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if you are able to help.

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MARCH EVENTS DIARY

Sat 1 st	Fair Trade event, the Chapel, Station Road, Reepham 10am – 4pm
Mon 3 rd	Bawdeswell Parish Council meets 7.45pm
Thu 6 th	Book Club, 7.30pm at Old Workhouse Bar
Fri 7 th	Women's World Day of Prayer 2pm Lyng church. Julian Group meeting at 8pm, Barwick House, Bawdeswell
Sat 8 th	Project Bawdeswell meeting 10am FOBC Quiz Night and Supper at Bawdeswell Village hall 7pm, <i>see page 6</i>
Mon 10 th	W.I. 7.30pm at Sparham Old Schoolroom
Tues 11 th	Project Bawdeswell cheese and wine evening 7.30pm., <i>see page 18</i>
Thu 13 th	Mobile Police Station, The Street, Bawdeswell 11am - 12.30pm
Fri 14 th	Julian Group meeting at 8pm, Barwick House, Bawdeswell
Sun 16 th	Parents & Toddlers Easter Craft Fair – 10am Bawdeswell Village Hall
Mom 17 th	Games Afternoon at Bawdeswell Village Hall 1.30pm <i>see page 4</i> Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee Meeting 8pm
Wed 26 th	Easter Holidays – Indoor & Outdoor games at Bawdeswell Village Hall 1.30
Fri 28 th	Indoor & Outdoor games at Bawdeswell Village Hall 1.30pm Julian Group meeting at 8pm, Barwick House, Bawdeswell.
Mon 31 st	Indoor & Outdoor games at Bawdeswell Village Hall 1.30pm

Bawdeswell

Village Hall

- Aerobics - Mondays
- Countrysiders - Every other Wednesday
- WeightWatchers - Thursdays
- Parents & Toddlers group - Friday Mornings 9.30am
- Pilates - **Fridays** (*not Wednesdays as printed last month.*)

Foxley Village Hall:

Exercise Classes every Tuesday morning at 9.30am.
Short Mat Bowls: Every Monday & Friday evening.

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

News - As we write this, Half Term activities at the hall are in progress. A slow start on the Monday was followed by a busy Tuesday as the bright sun and 15°C temperature raised the attendance for indoor and outdoor games including Pool, Table tennis, Air Hockey, Rounders and Football. The Monoprinting run by Breckland Council on Wednesday attracted 14 children who designed and printed some excellent cards. Plans are being made to erect the new cricket nets in April including the provision of spring loaded stumps and surface matting. We gratefully acknowledge a recent personal donation of £100 by a local resident.

Easter Holidays –26th March to 4th April – A program of activities has been arranged. Please see separate page for details.

Afternoon Bingo – Due to poor attendance these sessions have been suspended.

Games Afternoon – On Monday 17 March starting at 1.30 pm. Come and play any of the following: Whist, Rummy, Bridge, Hearts, Sorry, Scrabble and other board games or, for exercise, Table Tennis!! If you need a lift to the Village Hall for this, call Janet on 688749.

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

Mother & Toddler Group - The BAG CAFE will be open from 9.30 to Midday every Friday during term time for the Mother and Toddler Group.

Family Quiz Night – Saturday 19th April 6pm in the village hall see next Reeves Tale for details.

BAG are willing to try and arrange activities for groups in the village during the day without any charge. If there is anything that you would like to do please contact us.

Bawdeswell Activities Group gratefully acknowledge grant aid from Norfolk Community Foundation, Breckland Council and donations from Bawdeswell Parish Council and residents.



Inspired by



Bawdeswell Activities Group

EASTER 2008 AT THE HALL

**Activities for Children and Adults,
Young and Not So Young**

**Bawdeswell Village Hall 1.30pm to 5.30pm
Wednesday 26th, Friday 28th & Monday 31st March,
Wednesday 2nd & Friday 4th April 2008**

**We have lots of games and toys, both indoor and outdoor for you to use
and light refreshments are available.**

Come along and play - there is no admission charge

Plus - Organised Events

Wednesday 26th March – 1.30pm to 5pm

Indoor & Outdoor Games.

Friday 28th March – 1.30pm to 5pm

Indoor & Outdoor Games.

Monday 31st March – 1.30pm to 5pm

Indoor & Outdoor Games.

Wednesday 2nd April – 1.30pm to 5pm

Craft Afternoon – a variety of crafts making all sorts of things

Friday 4th April 1.30pm to 4pm

Family Bingo – bingo for all ages starting at 2.15.

Please note that children aged under 11 must be supervised by a parent/guardian for BAG events and when using BAG equipment. Children aged 11 and over must have a consent form signed by a parent/guardian.

Bawdeswell Activities Group Inspired by



Bawdeswell Activities Group is the working name of "Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee – Community Activities Group, Registered Charity No. 800970"



Friends of Bawdeswell Church

The quiz night is on Saturday 8th March.

Do try and get a team together or come along and join one. It is usually a very jolly evening and you are guaranteed a really good supper for your money.

The homemade puddings are excuse enough to come along.

There will be a licensed bar and a good raffle.

Tickets available now from 688268 and 688499

Preparations for the **May Ball** on 17th May 2008 are continuing - If you enjoyed *Strictly Come Dancing*, this is your chance to do a bit of that stuff yourselves! There is a Disco during the band breaks for those who prefer that sort of dancing.

The menu of the Silver Service dinner will be published next month. Watch this space!

Tables can be booked now so if you would like to get up a party please contact James Lilwall on 688499 to make sure you don't miss out.

R.T.

QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 8th March
Lots of fun, Supper and a Licensed Bar
Try and get a team together!

MAY BALL Saturday 17th May
Silver Service Dinner
Big Band
Host a party! Join a party! Treat yourself!



Bawdeswell Community Primary School

New School Canopy

On the last day of term we had Canopies UK in school who erected a canopy outside of the Rhino Classroom. This will enable the children to work and play outside all year round.

Visits/Visitors

The Romans came into school on 15th January to work with Rhino Class. A great day was had by all the class and a great deal of history was learned. The children all looked great in their costumes.

Last Friday Year R, 1 2 & 3 went to see the Panto at the Theatre Royal. They had a lovely time and well done to all the children for behaving well. This Friday it is the turn of Year 4, 5 & 6 when they go to the Theatre Royal to see Hamlet.

We are lucky to have a "Young Enterprise" team in on 5th February 08, to work with Y5 and Y6 children to give them an opportunity to learn about the wider world and industry.

Theatre Trips

The children enjoyed their trips to the Theatre in January. Years R,1,2 & 3 thoroughly enjoyed the Pantomime and behaved well during the visit. Years 4,5 & 6 saw Hamlet which they all enjoyed and are still talking about now! They have produced some really good work from the visit.



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Parents & Toddlers / Baby Group

We meet at Bawdeswell Village Hall from 9.30am to Midday each Friday

Come along for a chat and a coffee & let your child have some fun with playdough, colouring and puzzles plus lots of toys and there are additional activities most weeks.

For more information call Kate on 688834
(There is no charge but a donation is invited)

Easter Craft Fair

Sunday 16th March
10am to 4pm

at Bawdeswell Village Hall

Something Exciting for Everyone

Kids corner -
Egg decorating -
Lucky dip -
Cake decorating -
Mask making -

Tombola
Raffle

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Chocolates
Jewellery
Easter cards

And Lots More!!!!

BAWDESWELL BADGERS PRE-SCHOOL



Hello everyone. I hope by the time you read this, spring will be almost with us, which is our theme in pre-school for the next half term.

Pre-school is always a busy, happy place and the next few weeks will be no exception, our activities – planting our own seeds and tending our garden, learning how to look after our new pet (top secret not arrived yet) not to mention cooking in our new cooker, painting, sticking and just having fun, will keep us very well occupied.

Mums, we have a few vacancies available and if you would like to come along and join us for a session you are most welcome, intake from half term after the child becomes 2 ½ years, please phone and make an appointment.

As always a huge thank you to our exhausted committee and those of you who kindly support us.

Carol Taylor – Supervisor 01362 688875

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The Beck WI

We met on Monday 12th February anticipating an interesting and enjoyable evening and we were certainly not disappointed. We all listened avidly to Gill Page's description of how 14,331 shoeboxes from the NR postal district of Norfolk were filled with gifts, collected, sorted, packed and sent off in lorries to Serbia. Gill travelled to Serbia on 7th December and she and the few other helpers were able to assist with the distribution of the boxes to children in hospitals, schools and orphanages. Gypsy children also, who appeared to be living under bridges, were not forgotten. From the many slides Gill showed us of children holding on to their boxes or hugging their cuddly toys, it was apparent that they were absolutely thrilled with these gifts. Thank you Gill for sharing your wonderful experience with us. We then had our tea/coffee break and discussed future events. The raffle was won by Audrey.

Our next meeting is on Monday 10th March - Old School Room at 7.30 p.m. when the speaker will be Karen Weston from Sparham. The subject will be magnotherapy for people and animals. The exhibit will be a Flower Arrangement in an Eggcup, and we are reminded we could bring unwanted or broken jewellery to the meeting for Heart Research UK.

Mary Humphrey

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.



The Mobile Library calls (Normally) every 3 weeks at Bawdeswell on a Wednesday morning and Foxley on a Friday afternoon.

Bawdeswell: - Paradise Road 10am, School 10.20am, 12 Reephams Road 10.45am, Bawdeswell Hall 11am, Hall Road 11.15am, 3 Bell Close 11.35am and Chaucer Close 11.50-12pm. Next Visits due are 5th February, 26th February.

Foxley: - The Chequers 3.10 – 3.25pm. Next Visits due are 8th February, 29th February.

For further information on any aspect of the service please call 01603 222267

The Home Library Service provides books on wheels to people in the community who like to use the library service but are unable to get there due to age, disability or restricted mobility. Tel: 01603 506848.

FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Extracts from the Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 14 February 2008 7.30 pm in the village Hall

Present: , Mr J Harvey, Mr N Mears, Mr D Barrett, Mr N Hatch, Mr G Bambridge DC, the clerk and 3 members of the public.

Apologies: The Chairman apologised for the change of date but it was due to unforeseen circumstances which meant any possible absences by Councillors would leave the Council without a quorum, since the resignation of Mrs Nightingale. Apologies were received from PCSO. Previous minutes were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising: Emergency Plan - Homewatch Co ordinator hopes that his team will help in similar capacities as they do now. He would be asked if he were prepared to be the named Emergency Co ordinator.

Councillor Hatch gave an excellent report on the Police Authority Meeting he attended in January. It was again stressed that **EVERY CRIME, HOWEVER MINOR, SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE.** Most statistics are based on reported crime - so if it's not recorded, no one adds it into the greater picture.

Mr Bambridge would chase Environmental Health about the report on Mr Davis' pit.

The Standards Officer has confirmed that Councillors did not need a dispensation to discuss matters about the Village Hall, of which they are trustees. Only in the case of a Councillor being elected to the Village Hall Committee in his/her right, would they have to declare a personal and prejudicial interest.

Correspondence: Mrs Nightingale has resigned from the Parish Council and a co opted councillor would be looked for before the Annual Meetings. The Clerk would send a letter of thanks for her service.

Mr Bambridge re iterated his position about representing the Parish Council and parishioners. The Parish Council were in accordance with this. Local Development Plan had arrived but there are no site specific maps. How can judgements be made if there are no maps to show where the sites for proposed building work might be. Councillors will take home report and read carefully. A letter reiterating the Council's position will be sent. Response is due by 28th March.

Drainage Matters: Anglian Water had visited the village and made a proposal to build a new pumping station on the car park of the Village Hall. Many questions had arisen, not least the query whether AW could compulsorily purchase the land if the VH Committee disagreed. A number of questions would be put to AW including a need for a timeline of operations. They had said it would be done between April & October 2009. The new sewer would be for residents of West Foxley but it would have to cross the main road to the pumping station before going on to join up with the main sewer near Bawdeswell. The car park was the best choice. A public Meeting would be held by AW nearer the time.

Planning Applications: None A brief discussion took place on the Cherry Tree Cottage saga which appears to flout logic and the Parish Council's objections.

Village Matters: Cars for sale had recently been illegally parked on the verge of the A1067 near a junction. Fortunately the vendors had listened to the Chairman and removed them. It is actually illegal to block the view of road users and Highways are able to remove them. Should the cars not be displaying Road Tax, the Police will remove them. Mr Bambridge will send a copy of the rules relating to this.

The Village Hall is proceeding with its refurbishment.

Finance- The financial report was presented and signed.

Dates of next meeting: Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and 1st Parish Council Meeting of new year will be held on TUESDAY 20th MAY, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

**BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL - EXTRACTS OF MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2008**

PRESENT : Councillors Mallen, Shannon, Lilwall, Beane & Mason
Mr. G. Bambridge (DC) 2 parishioners

APOLOGIES: Councillor Hipperson. Clerk

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Agreed and signed

- PC unanimously agreed to keep to their decision to re-instate Councillor Cockburn. (All Councillors reminded about their conduct and responsibilities. Any difficulties to be reported to Clerk/Chairman.)
 - NCC to contact Fairstead Homes about speed reactive sign/30mph roundel promised end Nov 07.
 - 9 Folland Court single storey rear extension – No Objections
 - Enforcement Notice reported for Wood Farm
 - PP granted to Lodge Plantation- wooden shed
 - Anglian Water – matter still ongoing. Letter sent to Consumer Council for Water regarding our queries about responsibility for sewage system in upper part Hall Road – reply received stating that Section 18 agreement not completed. NCC/Breckland to be contacted.
- LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN:** Plan concentrated on expansion of Breckland towns, particularly Thetford but to a lesser extent Dereham. Our nearest Local Service Centre is Swanton Morley, which could be expanded by 50+ houses. PC to write to Planners saying LDF offered little to rural communities and they felt there is serious lack of proposals or concerns for rural communities. Bawdeswell would like to retain a settlement boundary with space for some development. PC would also like to know why Breckland are keeping secret the names of proposers of the expansion of the settlement boundary and would like these names under the Freedom of Information Act.
- Highways to be contacted about replacing posts along edge of Reepham Road.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 3rd MARCH AT 7.45PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL – NOTICES

VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK

must be computer literate/ be able to take minutes of PC meetings / keep accounts of PC expenditure and set Budget for year . Interesting and varied job – hours approximately 20 per month . Salary £1,500-2,000pa. Training available. 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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MOBILE POLICE OFFICE

The Mobile Police Office will be in ‘The Street’ Bawdeswell 11am until 12.30pm every 4th Thursday. This is intended to provide a ‘visible’ police presence in the village. Please make sure that you visit them if you have a problem or need information. Pop in and find out what’s happening in the area.

Future Dates for 2008 are
13th March, 10th April, 8th May, 5th June

The Parish Council has been advised that this facility is not being well used. This is a good facility for the village and if the police continue to find that it is not being used then it will be withdrawn.

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Bawdeswell Summary of Bus Services Part 1

Bawdeswell, Norwich Road Shelter

Monday to Saturday (Except Public Holidays)

Time	Service	Days	Destination
0700	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Norwich Bus Station
0722	FC 934	College days	King's Lynn College via Dereham , Swaffham
0728	NG X29	College hols	Norwich Bus Station
0728	NG X29	College days	Norwich (City College)
0759	NG X29	College hols	Norwich Bus Station
0759	NG X29	College days	Norwich (City College)
0934	NG X29		Norwich Bus Station
1005	SA 80	Fridays	Dereham (Cherry Tree Car Park)
1034	NG X29		Norwich Bus Station
1046	KC 30B	Fridays	Dereham
1134	NG X29		Norwich Bus Station
1334	NG X29		Norwich Bus Station
1534	NG X29		Norwich Bus Station
1553	SA 611	School days	Foxley
1734	NG X29		Norwich Bus Station

Sundays and Public Holidays

1651	SA 29		Norwich Bus Station
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Bawdeswell, opp Shelter near School

Monday to Saturdays (Except Public Holidays)

Time	Service	Days	Destination
0659	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Norwich Bus Station
0721	FC 934	College days	King's Lynn College via Dereham , Swaffham
0727	NG X29	College hols	Norwich Bus Station
0727	NG X29	College days	Norwich (City College)
0758	NG X29	College hols	Norwich Bus Station
0758	NG X29	College days	Norwich (City College)
0759	NG X29	Saturdays	Norwich Bus Station
0933	NG X29		Norwich Bus Station
0940	CL 9	Wednesdays	Norwich (Castle Meadow)
1033	NG X29	Saturdays	Norwich Bus Station
1033	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Norwich Bus Station
1044	KC 30B	Fridays	Dereham
1133	NG X29		Norwich Bus Station
1322	SA 98	Thursdays	Cawston
1333	NG X29		Norwich Bus Station
1533	NG X29		Norwich Bus Station
1733	NG X29		Norwich Bus Station

Sundays and Public Holidays

0855	SA 29		Norwich via Reepham
1330	SA 29		Norwich via Reepham
1650	SA 29		Norwich

Bawdeswell Summary of Bus Services Part 2

Bawdeswell, Norwich Road opp Shelter

Monday to Saturday (Except Public Holidays)

Time	Service	Days	Destination
0823	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Fakenham
0827	SA 611	Schooldays	Reepham
0930	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Fakenham
1130	NG X29		Fakenham
1330	NG X29		Fakenham
1413	KC 30B	Fridays	Dereham via Guist
1415	SA 80	Fridays	Cawston
1440	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Fakenham
1530	NG X29	Saturdays	Fakenham
1540	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Fakenham
1630	NG X29	Saturdays	Fakenham
1717	NG X29		Fakenham
1827	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Fakenham
1832	NG X29	Saturdays	Fakenham

Sundays and Public Holidays

1041	SA 29		Wells via Fakenham
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Bawdeswell, Shelter near School

Monday to Saturdays (Except Public Holidays)

Time	Service	Days	Destination
0824	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Fakenham
0931	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Fakenham
0938	SA 98	Thursdays	Fakenham
1131	NG X29		Fakenham
1331	NG X29		Fakenham
1441	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Fakenham
1440	CL 9	Wednesdays	Tittleshall
1531	NG X29	Saturdays	Fakenham
1541	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Fakenham
1631	NG X29	Saturdays	Fakenham
1718	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Fakenham
1721	NG X29	Saturdays	Fakenham
1828	NG X29	Mon - Fri	Fakenham
1833	NG X29	Saturdays	Fakenham

Sundays and Public Holidays

1042	SA 29		Wells via Fakenham
1607	SA 29		Wells via Fakenham
1837	SA 29		Wells via Fakenham

Further information is available at Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or online at <http://www.travelineeastanglia.co.uk/>



At the meeting on 10 February the group met with the architect and reviewed the outline scheme produced by the Hall & Access sub-group to redevelop the recreation ground and expand the hall facilities. A Wine and Cheese evening is to be held on Tuesday 11 March to roll out this exciting new concept to the residents of Bawdeswell. Invitations have been sent to every house in the village and other interested parties.

There was considerable discussion on the way forward with the new (recycled) equipment for the children's play area. Some health & safety issues have been raised and a meeting will be held with the original manufacturer to discuss the way forward. RoSPA have been contacted and are quite positive about us re-installing this equipment.

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

A lot of work is being done between meetings and behind the scenes. The next meetings of the main group are scheduled for Saturdays 8 March and 12 April 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 especially fundraising.

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

Project Bawdeswell Invites you to a Wine & Cheese Evening at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 11th March at 7.30pm**

We would like to share with you our exciting new concept for the recreation ground and village hall.

Your comments are essential before we proceed with the detailed design and plans.

Remember – decisions are made by those who show up!

Transport to the village hall can be arranged – just call our secretary Janet on 688749.

Bawdeswell Village Hall

Bawdeswell Village hall is available for hire by both parishioners and non residents. At present the hall is available most weekdays during the day, Tuesday evenings and alternate Wednesday evenings. There are lots of Saturdays and Sundays still free. You can also hire tables and chairs for you own events. A 6m x 4m tent is available for hire either at the hall or for your garden event. Regular activities at the hall include Aerobics on Monday Evenings, Countryside Rangers every other Wednesday, Weight Watchers on Thursday evenings and Pilates on Friday evenings. The Badgers mothers & toddlers group meet on Friday mornings 9.30 to Midday – there is no admission charge for this and light refreshments are available.



Hire Charges 2008

Period	Hire Charge	Parishioners
2 Hour (Min.)	£16	£15
4 Hours	£30	£25
6 Hours	£45	£35
12 Hours	£60	£45
Full Day	£80	£55

For availability, more details and a booking form please contact the booking clerk:-
 David Cockburn
 Tel: (01362) 688749
 Mobile: 07778 835 254
 Email: BawdeswellVH@aol.com

Bawdeswell Community Groups are not charged on weekdays when the hall is not otherwise in use.

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 !!



Do something amazing today

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Bawdeswell Dates 2008 – all Tuesdays
 2008 - 15th April, 10th June, 19th August,
 14th October, 23rd December.

1pm to 3.10pm and 4.30pm to 6.55pm

The Mobile Blood Donor Van (Bloodmobile) will visit Bawdeswell regularly in 2008 at the Village Hall. Please note that the regular day is now a Tuesday. The Bloodmobile also visits Reepham, North Elmham & Swanton Morley regularly if you are unable to attend on the Bawdeswell dates. Visit www.blood.co.uk for more information.

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REEPHAM & DISTRICT ROTARY

Students from the Reepham High School who are taking part in the sponsored walk along the Norfolk Peddars Way gave a presentation to members at their recent meeting. Six students, George Abbott, John Bugg, Olly Coles, Freddie Fielder, Aaeron Moss and David Vaughan will commence the walk from Knettishall Heath on 28th March and hope to complete the walk at Holme-next-the-Sea on 30th March. Support will be given by club members, headed by Rotarian Robert Briggs, being the mentor of the students. Monies will be raised in memory of the two former Reepham High School students who died of cancer and funds split between caring for children with cancer and the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust. Club members will be helping the students set up camp, cooking and supplying breakfast. Robert will be joining the students on the walk. The club has sponsored the event to the sum of £600 and all students are looking for further generous sponsorship.

Rotarian Paul Smith is busy with helping the organization of the technology evening at the Hewitt School Norwich on 6th March. A team from Reepham High School has entered the event and Paul has persuaded Wing Commander Wallis of the 'James Bond Autogiro Fame' to help judge the contest.

Members of the club are helping the Reepham Environmental Group to apply for grants to help with properties within Reepham to improve their insulation. Monies are available from EADA and Broadland Council to help the community with energy savings.

A quiz night arranged by Rotarian Richard Cooke raised over £400, which is being donated to the sponsored walk and a further £132 was raised by Rotarian Kevin Marles with his BBQ at a recent fundraising event.

Ken Ewing

BAWDESWELL PLOUGHING SOCIETY

Ploughing Match

Bawdeswell Ploughing Society again had to postpone their Ploughing Match which had been rearranged for February 3rd, due to recent rainfall.

It will hopefully take place in the Autumn, the date and place will be announced later in the year in The Reeve's Tale. Any enquiries, please phone Steve and Dena Framingham on 01362 688063.

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We went to a Romany community living under a road bridge on a massive rubbish dump. Their homes were made from wood, cardboard and bits of metal. The weather was bleak and wet and underfoot was thick, deep mud. They children appeared from everywhere, knowing what we were bringing and clamoured around our minibus with bright, eager faces shouting "packets, packets!" They rushed off to their homes to open their boxes.

The men took the empty cardboard cartons to insulate their houses.

We visited an Institution for "Youths with Developmental Difficulties". One young man in his 20's had spent 3 months in the Autumn making a beautiful, woven wall-hanging of a tractor. He loved machines including tractors and lorries. What did he get in his box? A large truck and trailer. He was thrilled!

I don't know how many boxes we gave out in those few day - hundreds! I saw the lorry from Norfolk arrive in Novi Sad with all the boxes intact.

About 50 boxes were sent from the benefice. Thankyou to the Sparham Family Service, The Beck W.I., the W.F.H. and everyone who filled boxes, collected fillers, knitted and helped in the warehouse.

More wool is needed for knitting hats, gloves and scarves so if you have any I would be very grateful.

I hope we will be able to send many more boxes this year so if you would like to help in any way please let me know. (01362 688379)

Gill Page



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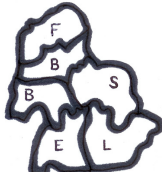
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Benefice News and Events

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It has been heard in all our churches now and the churchwardens need to make the decision whether we purchase it as a group. If you have any comments about it, please let them be known.

It would be an asset to own one, but if it is considered too costly then we will have to send it back or seek a generous donor to buy it for us.

Men's Breakfast

The first one of the year was held in Foxley Village Hall on Saturday 16th February. Many thanks to Monica Hatch and her team for a very good breakfast, enjoyed this time by 33 lucky men.

March Events

13th Coffee morning at The Paddocks, Lyng 10.30am

7th Women's World Day of Prayer 2pm Lyng church

8th Friends of Bawdeswell Church Quiz Night in village hall 7.30pm

15th Foxley Iceni choir 7.30 in the Church

29th Sparham Spring Bazaar Old School Room



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BAWDESWELL

One Step Ahead

We have been encouraged by the increased attendance at Bawdeswell church and we always welcome newcomers and occasional attenders. There is always coffee and a chance to socialise afterwards if you have time. Please do come along sometime.

The monthly Benefice service which rotates around the six villages is proving a very good way to extend our circle of acquaintances and you find when you drive through the neighbouring villages you begin to recognise people. The Men's Breakfasts and Ladies Lunches are taking this a step further and we find we have greatly enlarged our circle of friends in the surrounding area.

The monthly Benefice service is called "One More Step" - a new form of service on the second Sunday of every month - specially devised for those who find our traditional services a bit heavy going. They are short and to the point and the aim is to learn something and go home with a thought for the day, not be preached at! See the church notice boards or the back of this magazine for the location of the next one.

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

The fund stands at just over £4,000. Thank you those who have started the ball rolling.

If you are thinking about making a donation in memory of somebody or as a memorial to yourself, there is some advantage to the recoverable tax if you make the donation before 5th April when the chancellor will be reducing this concession. A donation of £390 is currently worth £500 with the tax relief. After 5th April it would cost you £400 to make the same donation.

It is an interesting thought that it would only take for example 2 gifts of £3,000, three gifts of £2,000, 4 gifts of £1,000 and 5 of £500 and we would be there!

All donations, however small, will help and will of course be gratefully received. These can be made over a period of months or years, or as a one-off gift.

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 and a sample of his keyboards. This is in support of or appeal.

Robin Taylor.

From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again,

I think much of the reaction to the Archbishop of Canterbury talking about Sharia law in Britain is “shoot the messenger”. A lot of people are uncomfortable thinking that there may be external influences in the law that governs them. The idea that Muslim law might become part of the law of the land worries many. And bragging by Islamists that Britain will have complete Sharia law by 2050 doesn’t help.

But there have always been “external” influences on our laws, and our laws advantage some and disadvantage others. European law affects ours; different invaders, or changes of sovereign, over the centuries brought new laws; new laws arise following new ideas. They changed the society in which we live, as much as the ideas of immigrant communities. Laws change all the time. Who is it who makes them change? How would you yourself get a law changed?

If you like to use Lent to think, it’s good to ask yourself how much you need to dominate others. Even in the small things of life, like domestic arrangements, or conversations, do they have to play by your rules? Do you live your life as if you have a little kingdom that you organise? It might be something that you decide you need to relax.

At Easter, Christians will be celebrating the fact that they are immigrants into a new kingdom. They believe that what Jesus did has changed the border controls of heaven. Then they’ll ask themselves, how much did heaven have to change to let me in, how much do I have to change to be at home here? That’s why it’s always a tragedy if churches aren’t open to all comers.

But for all of us, the debate about who changes the rules that we live by is important. What we hope and pray is that those rules will only get better.

God bless you this Easter. David Head

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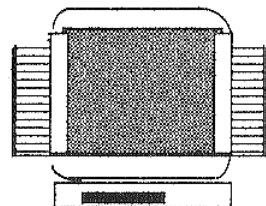
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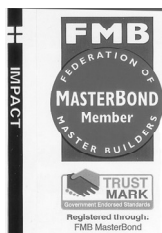
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