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LETTERS PAGE

Les Watling

Les passed away on 19th October aged 73. He was well known in the motorbike fraternity and in this village. He also enjoyed fishing and visits to Snetterton race track.

His funeral took place in Bawdeswell Church on 11th November. A crowd of 250 family and friends turned out to see him on his way and his coffin was carried to the church in a motorcycle hearse with an escort of many of his biker friends. The service was conducted by the Revd Tom Candeland and afterwards Les was buried in Bawdeswell cemetery. *Carl Bean*

Phil Hague

We wish to send our heartfelt thanks for all the messages of sympathy to our family in our time of sorrow, when I lost my dear husband Phil, and his children and grandchildren lost a greatly loved father and grandfather. The tributes to Phil and words of comfort to us at this time have brought us some peace in our hour of sadness. *Betty Hague & family*

Platinum Farm Stables Fund Raising Sale

Jean, Ron and all at the stables wish to again extend their grateful thanks for another hugely successful day. To all the contributors, cake makers, tea ladies and those that set up and ran the tables, THANK YOU ALL. The sale raised £630 for which we and the horses and ponies are very grateful. We wish also to thank the folks who generously donated £120 from the Foxley Village Hall coffee morning.

Musings on Adam

Spare a thought for Adam, the first man, he has been dispossessed of his Pit! Adam's Pit in Bawdeswell has a new Notice Board; smart and informative, but without that all important *apostrophe* that shows possession. The pit looks fantastic, a lot of hard work has been undertaken by the Parish Council and some of the local men to clear it out and tidy it up, and the rest of the village can only be grateful to them, but poor Adam has been sidelined.

Once the pit was one of the landmarks of Park Farm, and it was named for Adam. He also shared the naming of a meadow with Eve, but how many of us know that? Paradise Lane takes us to Adam's Pit and the Gospel Hall and its cottages are just across the way but Adam's possession of the Pit is gone with the absence of that one little punctuation mark. Eve has been lost, we know there was trouble with his sons, and now the pit doesn't properly show his association. It is up to all of us to remember the history.

Marietta Menzies

DECEMBER/JANUARY DIARY

Thu 1 st Dec	Book Club meets at Old Workhouse Bar, 8pm
Sat 3 rd Dec	Seekers, 10am Bawdeswell Village Hall
Mon 5 th Dec	Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Wed 7 th Dec	Seniors Singalong 2.30pm Bawdeswell Village Hall
Thu 8 th Dec	Flower Arranging Class Wreath Workshop Bawdeswell Village Hall Foxley Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
Sat 10 th Dec	Wreath & Craft sale in Bawdeswell Church all day Pre-School Christmas Fayre 12noon at Bawdeswell Village Hall
Sun 11 th	ICENI Christmas Concert in Bawdeswell Church 4pm
Wed 14 th Dec	Coffee Morning 10.30am at Foxley Village Hall
Fri 16 th Dec	School Christmas Service/ end of term
Sun 18 th Dec	Carol service & Nativity Bawdeswell Church 10.30am Carol Service Foxley 4.30pm Carol Singing round Bawdeswell/ village Christmas party – 4pm on, Village Hall
2012	
Thu 5 th Jan	Book Club meets at Old Workhouse Bar, 8pm
Thu 12 th Jan	Craft Group at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Sat 14 th Jan	Bawdeswell Free Cinema 7pm
Wed 18 th Jan	Coffee Morning 10.30am at Foxley Village Hall
Wed 25 th Jan	Foxley Village Hall Burns Night
Thu 26 th Jan	Craft Group at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm

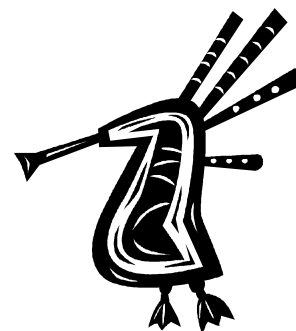
Foxley Village Hall – regular events

Exercise Classes	Every Tuesday morning at 9.30am.
Short Mat Bowls	Every Monday & Friday Evening
Bridge	Tuesday evening 7.15pm
Table Tennis	Wednesday evening.

Bawdeswell Village Hall - regular events

*Parish Council	Normally 1 st Monday of Month (not Jan or Aug)
*Village Hall Committee	Normally 3 rd Monday of Month
*Table Tennis	Every Monday
Countrysiders	Every other Wednesday in term time
WeightWatchers	Thursdays 6.15pm
Running Club	Thursdays 8pm
Little Monkeys (Parent & Toddler Group) JayCee	Fridays 9.15am
Bridge Club	Fridays 2.15pm
Pilates	Fridays 7pm
Seekers	1 st Saturday of month
ICENI Choir Practice	Wednesdays 7.30pm
*Village Cinema Matinee	Some Months on Saturday 3pm
*Village Cinema	Monthly on a Saturday 7pm Not December

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Wednesday 18th January 2012

Wednesday 15th February

Wednesday 21st March

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I live in Bawdeswell and I help out at Seekers.

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References available. Please contact me on 688876 or 07878138860

Thank you!



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**Wednesday 7th December 2.30pm ~ 4.30pm
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BECK W. I.

Our Annual Meeting was on Monday 14th November. After welcoming everyone, Aleathia 'gave the floor' to Anne Cormie, one of our very own members, who had agreed to give us a demonstration of working with stained glass.


This has been Anne's favourite hobby for the last four years and her enthusiasm was clear to see as she showed us samples of beautifully coloured glass. She talked us through the various necessary stages, from the manufacture of the finished product, cutting, grinding, colouring, binding rough edges and joining with solder. After watching Anne cutting plain glass (straight and curved edges) we all tried our luck doing just that! Fascinating. A lovely enjoyable talk – many thanks Anne.

After our tea/coffee break, Alethia thanked the committee and all WI members who had helped in any way during the year. She then handed out copies of the satisfactory Financial Statement and Christine read the Minutes of last month and also the Annual Report. Voting showed that members were very happy with the work of the existing members and wished them to continue. This they agreed to do. The committee therefore is: Alethia as President. Members – Carol, Christine, Jennifer and Margaret, with the welcome addition of Chris Woor.

The exhibition of a piece of jewellery was won by Ruth and Jean won the raffle.

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Mary Humphrey



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It was with sadness and shock that we received the news of the unexpected death of Philip Hague. Phil passed away at his home in Bawdeswell during the evening of Thursday, 3rd November.

Phil and his wife Betty moved to Bawdeswell six years' ago. Very quickly they became active members of village life, and were much liked by everyone who met them.

It can be said that Phil was always there to help, but seldom, if ever, asked for help himself. He never put himself forward, but quietly got on with the many tasks and interests which he undertook. Beneath that self-effacing exterior however, Phil had a quirky and amusing sense of humour.

As a retired chartered structural engineer, Phil gave the village the benefit of his expertise and experience in helping to develop the current plans for the proposed new village hall. It is no exaggeration to say that without Phil's invaluable support and guidance, the proposals for the new hall would be nowhere near where they are today. The drawings and plans which we have are a testimony to his efforts.

Painting in water colours was one of Phil's pastimes, and reference to any of his pictures will confirm his considerable artistic ability. Anyone who has acquired one of his paintings, and there are many in the village, will be able to continue enjoying his work in the years to come.

Phil, a kind, thoughtful, and utterly selfless man, will be missed by all those who had the good fortune to know him.

Our condolences go to Betty and all her family.

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Breckland



We have all been extremely saddened by the sudden death of Phil Hague who has been a key person in the preparation of the plans for the new village hall. He has given hours and hours of his time to this project over the last 3-4 years. We will miss him greatly and are even more determined than ever to make sure this project comes to fruition in his memory.

There have been two meetings with Breckland recently and some changes have been made to the façade of the building which we and Planning are happy with. Going through the plans with them has been a helpful and positive process. At the meeting on Tuesday 8th November the changes to the façade were shown and well received. So all that is finally in place and the Business Plan is also complete now, for which we are most grateful to Lovewell Blake, who have prepared it for us under the Pro Help scheme totally free of charge.

We saw some new faces at the open meeting on Tuesday and are grateful for the offers of support we received, which are also very encouraging. It was also encouraging to see how the Buy a Brick scheme has grown in the six months since the last presentation. We expect to hold another open meeting in about 6 months so if you missed it this time we will hope to see you then. Fel Roberts sold several bottles of Bawdeswell Village Hall labelled wine and more is available from her.

Our focus from here on will be on fundraising. The Committee intends to start the New Year with a Work Shop researching appropriate grant givers, so I guess we look forward to filling in a lot of forms next year!

We are continuing our Wednesday morning weeding and litter picking at the play area and have planted about 300 bulbs. We had a lovely sunny afternoon doing that with some children and mothers during half term. So fingers crossed they come up and the squirrels don't find them!

M.M.

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LOST PROPERTY AT THE HALL

We have a number of items of children’s clothing, some footwear and a walking stick that have been left at the hall. Please contact us if you think that they may be yours. Items will be kept for 3 months and then placed in the clothing bank.



Bawdeswell Craft Group

We all seem to be caught up in knitting warm winter jumpers at the moment – mostly for children although one lucky husband is going to look stunning at the Christmas GIG this year! However, knitting certainly isn’t compulsory and we love people to come along and bring their own work or to just come along to share a cup of tea and a chat. Our last get together this year will be on the 24th November. On the 8th December there will be wreath making in the Village Hall and some of our members will be involved with that. We will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month next year so our January 2012 dates will be 12th and 26th. Enquiries Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400.



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Present: Councillors Shannon, Beane, Kirby, Lilwall, Mallen, Mrs C Boer and 1 parishioner.

Ongoing Issues From Previous Meetings

Adams Pit: No further work has been undertaken since the last meeting. However, a group of volunteers will be planting the second tranche of hedging/trees that have been ordered from Felthorpe Nursery over the next 2 weeks. Once the remaining bills have been settled, the Clerk will submit the match funding grant application to Norfolk County Council for the final phase of work on the Pit.

Possible Provision of Allotments: The Chairman of the Parish Council and Jayne Bowen (representing BAGLA) met with Karen Kenny, the Eastern Area Representative from NALGA, on Monday 31st October 2011, to discuss set-up costs and issues surrounding the possible development of an allotment site down Elsing Lane. While the meeting did not provide definitive costings, it was useful as a means of highlighting the pros and cons of the potential site and the likely work involved in setting it up as a community wide, sustainable resource for the village. Subsequently, the Parish Council unanimously agreed to press forward with the possible negotiation of a long term lease with the landowner of the Elsing Lane site. The Chairman, in association with BAGLA and Karen Kenny, will now draft a business case for the creation of this community resource, both to support any future negotiations with the landowner and funding grant applications.

Village Sign: The new village sign is planned to be unveiled on 20th November, and the Parish Council would like to thank Ailsa McColville for leading on this project and Mr and Mrs Thatcher for producing such a wonderful new village sign.

Improvements to Public Transport to Dereham: Unfortunately, the proposed pre-bookable bus service from Bawdeswell to Dereham that Norfolk County Council hoped to launch in November has had to be postponed by an associated delay in the introduction of the Foulsham feeder service to meet the X29 service in Bawdeswell. The latter is now under review but, if it goes ahead, it is unlikely to be introduced before April 2012. Despite these setbacks NCC officials have confirmed that discussions are underway with West Norfolk Community Transport about going ahead with the Bawdeswell element of the service in any event, and while these decisions are clearly price dependant, money has already been allocated in the budget to support this service. NCC should receive a quote from West Norfolk Community Transport for the extra Bawdeswell service by mid-November and NCC will update the Clerk again then.

Any Other Business of Interest to Parishioners

New Village Hall Update: Following the sudden death of Phil Hague, members of the Parish Council would like to pay tribute to the professional skill, unswerving support and time Mr Hague put into this project, without which Project Bawdeswell could not have achieved as much as it had. Feedback from Breckland District Council officials on how the design appearance of the new village hall could be improved have been taken on board and incorporated in new village hall plans which will be resubmitted to Breckland for planning approval shortly.

Annual Audit of the Parish Council Accounts: The Clerk reported that Mazars have returned the annual audit for the year ending 31st March 2011 and, on the basis of their review, they confirmed that information in the annual return was in accordance with proper practices and no matters had come to their attention warranting any concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements were not met.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 5th December 2011. At this meeting the Parish Council will debate and set the Precept for 2012/2013; something that should be of interest to all parishioners. The Clerk is also continuing with her efforts to try and arrange a visit by the PCSO to discuss anti-social behaviour within the village at this meeting.

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Our next films will be on the following dates

Saturday 14th January 2012 - doors open 7pm

Free Entry Film [15]

Saturday 11th February 2012 - doors open 7pm

Free Entry Film [tba]

Our film nights for the rest of 2012 will normally be on the second Saturday of the month but see the Reeve's Tale for confirmation as there will not be a film every month.

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Bawdeswell Events

You can now see future events for Bawdeswell and some for surrounding villages on Facebook www.facebook.com/pages/Bawdeswell-Norfolk/116544105086866?sk=events or on the calendar on the Project Bawdeswell Website <http://projectbawdeswell.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

or if you have a Google account you can link direct to the Bawdeswell calendar

Some special dates for 2012 that you might want to put in your diary are

Sunday April 15th – Titanic Day - 100th Anniversary of the disaster –

Following a Titanic breakfast at 9am served by the BAGY team, there will be various displays etc during the rest of the day and you can stay for as little or as much as you like. Full details of the event and timetable will be posted in the village hall. If you would like to help with this event please contact David on 688749. Call Fel on 01362 688876 or 07957254503 to book breakfast.

Raising funds for the play area and new hall fund.

Sunday May 6th – Tractor Run and BAGY Breakfast – Breakfast 8.30 to 11.30am

Tractor Run – leaves Village Hall at 10am - returning around 4pm

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Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee Mourns the Passing of Phil Hague

Phil who passed away suddenly on the evening of 3 November 2011 will be sorely missed by the team. A valued member of the committee he had also been at the core of the planning for the New Hall building as a member of Project Bawdeswell and had made personal contributions to the New Hall fund through the sale of his paintings of local houses and the Buy a Brick scheme. **Our thoughts at this time are with Betty and her family.**

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BOOKCLUB



The Book Club meets in the Workhouse Bar on the first Thursday of every month at the new time of 8pm. We mostly obtain books from the Library so there is not the expense of buying new books each month. We are reading *Freedom* by Jonathon Franzen for discussion at our meeting on 1st December, and we will be reading *Hare with Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal for discussion at our meeting on 5th January 2012. New members are always welcome. Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400.

The Children's Book, by A S Byatt This is a complex and many layered this book; it concentrates on the Wellwood family and their friends who live an apparently idyllic Bohemian existence. The book is about the relationships between these people and others but it is just as much about the age they live in from 1895 to 1919, with historical events intertwined in the story. The main characters are influenced by the morals and manners of the age they live in. The background is lush and decadent as the Victorian age gives way to the Edwardian era and eventually to the Great War. The book opens with Philip Warren hiding in the store rooms of the South Kensington Museum (now the V&A). He is brought before Prosper Cain and Olive Wellwood, a "successful authoress of magical tales". Although not revealed until later in the book Olive's background is not that dissimilar to Philip's and she helps him to join the successful potter Benedict Fludd and his eccentric family. The story revolves around the Wellwoods and their cousins, the Fludds and the family of Prosper Cain. The relationships between the characters are convoluted and nothing is as it first appears. With few exceptions the older men in the book are often rather unpleasant and the women self-absorbed, but the characters become more likeable and the pace of the story quickens when it moves onto the younger generation in the second part of the book.

Members of the Book Club had quite mixed reactions to it: some loved the wonderful descriptions – others felt that they slowed down the pace of the story and detracted from its effectiveness. Some found the first part of the book a little slow and with lots of characters it took a little while to get into the story however others really enjoyed it. Although I initially found the book difficult with so many children and families, don't be put off by that it soon becomes easy to work out who is who and follow the twists and turns of the story. Without doubt *The Children's Book* has one of the most beautiful book covers of recent times: can you judge this book by it's cover? I loved it and hope that you will too.

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Red Hot Cinders

Those of you who were at the Harvest Supper, and there were a lot of you there, were (hopefully) entertained by the one night only existence of *The Bawdy Players'* and their presentation of the above short send up of Cinderella. Although this production lasted for just under half an hour, it took our group of ten about 9 weeks to prepare. It has to be said that they were all press ganged into their parts; no auditions were held and everyone was sworn to secrecy. We knew the only way we could make an amusing impact was by the advantage of surprise! Luckily Betty Hague had the script and had performed the piece before and she willingly directed the rest of the motley crew who had never even considered "amdram" as an activity. It was a lot of fun for us but something of a worry for Betty who never once had a full cast to work with at a rehearsal. Betty scoured Charity Shops for costumes, knitted mice and rats and built a coach. We did have lots of laughter throughout and of course dear Phil (the Herald) shared the fun with the rest of us thespians, which is so good for all us to have as a memory of him.

There is some interest in "amdram" in the village and if there is anyone who would like to be involved please let me know, on 01362 688 400.

Marietta Menzies

I would like to say a very big Thank-You to the Cast of Red Hot Cinders, to David Cockburn for the sound & lighting and to Paige and Morgan Roberts for their help at rehearsals.

My special thanks must go to Marietta Menzies, whose idea it was, initially, to put on the Mini-Panto at the Harvest Supper, after reading an old script I loaned her from my Theatrical past. She also did an excellent job in her casting of the show, which was well received by a very supportive audience.

When the new hall is built, complete with stage, I'm sure it will be an excellent drama venue to reveal the many talents we have amongst the young people of the village.

Thanks to all concerned.

Betty Hague

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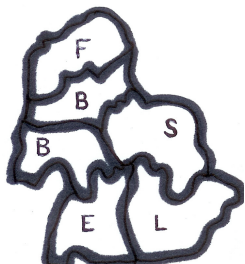
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Benefice Christmas News and Events

Christmas is always a busy time for everyone. To make sure you don't miss out on any of the events and services that are on in the Benefice we have compiled a list for you.

Events

- 10th December Wreath and craft sale in **Bawdeswell** Church 10am -4pm
 11th December Christmas concert with the Icenis choir at **Bawdeswell** Church
 Tickets £7.50 from James Lilwall on 01362 688499

Carol services

- 11th December Benefice Carols 10.30am at Sparham Church
 18th December 10.30am at Elsing Church
 10.30am at **Bawdeswell** Church + nativity with the Seekers
 3pm at Bylaugh Church
 4.30pm at **Foxley** Church
 6.30pm at Lyng Church

Christmas Eve

- 4pm Crib service at Lyng Church
 9pm First Mass of Christmas at **Bawdeswell** Church
 11pm Holy communion at Elsing Church

Christmas Day

- 9am Holy Communion at Bylaugh Church
 10.30 Holy Communion at **Foxley** Church
 10.30 Holy Communion at Lyng Church
 10.30 GiG Family Service at **Bawdeswell** Church
 10.30 Holy Communion at Sparham Church

The Rector, the Churchwardens and the Benefice Ministry Group would all like to wish you a very Joyous Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year

This page is instead of the usual Benefice Christmas Card and a donation of £100 has been sent in its place to *Crisis at Christmas*. SMT
Women's World day of Prayer 2012 will be at Bawdeswell Church on Friday 2nd March. MK

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From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

Whatever our beliefs, Christmas is traditionally a time when we pray for peace. We have the story of a little baby who is defenceless, and of the hope for the future that people see in him.

But Christmas can get very busy. I like the story (by Nicholas Allan) of the grumpy inn-keeper; he's woken up by a couple who needed to sleep in his barn, and then keeps on being woken up through the night, as more and more people arrive; angels, shepherds, wise men; and he gets ever grumpier. (Of course, his mood changes when he sees the baby).

Preparing for Christmas can feel like that. I like writing Christmas cards rather than sending them by email, because it reminds me of all my friends much better, but all of a sudden I've got hundreds of people in my head. Charity appeals remind me of all the needs in the world. Catalogues present me with a thousand different products, many of them made all round the world. And for someone like me who finds decisions hard to make, gift ideas keep on circling in my head.

It may be busy, but I can hope for peace. And it is true, there will be some people for whom a Christmas that isn't busy won't feel peaceful at all. It can be a time of sorrow. But I do hope that for those of you for whom this is the case, thinking of, or praying for, the needs of the world will help. Whether other people know it or not, you are adding your goodwill wishes, and it is strengthening both you and the world.

This last year has been a very difficult time for a lot of people, and from all that we can see, next year is going to have problems as well. But next year we can look forward to the Olympics and the Jubilee, which offer us times to celebrate what people and communities can do. I hope it will be a time when, whatever our national or political beliefs, we can look at ways in which peace can flourish, both globally and locally.

God bless you this Christmas David Head

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Church Services DECEMBER

JANUARY

Date	Season	11/12	18/12	24/12	25/12	01/01	08/01	15/01	22/01	29/01
		3 rd Sunday of Advent	4 th Sunday of Advent	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	The Second Sunday of Christmas	The Baptism of Christ	Epiphany 2	Epiphany 3	Epiphany 4
Foxley		16.30 Carols DH	16.30 Carols DH	-	10.30 HC DH	17.30 EP DH	08.00 HC DH	10.30 MP CW	10.30 OMS DH	-
Lyng		-	18.30 Carols DH	16.00 Crib Service DH	10.30 HC TC	9.00 HC1 DH	10.30 W&P CW	15.30 EP DH	-	-
Elsing		-	10.30 Carols DH	23.00 HC DH	-	-	09.00 HC DH	10.30 W&P CW/DH	-	-
Bawdeswell		-	10.30 Carols and Nativity CW	21.00 HC DH	10.30 GiG Team	10.30 HC1 DH	10.30 GiG Team	10.30 WP CW	-	16.00 Service of Prayer for Healing DH
Bylaugh		9.00 HC PB DH	15.00 Carols DH	-	9.00 HC DH	-	9.00 MP CW	-	9.00 HC DH	United 10.30 HC DH
Sparham		10.30 OASIS Carols DH	9.00 HC DH	-	10.30 HC John Ashe	10.30 OASIS Team	10.30 HC DH	9.00 HC DH	-	-

Holy Communion at Lyng every Thursday morning 9.30am