall. After three hours of debate, which included the unprecedented appearance of Keith Simpson MP who spoke on our behalf, the Council **rejected** the application by Banhams for retrospective planning permission to build their rendering plant just outside Lenwade.

A number of people said that the result would be 'a done deal' as the building was nearly ready to go into operation. So what happened? The above is the result of hard work by the Parish Councils of Sparham & Lenwade, the solicitors, various others with the support of the villagers that were willing to stand up and be counted when it mattered.

We have certainly won this battle but have we won the war? Banhams do have the right of appeal.

On 12th March Broadland District Council Planning Committee met to consider whether to activate an Enforcement Order to force Banhams to take down the Rendering Plant. 70 concerned villagers saw the Committee reject the idea by a vote of 8 to 5. The next stage in the process is to wait for Banhams to decide as to whether they are going to appeal against the Norfolk County Council decision to reject the retrospective planning application. At the time of writing (13th March) no such decision appears to have been made.

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Bawdeswell Book Club

The Book Club meets in the Old Workhouse Bar on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30 pm and welcomes new members. We mostly obtain books from the Library so there is not the expense of buying new books each month.

Our book choice for the March meeting is "A Gathering Light" by Jennifer Donnelly. This was an easy read. Well enough written not to be tedious but not requiring much effort either. It didn't inspire our group.

The themes were fairly hackneyed - bright young woman unable to meet her true potential without sacrifice. The lives of all the female characters were desperate in one way or another. The cook was the only woman in charge of anything and how she could produce 90 lunches and then 150 dinners, even with help to peel potatoes, I cannot imagine!

Even the lot of the New York, well connected, well-educated schoolteacher who was living a double life as a successful feminist poet was shown to be financially dependent upon a tyrant husband from whom she had to flee.

The bright black boy's status was the same as that of the women but he had a progressive, ambitious, aware mother, hard working enough to save money for his education rather than a limited ignorant father or a weak selfish uncle, which was the lot of the bright heroine. Women were certainly the victims and the heroines of this novel. I think Matti, the main protagonist, was a bit too good. Most of the events of the novel were only sketched – like the illness of her family – once Matti was on the scene, all was cleaned up, and it seems the family were miraculously restored to good health.

I thought the author's note at the end of the book was very interesting, more so than the novel. The story was based on a murder that had really happened. I think she could have written a better short story based on the facts of the murder. She created a lot of characters that didn't have much purpose in telling the story and I think we have probably all read plenty of books like this one. It was like a Catherine Cookson set in the North Woods of the Adirondacks rather than the North of England. *MM*

BECK WI

Karen Weston, our speaker for March, was introduced by Aleathia. Her talk was about the qualities of Magnotherapy, how it speeds up the healing process, gets rid of pain and increases one's energy levels. Arranged on a table were various magnetic products - and it was fascinating, and heart-warming, to hear of how people are being helped by wearing these magnetic bracelets, etc. Nice to know that dogs, cats and horses benefit from these products. In all, a most interesting and informative talk.

The flower arrangement in an eggcup was judged and the winner was Christine, with Jennifer second. Sheila won the raffle. Our Speaker in April will be Carolyn Williams on Origins of Nursery Rhymes, and we are asked to bring to the meeting a childhood memento. Hope to see you all on Monday, 14th April - 7.30 p.m. in the Old School Room, Sparham. *Mary Humphrey*



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Fairtrade Foundation (www.fairtrade.org.uk) and Traidcraft Exchange (www.traidcraft.co.uk/international_development) - this included donations from our regular Wednesday morning Drop Inn. Additionally, a rather spectacular and very impressive mosaic banner of the FAIRTRADE Mark was made by all, and can be viewed when the Chapel is open. Andrew Holman, aged 11, won the 'Guess the number of Blueberries in the jar' competition with his estimate of 762, when there were actually 768 blueberries in the jar – WOW! The next best guess of 750 was posed by both Emma Holman and David Beale. Philip & Stephanie Chapman made the best attempt at completing the Fairtrade Feast Quiz, with 17 out of 18 correct answers. Well done to you all!

Our next event is scheduled for Saturday 26th July, so put the date in your diary now, and watch out for more information in due course.

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One More Step

We are looking forward to hosting *One More Step* in Bawdeswell this month (10.30am Sunday April 13th). The Elsing service was well attended in March. Let's hope we can turn out in numbers too. It's different and it's thought provoking.

Bawdeswell P.C.C. - The New Church Organ project

The fund stands at just under £8,000. That's £4,000 up on last month, a very encouraging beginning. We are going to need about £27,000 at the end of the day, because the old organ has to be removed and quite a lot of carpentry be done. Thank you those who have contributed so far. We are encouraging people to pledge modest donations over a period of time if it is easier for them to become involved that way.

Just to remind you that if you are thinking about making a lump sum donation, there is some advantage to the recoverable tax if you make the donation before 5th April when the chancellor will be reducing this concession. As an example a donation of £390 is currently worth £500 with the tax relief.

Details of the proposed organ are on a display inside the church which is open daily.

See also the manufacturer's website at www.makinorgans.co.uk where you can listen to samples of music from these advanced instruments.

There is to be a gala concert in the church on 14th June starring Gerald Gifford, curator of music at the Fitzwilliam Museum. He will bring along some period keyboard instruments. *See page 25.* This is in support of our appeal.

Churchyard Extension (Norwich Road Cemetery)

At the recent PCC Meeting it was decided that we would have to start reusing the oldest part of the cemetery and that it would be unfair to use only the space where there were no memorial stones. We plan therefore to move all headstones older than 75 years to the boundary. Three months notice of this intention has been posted on notice boards and in the local press. Anybody wishing to object, please do so in writing to the Rector before 30th June 2008 at The Rectory, Rectory Road, Lyng NR9 5RA.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow the **Vestry Meeting** to be held in Bawdeswell Church at 7pm on Tuesday 8th April 2008. All are welcome to attend.
Robin Taylor.



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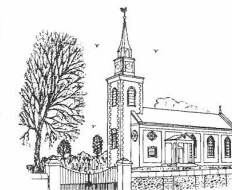
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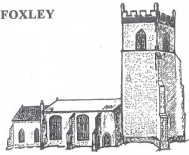
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ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, FOXLEY

At a recent meeting of the PCC, the main business was to discuss and then adopt, the Annual Financial Report for 2007, presented by the treasurer John Harvey and Examined by Michael Child of Fakenham. These showed that, thanks to the committed and generous support of our small congregation, we are about paying our way: thanks are also due to the Parish Council for help with maintenance of the churchyard.

As ever, work will be required to the church building and this will involve fundraising and encouragement from the wider community of the parish, which have supported this building non-stop since at least Saxon times!

We also had a report from Monica Hatch about the Benefice Ministry Group, who are organising a walk from Foxley to Walsingham on 26th.April. Friends from Yorkshire are also taking part, as can anyone who would like to join in. The "Men's Breakfast", held at Foxley Village Hall on 16th.Feb.had been a great success with thirty two enthusiastic consumers of a delicious traditional "fry-up" and £161-20 was raised towards the cost of the Easter walk.

Nigel Hatch reported on a Deanery Synod Meeting at which John Harvey officially stepped down as Deanery Assessor (which entailed supervision of the payment of twenty six Parishes' dues to the Diocese); William Mason of Bawdeswell has kindly taken on this role. The Rural Dean, the Rev.Tom Candeland has retired from the post and is succeeded by the Rev. Selwyn Tillett of the Weston Longville group.

We also discussed the purchase of an "Electronic Hymnal" for the benefice. This is a device which plays the organ accompaniment to congregational hymns. The parishes are still trying it out.

Further to the Financial Report; two events have taken place recently to help with repair funds. The first was a talk on 9th.Feb by Peter Bradbury on "Norfolk as I see it", held in the Village Hall. Peter Bradbury, while being an "incomer" to our County, has clearly fallen deeply in love with Norfolk, as he demonstrated in his excellent photography. Many scenes, ranging from seals at Blakeney Point, through Stiffkey, Wolterton, Mannington and Elsing Halls and Sennowe Park, to Foxley Church, captured the unique spirit of Norfolk. The evening raised £266.

The second event was very recent (15th.March), when James Lilwall and the Iceni Choir, soloist Hannah Francis and accompanist (& soloist) Roger Rayner, came to Foxley to perform a varied programme of music, both sacred and more light-hearted. The result was a most enjoyable evening for all of us and contributed another £200 to help swell the Restoration Fund.

Diana Harvey
(PCC Secretary T/N 688650)

From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again,

For a number of weeks this summer, I shall be taking a sabbatical break. It is supposed to be a time of following different academic or creative interests, and reflecting on one's life and ministry. The church encourages clergy to take one every fifteen years or more.

The reason that they like us to refresh ourselves mentally is because quite a lot of our work has to be done alone and self-motivated. Often, if you work in an office, a new colleague will bring in a fresh way of thinking, and new colleagues can happen along quite often. In a village, that may happen, or people may just be a bit too polite!

During my time off for this, even if you do catch sight of me at the Rectory, the parish work will be being done by Tom Candeland, to whom I owe a great debt of gratitude. And I hope to be back in full-time harness with renewed vigour in September, after these irregular thirteen weeks.

I count myself extremely fortunate to have a job that I enjoy. I don't think that it's true that if you have a "vocational" job, you necessarily have greater job satisfaction. All work has elements of contact with other people, working with a particular goal in mind, and the possibility of making it better or worse by how you do it. Interestingly, tests have shown that lower pay isn't a significant threat to job satisfaction as long as it isn't *too* bad. It's our pride in ourselves, not our purse, that counts first.

But there is also much unpaid activity – sometimes post-retirement, sometimes attached to a busy life, that has these same elements: human contact, a goal, and the value of skill. And they are what gives a person his or her energy, and a community its energy. I hope that in lots of different ways you find these yourselves this coming summer.

God bless you. David Head

CHURCH SERVICES

APRIL 2008

DATE	6 th	13 th	20 th	23 rd	27 th
Season	3 rd of Easter	4 th of Easter	5 th Of Easter	Wednesday	6 th of Easter
FOXLEY	EP 6.30pm DH	-	HC(PB) 8am DH	-	HC 1030 TC
LYNG	HC(2) 0900 DH	-	EP 5pm DH	-	fs 1030 fst
ELSING	MP 1030 CW	-	HC(1) 9am TC	-	HC 1030 DH
BAWDESWELL	HC(1) 10.30 DH	OMS 1030	GiG 1030	HC(PB) 9am	WP 1030
BYLAUGH	-	HC(PB) 0900 DH	-	-	MP 1030 CW
SPARHAM	Family Service 1030	-	HC(PB) 1030 DH	-	EP 6.30pm DH

This Notice has been published in the local press in the Public Notices:

NOTICE

Bawdeswell Churchyard Extension (Cemetery) is now full.
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