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Plans are going ahead for post office facilities two mornings a week in Bawdeswell church.

A suitable sub-master has been found and as a result the outreach postal services will open in the Church for 2 mornings a week for 3 hrs a day, from Jan 09 at the latest.

A worrying incident in Bawdeswell

A man exposed himself to a young girl who was walking home past Adam's Pit at the end of Paradise Lane recently. He was seen making a run for it by a dog walker moments later. He had dark short cropped hair and was 30-ish.

*If anybody has any clues, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111
No need to give your name.*

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NOVEMBER EVENTS DIARY

Sat 1	Traidcraft day at Reepham <i>see page 31</i>
Mon 3	Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm
Tue 4	Flower arranging Classes, Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Wed 5	Mobile Library at Bawdeswell <i>Times on page 19</i>
Thu 6	Book Club meets at Old Workhouse bar 7.30pm
Fri 7	Mobile Library at Foxley <i>Times on page 19</i> Julian Group Meeting 8pm
Sat 8	Project Bawdeswell Meeting 10am FOBC Harvest Supper in Bawdeswell Village hall 7pm
Mon 10	Table Tennis 7.30 Bawdeswell Village Hall WI meets at Sparham Old Schoolroom 7.30pm
Tue 11	Flower arranging Classes, Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Sat 15	Choir Workshop in Bawdeswell church 10.30am
Sun 16	Meet Bishop James
Tue 18	Flower arranging Classes, Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Thu 20	Mobile Police Station, The Street, Bawdeswell 1100-1230 Wensum Bird Society talk 7.30pm <i>see page 29</i>
Fri 22	Julian Group Meeting 8pm
Mon 24	Table Tennis 7.30 Bawdeswell Village Hall
Tue 25	Flower arranging Classes, Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm Foxley Parish Council meeting 7.45pm
Wed 26	Mobile Library at Bawdeswell <i>Times on page 19</i>
Fri 28	Mobile Library at Foxley <i>Times on page 19</i>
Sat/Sun 29/30	Bawdeswell Garden Centre Charity Weekend
Sat 29	Choir Workshop in Bawdeswell church 10.30am

Regular Weekly Events

Bawdeswell Village Hall

Young Farmers	Tuesdays
Countrysiders	Every other Wednesday
WeightWatchers	Thursdays
Parents & Toddlers	Fridays 9.30am
Pilates	Fridays

Foxley Village Hall

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

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BAWDESWELL BADGERS PRE – SCHOOL

Hello everyone, from the Bawdeswell Badgers Sett. There is much excitement in our school at the moment, the eagerly awaited poetry book has arrived and we have a copy in school, well done all.

Our Autumn Term is in full swing, we have already visited Chicken Cottage and examined and admired the new arrivals. The Ginger Bread Man (GBM) has arrived in America and we held a wild west day. We were lucky enough to have a visit from two beautiful horses, Titch and Topsy, and thanks go to Anna and Gilly for taking the time and trouble to bring them to see us. There is a rumour that GBM may show up in India soon for the Divali celebrations.

We have been fortunate to obtain some funding for an all weather surface. This is the first step to an outside area which we can access all year round. Thank you all committee and supporters alike.

Finally congratulations to our Treasurer, Megan, on the birth of beautiful baby Ryan, well done. Good luck to our hardworking and long suffering Chairperson, Sarah, who is having an operation in the near future, we wish you a speedy recovery and don't worry about school work, we will keep it safe for you to sort out when you come home!!

Love from us all at Pre-School., Carol Taylor 01362 688875

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BAWDESWELL SCHOOL

Welcome back to everyone, and welcome to all the new children who have started this term. We would also like to welcome Mr Turner to Bawdeswell School as our new Headteacher.

We have some exciting things happening in school this term. We had a drumming workshop on 23rd October for the whole school, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Northgate High School are running a drama workshop every two weeks with Dolphin Class. We also entered 4 of our year 6 children in the Science Quiz at Reepham High School again this year.

Panda Class are again off to the Pantomime in January, but the difference this year is that our Partnership School, North Elmham will also be going.

Panda Class are also spending the day at North Elmham School on 7th November as part of the Indian day in celebration of Diwali.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 7 th December	Church Christmas Concert.
Tuesday 9 th December	Nativity performance to Pre-school & Panda Class Parents.
Date to follow	School Christmas Disco
Date to follow	School Christmas Performance
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner for Children
Friday 19 th December	1.30pm – Christmas Church Service – all welcome. School closes for Christmas.
Tuesday 6 th January 2009	School re-opens for Spring Term.

Term Dates for Sept 08 to July 09

Autumn Term	*Monday 1 st September 08 to Wednesday 19 th December 08
Half Term	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October 08
Spring Term	Monday 5 th January 09 to Friday 3 rd April 09
Half Term	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February 09
Summer Term	Monday 20 th April to Friday 17 th July 09
Half Term	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 09

May Day is Monday 4th May 2009

Inset Days	Monday 1 st September 08, Monday 3 rd November 08, Monday 5 th January 09, Thursday 2 nd July 09 and Monday 20 th July 09 are designated as staff development days. Children do not attend school on these days.
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Foxley Village Hall Management Committee

Just to let you know...

Great news - Christine Rushbrook's hard work has paid off. The grant applications to (a) WREN (landfill communities fund) (b) National Lottery through AWARDS FOR ALL and (c) Norfolk Rural Community Council, have all been successful. Thank you Christine, you've done a fantastic job and thanks also to the funding organisations for believing in, and supporting Foxley Village Hall. Work to alter the existing electricity supply; renovate the front elevation including the construction of a new porch, and refurbish toilets/hall will be carried out over the next 9 months.

Maintenance -The committee is very grateful to Ron Mercer for fitting new shelves in the kitchen to hold glasses & other necessary equipment for the sale of alcohol at VH events. He also fitted new shelves and brackets in the store and cupboard. David Marshall kindly donated a very smart lightweight ladder, which is now sitting on the new brackets. David also donated a rotunda for dispensing spirits.

Activities - Residents continue to use the hall extensively for a variety of activities and occasions. It has been good to notice that individual people, and organisations from other villages, are making bookings and returning to use the hall again and again – obviously very satisfied with the facilities on offer!

Short Mat Bowls Club	Monday & Friday evening
Keep Fit Classes	Tuesday morning
Table Tennis (Dereham League)	Wed evening
Art Classes	Thurs (Sept-Nov)
Easter Art Exhibition	

The hall is currently available for hire on Monday morning, Tuesday afternoon/evening, Wednesday morning/afternoon, and Thursday all day (Jan-Sept only). There are also various Saturdays and Sundays available.

Hall Rates 1st August 2008 excluding electricity:

General Rate:	£6.50 ph
Children's Party:	£18.00
6 hr session	£36.00
12 hr session	£50.00
15 hr session	£70.00

To make a booking please contact: Until 31st December 08 Ruth Whitmore 688768
1st January to 30th March 09 Pam Jordan 688665

Fund Raising towards Major Works

7 th June 2008	The Singing Farmer	£400
26 th July 2008	Hog Roast & Peter J	£450

Book Nook: Realises only a small amount but is a service to all hall users. Users choose whether funds are given to EA Air Ambulance or the Village Hall

Paper Bank: Approximately £200

Future Event – Date for your Diary

29th December 08 Christmas Village Gathering – Bobby Graham

Management Committee:

The management committee now comprises:
 Chair: Ruth Whitmore, Secretary: Helen Mears,
 Treasurer: Gillian Blyth, Grants Officer: Christine Rushbrook
 Members: Anne Cormie and John Driver

In addition, the committee is also very grateful to the many residents and friends who offer help and support on an ad-hoc basis.

Anglian Water - West Foxley Sewerage Scheme

Following a survey of the Village, Anglian Water has confirmed that the VH Car Park is the most suitable site for the proposed installation of an **underground pumping station**. Further information is awaited.

FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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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BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG)
Children's Christmas Party



Bawdeswell Village Hall
 Saturday 6th December
 2pm – 4pm

Party Games and Party Refreshments

SANTA has promised to drop in to see us.

Admission FREE but tickets must be obtained in advance

So we can tell Santa who will be at the party

Call Janet on 01362 688749 by 28th November

Bawdeswell Village Hall can be hired by parishioners and non residents. You can also hire tables and chairs for your own events. Regular activities at the hall include Young Farmers on Tuesdays, Countryside Rangers every other Wednesday, Weight Watchers on Thursday evenings and Pilates on Friday evenings. The Mothers & Toddlers group meet on Friday mornings 9.30 to 11.30 – there is no admission charge for this and light refreshments are available.



Hire Charges from May 2008

Period	(1) Standard Hire Charge	(2) Parishioners other than in (3)	(3) Parishioners - Hires ending by 5pm on Weekdays #
Minimum (2 hrs)	£16	£15	£10
4 Hours	£30	£25	£15
6 Hours	£45	£35	£25
8 Hours	£50	£40	£30
10 Hours	£60	£45	n/a
12 Hours	£70	£50	n/a
Full Day	£85	£60	n/a

Excludes Bank & Public Holidays. Other hours charged pro rata.

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

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

Village Hall Committee

We have some new committee members whom we welcome most gladly. However, we still need more. One evening a month for our meeting plus helping at occasional events such as the annual fete and helping working parties on hall improvements is all the commitment there is.

BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG)

BAG Adult Activities

'BRIDGE FOR FUN' – IMPROVERS SEMINAR

A concentrated one day seminar will be held on Saturday 17th January 2009 at Sparham Old Schoolroom from 9am to 4 pm. This seminar is designed for those who have mastered the basics and want to improve their game. Attendees will be able to nominate particular topics to be covered from a list of options. The instructor is Mike Virgo, an English Bridge Union qualified teacher with over 40 years experience of playing bridge at all levels. Mike also runs courses for the Norfolk County Council Adult Education Service. The cost of the seminar is £20 which includes a buffet lunch and teas/coffees etc. Shared transport can be arranged if required. Spaces on this course are limited and applications will be processed on a 'first come, first served' basis. An application form is available from our website or contact the BAG events co-ordinator on **01362 688749**.

TABLE TENNIS - Mondays 10th & 24th November and Monday 8th December

As our first table tennis evening on Monday 13th October was a success, we have booked Bawdeswell Village Hall for three more Mondays on the above dates from 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. While people have a break after a game, there are other games (less exhausting!!) or one can have a soft drink from the cafe and a chat. It doesn't matter how well you play - come along and have some fun. There is a nominal charge of £1 per person towards the hire of the hall.

BINGO EVENINGS AT BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

We tried running afternoon Bingo sessions but there wasn't enough interest to continue. We are now considering running some Bingo sessions on a Wednesday evening, once or twice a month, but need to know the level of interest before committing to this. If you are interested call our events coordinator on 01362 688749.

Is there something else that you would like us to organise in the village? Let us know and we will see if there is enough interest to do it.

We now have a website where you can get the latest information about our activities

<http://www.projectbawdeswell.org.uk/BAG/BAG.htm>

BAG is looking for more volunteer helpers and committee members. For the committee they need ideas, especially from parents so it's just an hour or two one evening every few weeks. For helpers at their events the volunteers only need to give the odd afternoon during school holiday times. All checks and training are paid for. We appreciate that a number of residents who would otherwise volunteer are being put off by the requirement for a CRB check but it is a requirement of all the bodies to whom we have applied or will apply to for funds.

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Friends of Bawdeswell Church

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Tickets are selling well. Please get yours as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

The Christmas concert is on **Sunday 7th December**. Besides our usual line up of Annette and Susie and the school choir we are to be joined by members of the ICENI choir . So with the new organ as well it promises to be a really special occasion. More details nearer the time.

FUTURE EVENTS 2008

Harvest Supper Village Hall 7.30pm Saturday 8th November

Christmas Concert 4pm Sunday 7th December



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FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL – EXTRACT OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Harvey, Mears, Hatch, Barrett, Mr G Bambridge(District Cllr), C Boer(Clerk) and 4 parishioners

Minutes of last Meeting: Agreed and signed

Matters Arising

Anglian Water and the Village Hall – Chairman confirmed that a meeting will be held in the near future between himself, a member of the Village Hall Cttee & our appointed valuer Mr Hayward, (with advice from our solicitor if needed) to discuss the way forward with regard to the sale of land to AW. Concerns were again voiced as to AW's statutory powers to obtain the land if the PC had not agreed to sell; it was felt that this might be exaggerated and needs looking into. Chairman confirmed that no action will be taken before a village meeting has been convened. (Latest: AW have appointed a new engineer & fresh plans awaited ahead of any meetings.)

Emergency Plan – The recently amended EP was circulated and no further comments were raised. Therefore the Chairman and Clerk will liaise with Breckland to ensure all information is correct and to look into the best way forward regarding circulation & introduction of the EP.

Boundary Committee's Proposal for One Unitary Authority in Norfolk – Clerk commissioned to formally respond to the Boundary Committee's proposal. The PC made the following comments; the proposal would weaken representation from the District Councillor and County Councillor at PC meetings, the cost implications, concern that the interests of Norwich City would dominate the unitary authority and rural villages would not receive the attention they should.

LDF and Site Specifics Document – The Clerk was commissioned to formally respond to Breckland with the following comments to this document; Foxley does not meet the criteria for any further housing development, so therefore, the PC agrees with the decision that the 6 potential development sites are unreasonable, but wishes to retain the Settlement Boundary.

Correspondence

Red Telephone Boxes – BT are currently undertaking a national programme to agree the level of public payphone provisions which has led to some councils enquiring about the possibility of retaining the red kiosks, without the payphones for historical and aesthetic reasons. It was agreed that Foxley PC did not wish to adopt the red kiosk, reasons being the cost of upkeep of the kiosk and being prone to vandalism (two recent incidents).

Planning

The Old Forge – PA single storey pitched roof extension to form sun lounge PP granted with conditions

Moor Farm – application for agricultural storage building approved.

Church Farm Barns – Foxley Gallery – Enforcement Officer at Breckland investigating the exit following concerns raised that this is too close to the junction especially as there is more traffic that uses this road with recent housing developments.

Flora Nova – Further to the PC's request to see the precise details of means of surface water disposal, Breckland say they have not yet received these details from the agent.

Village Matters

Overgrown grass banks on the paths of Old Fakenham Road and from Foxley to Bawdeswell, still not completed. Clerk commissioned to speak with Highways again and request that this work be completed as a matter of urgency and programmed periodically.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL – EXTRACT OF MINUTES - MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.45PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Shannon, Mason, Beane, Cockburn, Lilwall, Mallen, Mr G Bambridge, C Boer and 9 parishioners

Visit by the Local PCSO Angie Powles to Discuss any Police Matters Relating to the Village – Concerns voiced at the meeting included the continuing problem of cars parking on the pavements, and vehicles parked in an unsafe manner outside the school. The PCSO urged parishioners to call the Dereham Safer Neighbourhood Team to report any such incidents, these would be investigated and, if a build up of reports occurred for the same incident, the Police would respond accordingly.

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere on Agenda

Community Car Scheme – The additional finance necessary for the new CCS had been agreed by Breckland, and Bawdeswell would be the pilot for the new scheme. Breckland officials will be attending the next PC meeting in Nov to give a presentation on the new scheme. One coordinator had been found for the scheme, but the PC felt that a second was necessary along with sufficient drivers. Parishioners urged to support this worthwhile cause.

Transport Questionnaire – PC agreed that the questionnaire should be circulated to all parishioners in Bawdeswell and Foxley via the Reeves Tale. Parishioners were urged to complete questionnaires as it would help to establish the need for the new CCS and any possible future incorporation of Bawdeswell into a wider Flexi-Bus Dial-A-Ride system.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor – PC agreed unanimously to co-opt Alex Kirby as new Parish Councillor.

Highways Outstanding Work – Still awaiting date for the connection of the speed reactive sign from EDF. The ‘Village Only’ sign on the A1067 at the junction with Foxley Rd would be added to the list of future works once the sign has been manufactured. All other work now complete, however as a result of concerns that some of the various potholes reported had not actually been repaired, the Clerk was asked to investigate.

Old Surveyors Land – Clerk had received the draft Transfer from Hood Vores & Allwood. It was agreed that no covenants be placed on the sale of the land, in line with the advice of the solicitor. Trustees also gave authorisation to DS and JM to sign the Transfer at the appropriate time.

Community Speedwatch Scheme – Chairman confirmed that Norfolk Police had been inundated with requests for the CSS and therefore the PC would have to move fast if they were to move forward with this scheme. As a result of the recent advert in the Reeves Tale only 2 volunteers had been found. PC therefore reiterated its urgent request for suitable volunteers to come forward to assist with this worthwhile cause.

Planning

House next to McColls – PA 3PL/2008/1237/F proposed subdivision of dwelling house to 3 dwellings Objections - vehicle access and parking.

Wood Farm – PA 3PL/2008/0799/F subdivision of partially completed barn conversion to 2 self contained units with garaging. PP granted with conditions.

Folland Court – JM agreed to speak with Peddars Way officials about the recent concerns that had been expressed about the state of site.

Lodge Plantation, Dereham Rd – The Enforcement Officer had investigated the PC concerns over Breach of Conditions, and the gates are due to be replaced in the next couple of weeks.

Clerks Report

Post Office – Chairman confirmed that a suitable sub-master had been found and as a result the outreach postal services would open in the Church for 2 mornings a week for 3 hrs a day, from Jan 09 at the latest. It is important that this service needs to be well used if it is to be retained as a service to the village.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.45PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL – VISIT BY BRECKLAND OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME.

New Contact Details for the Parish Clerk -

Claire Boer, Thistle Acre, The Street, Bawdeswell, DEREHAM, NR20 4RT

Tel: 07877 955745, Email: cboer.parishclerk@fsmail.net

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Bawdeswell Book Club



Our last book choice was "The Trumpet Major" by Thomas Hardy.

Unlike many of his other works (e.g. Tess) this was a more light hearted and even comic love story set in the time of the Napoleonic wars. It gave an interesting insight into the Army and Navy of the time and local preparations for an expected invasion.

The main story revolves around the interplay between Anne, a rather charmless heroine, and her 3 suitors. Festus, a dissolute and cowardly character, hoping to inherit his uncle's wealth, is considered a suitable match by Anne's mother, he is very persistent but is dealt with by Anne with fortitude and ingenuity. The other two are brothers, sons of the miller from whom Anne's widowed mother rents their home, and are considered socially inferior. Robert is a sailor who returns after a time away from home whom Anne has loved from her youth and has considered herself loved in return; John (the eponymous Trumpet Major) camps nearby with his regiment and demonstrates a gentle and more steadfast love for Anne which appears to be unrequited; the relationships between the 3 are beset with misunderstandings.

Along the way we get a taste of life for the local inhabitants, their fear of Napoleon and their excitement about the Army camp and the passing of the King's retinue on their way to Portsmouth. The book was enjoyed by all who read it.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30 in the bar and welcome new members.

Our book choice for November is " The Sex Life of my Aunt " by Mavis Cheek.



Mobile Library Service
Home Library Service

The **Mobile Library** calls regularly at

Bawdeswell on a Wednesday and Foxley on a Friday.

Bawdeswell: - Paradise Road 10am, School 10.30am, 12 Reepham Road 11am, Bawdeswell Hall 11.15am, Chaucer Close 11.30-12pm.

Next Visits are 5th November, 26th November.

Foxley: - The Chequers 3.10 – 3.25pm. Next Visits are 7th November, 28th November.

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At its recent meetings the Committee reluctantly agreed that the Children's Play area equipment obtained from Coltishall cannot be re-erected in Bawdeswell. The manufacturers of this equipment, who would be willing at great expense to refurbish and install it, cannot guarantee that once done it would meet the health and safety requirements of ROSPA. We cannot proceed with that knowledge, although we do plan to try to install the slide ourselves because it is in less need of refurbishment and poses less of a health and safety problem. The equipment from Coltishall, which we can no longer use could be made available to a private citizen who may wish to install it in a back garden. If anyone is interested please contact Graham Swain 01362 688204 or David Cockburn 01362 688749.

We have registered with Entrust, which will enable us to apply to Biffawards for funding for brand new wooden equipment from Playscape.

A draft plan of a new Village Hall was tabled and discussions are taking place on how to proceed with fundraising for this. It is planned to make a presentation to the Parish Council in February on all aspects of the proposal.

Plans were also discussed for the BAG activities for half term and for a Christmas party. A Bridge course for adults has just started and table tennis is about to begin once a fortnight. The next meeting will be on Saturday 8th November at 10am at the village hall. Join us and hear all about the various work streams and share your ideas with us.

More information on www.projectbawdeswell.org.uk or call the Secretary on 688749



Bawdeswell Last Date 2008 – all Tuesday
23rd December
1pm to 3.10pm and 4.30pm to 6.55pm

The Mobile Blood Donor Van (Bloodmobile) visits Bawdeswell regularly on a Tuesday at the Village Hall. 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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Initially, letters are sent to registered keepers of offending vehicles asking for their assistance in keeping speeds down in your community, with persistent offenders targeted for police enforcement.

Isn't this a police job?

Norfolk Constabulary is committed to achieving casualty reduction targets, and include "reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured on the road" as part of their Policing Plan. With ever-greater demand it is simply not possible to carry out speed enforcement checks in every community that wants them on a regular basis. Indeed, having to prioritise resources means that some communities that have a speeding problem without a corresponding collision record may be unlikely to see meaningful levels of enforcement. This is where working together can help.

Does it work?

In 2007 the scheme was trialled in Hopton and was quickly rolled out across a number of Parishes within the Eastern Area of the County with great success. There is no reason why this could not be as successful in other areas provided that schemes are set-up and run in accordance with guidelines developed during the trial.

Volunteers!!!

Bawdeswell needs 6 volunteers and a co-ordinator to get the scheme started. You only need to commit to 1 hour a week plus some time for the training. A copy of the Norfolk Police booklet can be downloaded from the Parish Council website at <http://eoe.xarg.co.uk/bawdeswell/>

Contact the Parish Clerk - Claire Boer on 07877 955745 - if you can help.

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BAWDESWELL FOOTBALL CLUB.

Following their excellent 2007/8 season Bawdeswell FC is now looking forward to challenging for the Division 3 title in 2008/9. They have made a good start to the new season with 3 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss so far. There has also been an excellent win in the Norfolk Primary Cup 1st round beating Dilham 5 goals to 2.

New players and supporters are always needed for the team. For information about the club please contact Philip Duffield on (01362) 688611

More club information is available online at <http://bawdeswellfc.co.uk/default.aspx>



BAWDESWELL BOWLS CLUB.

Bawdeswell has an excellent venue situated behind the Village Hall and new members are invited to join the club.

For further information please contact Paul Digby on (01362) 688615



BECK WI

Aleathia opened our October meeting. She then introduced our speaker, Richard Watts, who had come to talk to us about his Uncle Frank and memories of a Norfolk Life.

Richard entertained us for an unforgettable hour with stories of his Uncle Frank who was born in the village of Paston on the North Norfolk Coast and apparently never went further than 450 yards from the village during his long life. Uncle Frank, a builder by trade, was a real Norfolk countryman with a real knowledge and pride in the local crafts. Many a story he could tell of blacksmiths, wheelwrights, carpenters, etc. Luckily, Uncle Frank left written notes and articles about rural life some 50 to 60 years ago and these memories have now been printed in three books. A most enjoyable talk.

After tea/coffee break we talked over arrangements for a visit to Norwich's Theatre in January (West Side Story) and our Christmas Dinner in December.

A pleasing result from the A.G.M. which followed - 5 committee members - Aleathia is President with members Carol, Christine, Jennifer and Margaret. Aleathia thanked Jennifer and Gill for their past help as Secretary and Treasurer.

On Monday 10th November we have Richard Wright visiting us. His subject - From pigs to oil lamps. Exhibition - Anything piggy. Hope to see you all.

Mary Humphrey.

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The Icení Choir are privileged to have James Lilwall as their musical director and conductor. Our inaugural concert in July 2007 at Salle Church was given to a packed audience and, since then, we have received invitations to sing in various venues and festivals. Icení's repertoire ranges from early Church and sacred music to Broadway and popular song. There are exciting plans possibly to twin the choir with a similar choir in France during 2009. We aim to sing, perform and entertain at the highest possible level whilst still enjoying ourselves.

We are also extremely lucky to have Hannah Francis, an accomplished soprano, as our President. Hannah was invited by James to hear the choir and has since helped us with our sound by dedicating her time and experience to lessons and workshops. Hannah was a principal soprano with the English National Opera, performing widely on the international operatic platform and, as a recitalist, Hannah sings regularly in London. She was delighted to have been invited to be President of Icení.

Icení rehearse on Wednesday evenings at All Saint's Church, Bawdeswell at 7.30pm and new members are encouraged and welcomed. We will be giving three Christmas concerts this year, the first being in St Mary's Church, Reepham at on Sunday 30th November at 3pm. The second is at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Swaffham on Friday 5th December at 7.30pm and then lastly at All Saint's Church, Bawdeswell at on Sunday 7th December at 4pm.

Three workshops for voice, taken by Hannah Francis, are being held at All Saint's Church, Bawdeswell on Saturdays 25th October, 15th November and 29th November, all commencing at 10.30am. All are welcome and coffee will be served. A Master Class with Hannah will be held in January (date to be confirmed).

For more details contact James Lilwall on 01362 688499 or by email to pjlilwall@hotmail.com.

Tickets for any/all concerts are available from James Lilwall.

ELMHAM PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP

YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR POINT

Yes, we know you've heard it before. You've heard it so many times, from the most unlikely people: how what you have to say is important. This time, though, it is important. At issue is the facility of dispensaries such as those at the Elmham and Swanton Morley surgeries. The question that is being asked by the government in a national consultation is whether dispensaries operated by, and earning money for, doctors is the best way of meeting patients' needs. In this case, it will not be enough to register the view of the Elmham patient participation group: it will require the individual views of as many people as possible. One suggestion on offer in the consultation is that dispensaries might be better placed by the primary care trust which oversees all the health services in each county. Again, there could be a general shift to providing prescriptions by commercial pharmacies. There is talk of patients' being given the choice of going directly to a chemist's shop instead of their doctor.

The doctors at the Elmham practice argue for 'no change'. They point to a dispensary service geared to patients scattered over 39 villages and hamlets; to the abolition of queues at the dispensary itself; to the introduction of 'on-line' ordering of repeat prescriptions and the delivery service of medication for patients who have difficulty getting about. You can get the details from the surgery and you have until November 20th to have your say, no matter how short. You can do it by visiting the website http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/LiveConsultations/DH_087324 or by writing to: Gillian Farnfield, MPI Community Pharmacy Policy, 4th floor, Skipton House, 80 London Road, London. SE1 8LH

Remember: doing, or saying, nothing could mean that you finish up with something you do not want.

Alan Mackim

Banham Poultry at Great Wichingham – No Stink Campaign

Rendering Plant Pollution Prevention and Control permit Refused.

It was confirmed that the Pollution Prevention and Control permit was **refused** and Banhams have 6 months in which to appeal.

It was also confirmed that Banhams have, at the 11th hour, put in an appeal against the decision of Norfolk County Council to refuse the retrospective planning permission in February. Banhams have reactivated a previously withdrawn planning application for 2 buildings on the present site.

This news was given to the parish on 25th September at a meeting arranged by Gt Wichingham Parish Council at Lenwade House Hotel. Although Banham Compost Ltd were invited they declined to attend, but Keith Simpson MP, Phil Kirby (Chief Planning Officer for Broadland District Council), Nic Johnson (Planning Services Manager for Norfolk County Council), Simon Woodbridge (District Councillor) and James Joyce (County Councillor) attended. There was much debate with the meeting calling for Enforcement Action to run in conjunction with the appeal. If Banhams loose the appeal Enforcement Action would immediately be activated, thereby curtailing any further waiting to be of rid of this blot on the landscape.

WENSUM VALLEY BIRDWATCHING SOCIETY

At our indoor meeting the president of the American Ornithological Union, Professor Fred Cooke gave a very entertaining talk on the more specialised pursuit of sea-watching. Addressing the question of when to sea-watch Prof Cooke said that it is generally thought the best time is early morning, however, experience has shown that, apart from late afternoons, the number of Birds seen per hour is remarkably similar throughout the day. The direction and speed of the wind also has an influence, the highest numbers appearing when the wind is from the North West. The Professor said that sea-watching is important for surveys and there is much more to be learned about seabirds. It can be fun and relaxing but many watchers find it the hardest form of birdwatching – which we put to the test on our field trip to.....



Field Trip: Holme Birdwatching Observatory. It is one thing to sit in a warm village hall listening to the theory but the practice started at 7.0 am on a Sunday morning at Holme Dunes. Sadly the wind was non-existent and an early morning mist limited the exercise, but patience was rewarded and several species were seen including Auks and Gannets. We finished the day at Titchwell where a yellow browed warbler made an unexpected appearance.

Wild About Norfolk: Give a group of children hammers, nails and pieces of wood, show them how to make a nest box, stand back and watch as they attack the task with a passion. This was the scene (and sound) at the RSPB stand at the Norfolk Wildlife exhibition held at Notcutts Garden Centre. As one of the newer organisations our stand attracted lots of interest. We signed up new members and the RSPB finished up with a lorry load of nest boxes. Well done children!

Dates for the diary:

Indoor meeting: Our final presentation of the year is on Thursday November 20th at Weston Longville Village Hall by Dr. Mike Edgecombe entitled 'Extreme Birding from the Roof', a record of a bird trip to Tibet. Start 7.30, all are welcome, tea and biscuits laid on.

Field Trip: We are going further afield for our last field trip of the year. On Sunday November 23rd we will be visiting Rockingham Forest to see Red Kites.

Colin Wright 01603 740548 admin@wvbs.co.uk



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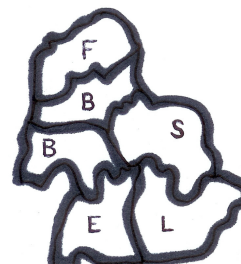
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Television – Digital Switchover

There has been a lot of misleading information recently about the Digital Switchover for Television. Don't be conned – it needn't be too costly. Here are some facts.

- **What** - Starting in 2008 and ending in 2012, TV services in the UK will go completely digital. This process is called digital switchover. The UK's old television broadcast signal is being switched off and replaced with a "digital" signal. Any TV set that's not converted to digital when the switchover takes place will no longer receive TV programmes.
- **How** - Every TV set you want to keep watching in your home will need to be converted or upgraded to digital.
- **When** – 2011 in East Anglia so you have over 2 years to prepare. However, you can convert any time you want to as all the alternatives are available now.
- **How Much** - Digital set top boxes are now available for less than £20 plus the cost of a connecting lead.
- **Help** - Digital UK is aware that switchover can be daunting. If you need help call them on **0845 6 50 50 50**. You are eligible for a Help Scheme if you are: Aged 75 or over, or receiving certain disability benefits or registered blind or partially sighted.

More information is available online at <http://www.digitaluk.co.uk/home2>



Benefice News and Events

The men's Breakfast held on 27th September at Bawdeswell was well attended with 29 men enjoying the usual cooked feast. Thanks to all who helped out on the day. The sum of £215 was raised (including gift tax) and this has gone to the McMillan Nurses Charity.

The Benefice will be visited on November 16th by the Bishop of Lynn. He will attend services at Foxley at 8am, Elsing at 9am, Bawdeswell at 10.30 and Lyng at 3pm. He will also be coming to a bring and share lunch at Lyng village hall on the Sunday, to which all are welcome.

If anyone is interested in attending confirmation classes please contact the Rector On 01603 872381 or david@davidhead.plus.com for more details.

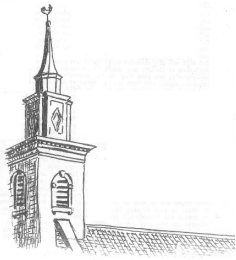
All Souls Day Holy Communion service Monday 3rd November 6pm at Lyng
Please let the Rector have the names of anyone you would like to be remembered at this service either by telephone 01603 872381, a message through the door or by e-mail: david@davidhead.plus.com by Sunday 2nd November.

Have you ever thought of visiting the Diocesan website? If you would like to know more about the issues of marriage and the new rules do look it up on: www.norwich.anglican.org

Some people have tried to contact the Rector using his old e-mail address. This address is now no longer in use. Do please check that you have his new address as mentioned above.

Events for November are:

- 8th Friends of Bawdeswell Church Harvest Supper with Keith Loads
- 15th Autumn Fair Lyng village hall 2pm
- 16th Bishop James' Autumn Visitation



All Saints, Bawdeswell

Organ Progress

The new organ has been installed and the voicing and balancing carried out. We are very much indebted to Dr Gerald Gifford, the renowned organ recitalist and friend, who has shown so much interest in our project and helped in the setting up of the organ. We look forward to his demonstration concert on **Sunday 14th December at 4pm** – a demonstration of the organ’s capabilities.

We hope you will come along.

Baptism 12th October *Isabel Bale*. Welcome!

Cycle Ride Thanks again to all who helped out and those who took part. To date we have raised £407 which is a record for the cycle ride effort.

Christmas Plans

There will be a slightly different pattern of services and events at All Saints’ Church this year – full details will be in next month’s Reeve’s Tale.

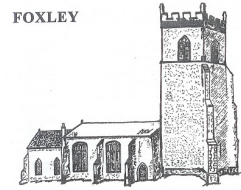
On Sunday 7th December at 4.00 pm the Friends of Bawdeswell Church have arranged their annual Christmas Concert, including the choir Icenis this year.

On Sunday 21st December at 10.30 we will have our Carol Service, an opportunity to bring all the family to sing your favourite carols and to see the children’s Nativity Play.

On Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) we will have the Blessing of the Crib and Christmas communion service at 9.00 pm. This is earlier than the traditional time for Midnight Mass and we hope it will be just as popular. Everyone is welcome to this celebration of the birth of Jesus.

On Christmas Day (Thursday) at 1030 there will be our now traditional Christmas GiG, a short service especially for the children but at which all ages will find a welcome.

FOXLEY



ST.THOMAS’ CHURCH, FOXLEY

Foxley’s Harvest Festival was rather late this year, but we were blessed with a bigger congregation from the whole benefice, and, moreover, a stunningly beautiful Autumn day. We could really feel truly thankful as the sun streamed through the windows and we sang the old Harvest hymns, ending the service with “Fill our hearts with joy and gladness” set to the tune of Beethoven’s “Ode to joy”.

There was a superabundance of apples, huge marrows and a massive pumpkin. Vic Gathergood headed the procession of offerings to the altar with this symbol of a fruitful harvest, accompanied by his daughters Alisha and Jenny with baskets of apples and pears. These little girls also helped by handing out the hymnbooks – another blessing – to have some children in our church!

The Rector, David Head, arranged the informal One More Step service and gave a fascinating talk about combines and combinations. (I can’t do it justice in a few words!). John Fletcher was at the organ and there were readings of appropriate poetry as well as the Bible readings. Much chatter followed along with the coffee and biscuits.

Mr. Geoff Hemmings collected the produce the next day, as usual, to be used at the Reepham Day Centre, where elderly and disabled people enjoy a sociable day and lunches each Wednesday.

I do hope we get a good turnout on 3rd. December for our annual Childrens’ Society Coffee Morning. In the light of recent events, children and families may well need even more support in the future.

Diana Harvey
PCC Secretary

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From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again,

You will probably have heard on the news that marrying in the church of your choice is going to get easier. It's not automatic, but it is a lot easier. If you've got a strong family tie, or have lived in the place yourself for six months, at any time, there is no problem. The Archbishop's Special Licence, which some of you have had, will not be necessary. You now have to "demonstrate a qualifying connection".

In the very old days, when people didn't move around a lot, you just married in the church of the place to which you belonged. But now, people belong in places in quite a different way. You'll find people grow up in one place, work in another, and retire to a third. Which is their home? A very mobile friend of mine once started a poem: "Of the eighty-one places I have called home..."

The change in the regulations is a response to the fact that fewer people were marrying in church. They did not feel that they belonged to the church where they lived. Now, there is an element of choice. You can - within reason - choose which church you belong to for the weddings of your family for unbroken generations.

True, marriage is not about where you belong, but who you belong to. But it's also true, that marriage is about our whole family, and can include a sense of belonging in a certain place. On Remembrance Day, we remember people who died, usually abroad, for their country, in the place where they belonged. A sense of place can be very deep.

But once marriage has happened, the big choice is made. As soon as you belong together, that choice is over. What then happens is that then a whole series of little choices that you face determine the quality of the relationship of the person you most belong to. In making it easier for people to marry in a church that makes sense to them, the church is trying to stress that God belongs in a marriage too, if you will have him.

God bless you. David Head

CHURCH SERVICES November 2008

DATE	2 nd	9 th	16 th	19 th	23 rd	30 th
Season	All Saints	Remembrance	2 Before Advent	Wed	Christ the King	Advent
FOXLEY	EP 5.00pm DH	-	HC(PB) 8am DH	-	HC 1030 TC	HC 1030 DH
LYNG	HC1 0900 DH	1030 DH	EP 3pm +J & DH	-	fs 1030 fst	-
ELSING	MP 1030 DH	-	HC(1) 9am	-	HC 1030 DH	-
BAWDESWELL	HC(1) 10.30 DH	-	GiG 1030 +J &DH	HC(PB) 9am	WP 1030	-
BYLAUGH	-	HC(PB) 0900 DH	-	-	MP 0900 DH	-
SPARHAM	fs 1030	-	HC(PB) 1030	-	HC 0900	-

Abbreviations:

EP	Evening Prayer
hf	Harvest Festival
HC(PB)	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
HC(1)	Holy Communion (Order1)
fs	Family Service
MP	Morning Prayer
EP	Evening Prayer
WP	Words & Praise
OMS	One More Step
GiG	God is Good (family service)
DH	David Head
TC	Tom Candeland
+J	Bishop James