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LETTERS

Dogs again

As you know, I moved from Bawdeswell some three or more years ago but I am still thoroughly involved on the Farm. Each year I try to do a big litter pick to keep the fields relatively tidy. This litter pick also involves the Bawdeswell Hall Drive and the small part of the public road leading to it from the bus shelter on Norwich Road.

This year, it was particularly nasty because not only on the public road but also for quite a distance up the Hall Driveway I found that somebody had been clearing up after their dog with a doggy bag but instead of taking their mess home, they had thrown it doggy bag and all into the hedge. This has obviously happened not once but on several occasions.

Can you please publish this letter in the Reeve's Tale in the hope that this deplorable and disgusting habit stops.

David Gurney

The problem is widespread in the village. The Dog Warden has visited Bawdeswell during April and issued a written warning to one dog walker reported for not picking up their dog's mess in Paradise Lane near Adam's Pit. A dog walker has been seen setting off up the Hall Driveway with a bag in hand and returning without it.

Most dog walkers are considerate and very careful, but there are one or two who are letting them down and leaving themselves open to large fines. How many times a year do we have to bring this to people's attention! Ed.

A Telephone Scam

Someone claiming to be from the *Windows Centre* in Manchester cold-called me, claiming there were constant error reports and my computer was in danger of being corrupted. He asked me to go through some steps with him on my computer.

I said that it was not convenient for me to do right now, and please could he give me a number to call back, which he did after trying to get me to name a time when he could call. I *Googled* the telephone number, and it comes up on a site about spams and frauds; the process they use gives them access to your computer. Perhaps people could be reminded to do a *Google* check back on cold-callers?

David Head

Foxley Church open days

The church will be open every day during Open Churches Week, August 7th - 14th, from 10a.m. till 5p.m.. It will also be open for visitors and private prayer in June and July every Monday afternoon from 2p.m. till 5p.m. Anyone willing to help with manning the church during these times please contact June on 01362 688230.

June Vince

MAY EVENTS DIARY

Thu 5 th	Book Club meets at the Old Workhouse Bar 7.30pm
Sat 7 th	CEILIDH at Elsing Village Hall 7.30pm, <i>see page 29</i>
Sun 8 th	BAGY Breakfast at Bawdeswell Village Hall Memories day at Bawdeswell Village Hall Tractor Run Tea Concert in Bawdeswell Church 4pm
Tue 10 th	Bawdeswell Annual Parish Meeting 6.30pm
Thu 12 th	Craft Afternoon at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Fri 20 th	Quiz & Chips at Lyng Village Hall 7.30pm <i>see page 29</i> Paramedics talk at The Old School Room Sparham 7.30pm
Sat 21 st	School Friends Auction of Promises 7pm at Bawdeswell Village Hall ICENI CONCERT 7.30 p.m. – St David's Church, Thorpe End, Norwich
Sun 22 nd	Nene Valley jazz Band and HOG Roast in the Millenium Garden at Baw G Centre.
Thu 26 th	Craft Afternoon at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Sat 28 th	Art Festival at Bintree church.

Foxley Village Hall – regular events

Exercise Classes
Short Mat Bowls
Bridge
Table Tennis

Every Tuesday morning at 9.30am.
Every Monday & Friday Evening
Tuesday evening 7.15pm
Wednesday evening.

Bawdeswell Village Hall - regular events

*Parish Council
*Village Hall Committee
*Table Tennis
Countryiders
WeightWatchers
Running Club
Little Monkeys (Parent & Toddler Group)
JayCee Bridge Club
Pilates
Seekers
*Village Cinema Matinee
*Village Cinema
*Film Club

Normally 1st Monday of Month (not Jan or Aug)
Normally 3rd Monday of Month
Every Monday except Bank Holidays
Every other Wednesday in term time
Thursdays 6.15pm
Thursdays 8pm
Fridays 9.15am
Fridays 2.15pm
Fridays 7pm
1st Saturday of month
Some Months on Saturday 3pm
Monthly on a Saturday 7pm
Monthly on a Sunday 2.30pm

*Check ad or article in magazine for dates this month

Foxley Village Hall Management Committee

The Village Hall has been the chosen venue for many events in the past year including Gardeners' Question Time; Summer Show; Village Lunch, and Harvest Supper to mention just a few.

Funds in excess of £3,000 have been raised and distributed to the Big 'C'; St Thomas' Church; EA Air Ambulance and other charities.

Activities i.e. bowls, table tennis, exercise classes, bridge (a club formed in 2010), and coffee mornings continue to flourish. Residents and friends hire the hall regularly for a variety of reasons all contributing to an excellent annual income enabling the committee to improve and maintain this popular building.

At this time it is fitting to wholeheartedly thank all our helpers (they know who they are) who unfailingly offer their time to support the Committee in many different ways. Maintaining the hall; running events etc would not be possible without them.

With effect from 30th April Ruth Whitmore will be retiring from the Village Hall Committee and will join the happy band of helpers mentioned above.

The Committee is currently deciding how to structure itself for the future but, one thing is certain, new blood is needed. The Committee know there are people out there with fresh, innovative ideas who would enjoy being part of a friendly team, whose main aim is to provide a well maintained venue for the use of residents of Foxley and their friends.

A phone call to one of the following would enable you to ask lots of questions before saying 'Yes'. Please contact one of the Committee who would really like to have a chat with you.: Margaret Byrne (Secretary) 688617, Gillian Blyth (Treasurer) 688450, Anne Cormie 688555 or Christine Rushbrook 688494.

Ruth Whitmore, Chairman

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TO BOOK FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

Contact: Pam Jordan Tel: 01362-688665 Email: pamjor@tiscali.co.uk

BAG Bawdeswell Activities Group

Summer Half-Term 2011

The Village Hall will be open from 2 – 4 pm on Tuesday 31st May to Friday 3rd June. The Café will be open and there may be organised activities on one or two afternoons. This will very much depend on availability of volunteers to run any activity. Further information will be given in the next Reeve's Tale and by posters and leaflets.

Table Tennis – fun evenings - Mondays 9th, 16th & 23rd May

Please note that we are now in a position to run table tennis every Monday evening except on Bank Holidays. If anyone is interested in taking up playing table tennis, do come along and join us. As the hall hire charges have been increased (first time in four years) the cost will be - **£2 adult and £1 under 16**. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please contact Janet on (01362) 688749.

Running Club

The Running Club are still meeting over the autumn and winter... in the village hall! Circuit training 8-9pm Thursdays - anyone is welcome, only £2 and all profit goes to the NEW HALL FUND. Running outside will probably recommence in April/May. Contact Fel on 07957254503 for more information.

BAGY Bawdeswell Group Youth **Activities**

BAGY breakfasts were a great success in 2010 and raised £80 for the continued development of the play area. The next date is 8th May and more will be planned in 2011.

BAGY needs extra helpers... to help organise and run some of the BAG activities in the school holidays. You need to be aged between 11 and 18 and have lots of energy!

Please contact Fel Roberts 07957254503 for more information

BAWDESWELL LADIES CRAFT GROUP

WE CONTINUE TO MEET ON THE 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VILLAGE HALL FROM 2.00 UNTIL 4.30 PM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. BRING ALONG YOUR OWN WORK OR JUST COME FOR A CUP OF TEA AND A NATTER.

THE NEXT MEETINGS WILL BE ON THURSDAYS 12TH & 26TH MAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU. THE CHARGE IS ONLY £1.

ENQUIRIES: MARIETTA MENZIES 01362 688 400



BAWDESWELL LITTLE MONKEYS



We are the Parent, Baby & Toddler group for the local area, run for and by the parents. Come along for a chat and a coffee - and let your "Little Monkey" have a play with the toys and activities, and interact with other children from the local area

Venue: Bawdeswell Village Hall, 9:15 -11:30 every Friday during term time
Subs: £2.00 for your first monkey, £0.50 per additional monkey (includes snack, drink, & teas/coffees for the troop leader)

For more information call:

Jo (Mum to Thomas, Oliver & Charlie) on 688088

Karen (Mum to Soli, Maddie & Katie) on 688939

BAWDESWELL FILM CLUB MEETINGS



There is a meeting every month on the Sunday following the Village Cinema presentation. The club is open to all residents of Bawdeswell and surrounding villages.

No need to book, just turn up with a favourite DVD or two and we will choose one to view. There is no charge for entry but a donation towards the hire of the hall is invited. There will be a Café/Bar.

If you would like to join or help with this club or for further information please contact David on (01362) 688749.



PRESENTS

Saturday 11th June - doors open 7pm

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In 1968, the Ford auto factory in Dagenham is one of the largest single private employers in the United Kingdom. In addition to the thousands of male employees, there are also 187 underpaid women machinists who primarily assemble the car seat upholstery in poor working conditions. Dissatisfied, the women, represented by the shop steward and Rita O'Grady, work with union rep Albert Passingham for a better deal. However, Rita learns that there is a larger issue in this dispute considering that women are paid an appalling fraction of the men's wages for the same work across the board on the sole basis of their sex. Refusing to tolerate this inequality any longer, O'Grady leads a strike by her fellow machinists for equal pay for equal work. What follows would test the patience of all involved in a grinding labour and political struggle that ultimately would advance the cause of women's rights around the world.

Saturday 9th July - doors open 7pm

Free Entry Film - see poster in hall



Saturday 13th August - doors open 7pm

The Social Network



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SEE OUR WEB SITE AT [HTTP://EOE.XARG.CO.UK/BAG/](http://EOE.XARG.CO.UK/BAG/)
FILM CLUB AT 2.30PM ON SUNDAYS AFTER FILMS.

We regret that, due to other commitments & hall bookings, there will be no film in May

"MEMORIES OF BAWDESWELL AND FOXLEY" SUNDAY 8th MAY 1pm – 4pm BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

Bring your photos, postcards and any other memorabilia of our lovely villages and have a chat about them.



There will be refreshments on sale, bring your damaged photos and we'll try to improve them, or just meet for coffee and conversation.

Come and enjoy a trip down memory lane. This event was well attended and enjoyed the last time. All profits will go towards the village hall fund.



Any enquiries contact Jackie Cunliffe, 6 Reepham Road on 01362 688956 or billnjack@btinternet.com

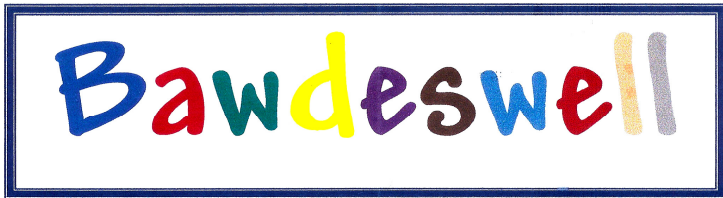


8.30 - 11.30 BAGY Family Breakfast.

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Tractor Road Run



Sunday 8th May
10am



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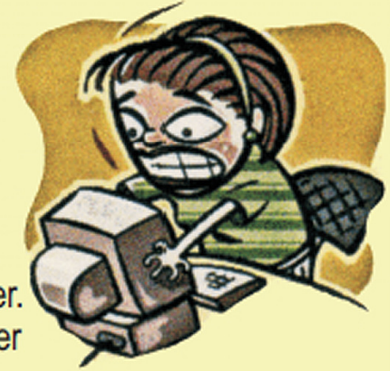
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BAWDESWELL BOOK CLUB

At our April meeting we discussed Our Man in Havana by Graham Greene. It was suggested by one of our members who had recently visited Havana. Bawdeswell Cinema also obtained a copy of the film so once again we had the opportunity of comparing the book with a screen adaption. Luckily the screen play was written by Graham Greene and kept to the actions and words of the novel, was beautifully acted and filmed on location in Havana, so was an added delight to the novel. Although Greene himself did not refer to this book as a novel, but as an "entertainment", which it certainly is. It is a spoof spy story with some pretty unbelievable twists and turns and is highly amusing. We have been keen to read something funny for a long time and didn't realise just how well this book fitted the bill. We will certainly read something by Graham Greene again. As is usual there were varying opinions of the book which some found a tad too inconsequential, but mostly, the writing, the ridiculousness of some of the events and the sheer fun of it were much enjoyed and appreciated by members. MM

The Book Club meets in the Workhouse Bar on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30 pm. New members are always welcome. We mostly obtain books from the library so there is not the expense of buying new books each month. We are reading The Testament of Gideon Mack by James Robertson for discussion at our next meeting on 5th May and A Place of Greater Safety by Hilary Mantel for discussion at our meeting on 2nd June.



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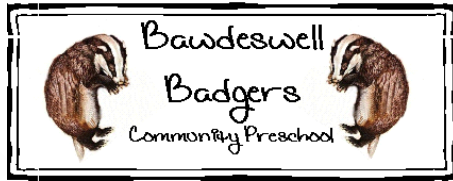
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Bawdeswell Village Hall

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BAWDESWELL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Food Impact Day

A group of children from Dolphins Class were invited to Reepham High School on 7th March for a Food Impact Day. They had a very enjoyable day making different food which included Bread and cakes.

Choir Club

Miss Briggs a student has been running an after school Choir Club over the past few months.

The children performed a short concert for the parents and children at the school on 16th March.

It was enjoyed by all. A big Thank You to Miss Briggs for giving the children this opportunity.

Red Nose Day

For Red Nose Day the children dressed up in clothes/uniforms they would wear for an after school activity. They each paid £1.00 donation. Also Ms Laband our Key Stage 2 teacher jumped into Dereham Swimming Pool fully dressed when taking her class swimming, which the staff sponsored her for.

In total we raised £100.00 donated to this worthwhile charity.

Football Festival

Our football team took part in a Festival at Reepham High School on 22nd March, which included teams from all the cluster schools in the area. Our teams came 5th and fully enjoyed the day. It was glorious weather which always helps on these days.

Mothers Day

On Friday 25th March the Friends of Bawdeswell School were in school helping children choose & wrap gifts for their mum's. This has been a very successful venture and we thank all the friends that were involved for giving up their time.

We also held a Mothers Day Assembly for all mum's of Panda Class on Thursday 31st March. This is always very well attended and never a dry eye in the house.

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All Saints Church, Bawdeswell

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Travis Finch – mandolin

Full details in last month's Reeve's Tale & www.reevestale.co.uk

Tickets £10 including afternoon tea from:

James Lilwall,

Church View, The Street, Bawdeswell, Dereham, Norfolk NR20 4RT

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Results of the April 100 Club Draw

£100 Debbie Lilwall

£25 L. Knight P. Hague I. Berning P. Jervis

£10 R. Taylor T. Ross W. Sommerville L. Saunders Karin Mason

Quiz Night & Supper

What a huge success! The village hall was bursting at the seams. Thank you all who supported it and especially the cooks and other helpers. £795 was raised after expenses.

R.T.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Digest of Minutes from meeting held 4th April 2011

Present: Councillors Shannon, Mason, Beane, Kirby, Mallen and Mrs Boer

Ongoing Issues from Previous Meetings

Adams Pit: No further progress has been made on Adams Pit since the last meeting, but Phase 3 of the refurbishment work will commence on or shortly after 5 April 2011, to take advantage of potential matched funding from Norfolk County Council.

Possible Provision of Allotments: The Chairman has e-mailed the Chairman of BALGA giving details of the Parish Council's perspectives on options available on land for allotments. The Chairman of BAGLA will discuss these options at the forthcoming BAGLA AGM and will then report their views to the Parish Council.

Planning Planning Application 3PL/2011/0280/F: 29 Reepham Road, proposed single storey conservatory, the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

Any Other Business of Interest to Parishioners

Fly-Tipping In Recycling Area: The Chairman has received a number of complaints from residents about the continual fly-tipping of unapproved items in the recycling area. The Parish Council would like to remind residents that the recycling area is solely for the recycling of cans, bottles and textiles.

Dog Litter: The Parish Council has received a letter of complaint about dog-owners throwing plastic bags full of dog litter in the hedgerow along the public and private access roads leading to Bawdeswell Hall. Names of any alleged offenders should be forwarded to the Parish Council and Breckland Dog Warden. The Parish Council will consider siting another dog litter bin at the end of this road at its next Precept debate in December. In the meantime dog owners are reminded again that they should clear up after their pets and dispose of dog litter in the bins provided. Heavy fines can be imposed on any offenders. There are five dog litter bins situated around the village – grassed car park at the Garden Centre, entrance to Common Lane, Old Dereham Road, near the School, and Two Fields Way.

Highways: The Clerk was commissioned to report to Highways the poor state of the road surface at the junction of Norwich Road and the Street.

Village Planters: The Parish Council would like to thank Ms McColville and the other volunteers for all their sterling efforts in tidying up the village planters near the village sign. The Parish Council agreed to donate up to £60 towards some shrubs and materials to help finish this project and will now look into the possible refurbishment of the village sign.

Resignation of Village Handyman: The Clerk has received a letter from Mr Cathrine tendering his resignation as Village Handyman. The Parish Council would like to thank him for his efforts.

Date for Your Diary: Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 10th May, in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. Come and meet your Parish Council, County Councillor, District Councillor and representatives from local community groups. Find out what clubs/organizations are being run in the village, or use the opportunity to voice your concerns and suggest issues that you feel need to be addressed and would benefit the community. Tea and biscuits will be provided and a cash bar is to be open.

Contact Details for the Parish Clerk – Claire Boer

Tel: 01362 688415/07877955745 Email: cboer.parishclerk@fsmail.net



Our meeting on 26th March was all about actions – those that had been carried out since the last meeting, and those that need to be addressed before the next meeting. There is a lot happening: a lot to discuss about the proposals for the village hall and improvements to the recreation area and access road. We also talked about fund raising and have some ideas but would welcome any suggestions from the community. The Buy a Brick Scheme is up and running, and growing. We are seeking advice on obtaining grants from various bodies but we do need to show we are raising funds ourselves.

Three days later on 29th March we had a further presentation in the village hall of progress to date on the proposed extension/rebuild of the hall. We were delighted that both Gordon Bambridge our Breckland Councillor and Bill Borrett our Norfolk Country Councillor were present again and we are encouraged by their support, and by that of the villagers who attended. The presentations of plans and the overall situation to date were ably undertaken by James Lilwall and John Menzies and there were plenty of questions and observations from members of the audience - it is great to get this interaction. The evening was unexpectedly quite convivial with Janet Cockburn turning her hand to mixing cocktails, this seemed to encourage people to stay and there wasn't a mad dash to get out the door the minute it was over. The progress we make in the next months will be reported at the Fete and after that we plan to have a further update evening in September at which we will hope to see more of you. Don't forget the Buy a Brick scheme, forms are available at the Village Hall or from David Cockburn 01362 688 749.

I hope everyone has the 8th of May marked on their calendar, it will be a sort of mini festival day in Bawdeswell with something for everyone to enjoy. The day starts with a BAGY breakfast at 8.30 in the Village Hall, followed by the departure of a Tractor Rally from the Village Hall at 10.30, followed by a Nostalgia exhibition in the Village Hall with refreshments available, and then to top it all there is a concert in the church at 4pm with the world famous classical guitarist Craig Ogden and mandolin player Travis Finch. It is a coup for Bawdeswell that musicians of their calibre will be performing here.

Marietta Menzies

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St David's Church, Thorpe End, Norwich, is a new venue for the choir and our accompanist ,Roger Rayner, will also be delighting us with some piano solos as part of our programme. We are also very delighted to have been asked by the crew of The Bernard Matthews Lifeboat to perform at Caister in the Lifeboat House with the children of Caister Junior School.

Our final summer concert is a very special one for the choir. It will be in St Mary's Church, Elsing where our "Gala" performance will be in memory of Barbara Chambers, a cherished member of Iceni who sadly lost her battle with cancer in the Priscilla Bacon Lodge Hospice last year. The concert is in aid of the Hospice Support Group, Iceni and the St. Mary's Fabric Fund and will include some of Barbara's favourite pieces. It is also our 'thank you' to her husband, Bob and son, Nicholas for their generous gift of a piano for the choir in memory of Barbara, which our accompanist will dedicate with some 'sparkling' solos.

Concert dates:-

21st May, Saturday 7.30 p.m. – St David's Church, Thorpe End, Norwich

12th June, Sunday 2.30 p.m. – Caister Lifeboat House, Caister

10th July, Sunday 3 p.m. – St. Mary's Church, Elsing

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For information (or to confirm a session is to take place) contact Roger Fryatt on 01362 688627 or Patsy Catchpole on 01362 688352.



BAWDESWELL BOWLS CLUB

Bawdeswell Bowls Club have an excellent venue situated behind the Village Hall. We play in two leagues - the Cawston Triples League and Dereham and District League. Foulsham and Bintree Bowls clubs also use Bawdeswell's green. New players are always welcome.

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

BAWDESWELL FOOTBALL CLUB

The club plays in the 3rd division of the Crown Fire Central and South Norfolk League and Home games are played at Bawdeswell Recreation Ground.



Information from Philip Duffield on (01362) 688611.

For information about matches see

<http://www.csnleague.co.uk/index.html> or <http://bawdeswellfc.co.uk/default.aspx>

BAWDESWELL ALLOTMENT & LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION



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Reepham and District Rotary Club

We have recently welcomed two new members - Andrew Mildenhall and Trevor Nelson; a list of all our members appears on our website along with general information about the club.

Recently we have presented cheques for £ 1000 to Macmillan Cancer Support, £1000 to Big C and a cheque for £2750 EACH from monies raised by our activities. We are especially grateful to all who have given us so much support to enable us to present these cheques.

On Friday 1st April, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Norwich we hosted an inter-schools choirs festival held at Reepham High School. Standards were high and each school gave an impressive performance. The winners were Hethersett High School who received a cheque for £70 ; Framingham Earl High School and Reepham High School each received a cheque for £40. We hope to repeat this festival in the future.

Jef Wilson



BECK W. I.

On Monday 11th April we had another thoroughly enjoyable evening. Christine Adams showed us slides and spoke to us of her 'Auntie May' – May Savidge who upon hearing that her beloved house in Ware was to be demolished to make way for a roundabout, decided to take it to pieces and transport everything to Wells on the Norfolk coast (100 miles). This she did, with the help of a lorry and three men. Having trained and worked as a draftsman, she was perfectly capable of labelling beams, tiles, etc, etc, and laying everything out on the plot of land she had acquired and then rebuilding the house.

It is so sad that Auntie May didn't live to see the completion of the house as she died in 1992 at the age of 82, although she had obviously enjoyed her years of hard work "putting the house together again". The slides shown by Christine brought us up-to-date with Ware Hall-House as it is now, duly completed by Christine and her family.

After tea/coffee and specially made cakes, we said goodbye to Christine and several of us bought a copy of her book 'Miss Savidge moves her House'. We are certainly looking forward to our visit to Auntie May's house in Wells on 9th May.

The winner of the Collected Item exhibition was Margaret, with Carole second. No meeting here in May but on the 17th we are invited to Elsing Village Hall to the joint meeting with Elsing and Mileham to discuss Resolutions.

The June meeting is on the 13th, the subject being Strawcraft and corn dollies with Ellen Howe. The exhibition is a Handcrafted item.

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Telephone Richard on 01362 688016 for more info.

ELSING

Following the popularity of our film show last year we will be presenting another such night. There will be a wide selection of films covering all aspects of local life and interests. By popular demand there will be a repeat showing of Elsing - A Dying Village (which of course we know it is not!)

Elsing Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on **Friday May 6th** is the date for your diary - be sure and arrive in good time to secure your seat. Tickets on the door - £3.50 - children under 16 years of age are free . Refreshments will be available during the interval.

Sat 7th May 7.30pm CEILIDH at the Village Hall. Di Skipper 01362 637877

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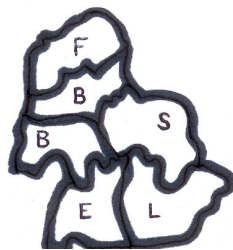
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Benefice News and Events



Our thanks to all the gentlemen who attended the recent breakfast in Bawdeswell village hall. Due to their generosity we were able to send £281 to Age UK and we have had a letter of thanks from them.

A big thank you to all the ladies who dished up such a delicious breakfast.

Everyone learning:

There are a lot of talks organised for the month of May, from 'Parish Communication' to 'A romp through the Old Testament!' – too many to itemise fully so please look out for the leaflets in your church.

Events for May:

- 6th Sparham quiz and fork supper. 7.30pm Sparham church. Bring own drinks, plates and cutlery. Tickets £8 from Fiona Sayer 01603 872246/Judith Pryke 01362 688426
- 8th Friends of Bawdeswell Church guitar and mandolin tea concert with Aylsham music group in Bawdeswell church 4pm
- 13th Sparham quiz night
- 21st Elsing Ceilidh
- 22nd Lyng Church walk and tea starting from Rectory 2.15pm

People will have found since 2010 that Churchyard regulations have become more restrictive about the kind of stone memorials you can have. If you want to make the funeral service more individual the Rector suggests that you go online and look at www.colourfulcoffins.com or similar site. He would be happy for you to use this kind of non traditional coffin.

Children's Summer Club

The theme for this year's summer club is to be **Starship Discovery** - lots of exciting activities are being planned as well as games to keep everyone active and busy.

1st-5th August at Sparham Church. 10am to 12 noon.
Open to all children currently in Years 1-6.

Please:

Have any of the schools or nursery schools got a crawl through tunnel we could borrow for that week? If so, please ring Sandi Taylor on 01362 688268. We would be most grateful for the use of it.

Foxley St. Thomas

The Vestry & Annual Parochial Church Meetings were held in the church on Thurs. 14th. April with the Rev. David Head in the Chair. John Harvey & Tony Rushbrook were thanked by the Rector for their committed efforts to sustain the witness of St. Thomas' in the village, both in worship & maintenance of the building. Both were willing to continue in office & were duly re-elected. John Harvey will continue as Lay Vice – Chairman & Treasurer & has also taken over as the P.C.C 's Representative on the Deanery Synod. Nigel Hatch, who was thanked for his "sterling service" had attended the meetings over 9 years! Diana Harvey is still the Secretary, Monica Hatch is in charge of the Electoral Roll.

The Treasurer reported that the Finances were in a healthy state, due, principally, to some very generous donations & to committed regular giving by our worshippers, helped by the Government's Gift Aid Scheme. Mr. Harvey expressed thanks for these contributions; needless to say more funds will be needed to pay for the renovations (see below) that Dr. Rushbrook is master-minding; a very considerable challenge!

The Churchwardens mentioned again the invaluable services of John Fletcher, our organist & also in charge of the heating for 25 years; they wished him a speedy return to the keyboard after his recent ill-health. Thanks were also due to Vic Gathergood, our Groundsman, the church is now said by many to be in the best condition that they can remember! It's a lovely setting for our church in the centre of the village. Inside, Jayne Hough has again braved the chill to keep our ancient woodwork & floors clean & fresh, not to mention tackling the cobwebs! Our Flower Ladies, too, keep creating beautiful & imaginative arrangements.

The P.C.C. were grateful to June Vince for opening the church last summer **Foxley St. Thomas** & we are also joining the "Open Churches" week, 6th-13th. August. We intend to bolster our attractions with some displays of local interest, in particular, our wonderful Hassocks, & by having a little stall to sell garden produce, jam etc.. On the final Saturday there will be an illustrated talk in the Village Hall – "History beneath your feet in Foxley", by Graeme Simmonds, an interactive demonstration of what unusual objects you might find when digging in your garden or plot.

Members, also, briefly considered the ongoing discussions in the Anglican Church, about the Consecration of women bishops. There will be a Benefice Meeting to air our, probably conflicting, views in the near future.

*Diana Harvey
PCC Secretary*

St Thomas' Foxley Church Restoration

The work goes on, extremely slowly, but in the right direction. We have now received 3 quotations for bell restoration after much chasing, but this will have to wait until we have raised the necessary funds and go through the approval process. The English Heritage Lottery fund indicated that providing funds to support bell ringing in Foxley for 13 local bell ringers was not good value for money at £117000, I have had to change tack and go for fund raising in a different way. However, the first tranche of bell ringers are still going, and even enjoying it. We are planning now for the second tranche. We will get there.

I have also found the missing Church Tower pinnacles (missing since 1986!) but we need to raise funds to have them back and erected.

At the moment we are in the last stages of approval for new heating system in the Chancel that will cost over £3000. That has taken 12 months! Unbelievable really but that is the pace it seems to move at. Hopefully we may have got that approval by the time this goes to print. One thing we have managed to do is repair an ancient

Memorial slab in the Nave which was in pieces and now looks a whole lot better, as well as removing a safety hazard. The slab is of English black marble and must have weighed over a ton when it was replaced. The stone masons did a good job, but that set us back £1500. Church repair work is costly so any help to get through the myriad of projects we have to do to keep the building safe and in good repair, would be greatly appreciated.

Tony Rushbrook

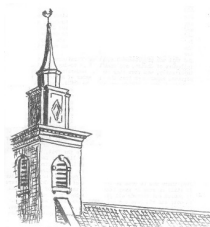
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At the Vestry Meeting which preceded it, William Mason and Robin Taylor were re-elected as Churchwardens.

Here is an excerpt from the Rector's report:

"The parish continues to grow in importance in the benefice and the Deanery, and to have a solid base in worship and social life. The work of the Friends group, as well as much informal pastoral care by members of the congregation is a good sign for the future. We are indebted to the Churchwardens, PCC and the Friends for the maintenance and management of the church building, and it is especially good that the organ appeal is now closed and that this splendid instrument enhances our worship so much. It is nice to see the place crowded so often, and that there are signs that people drop in to the empty building from time to time, and that much unsung work is done by many individuals."

It was announced that with money still pledged the new digital organ would be paid for by the end of the year, and the appeal is now closed. Thank you everybody who donated to it, some of you most generously.

During the last year we welcomed into the church by baptism: Lacey-Mai Aldred, Polly Young and Madison Hough.

We rejoiced at the wedding blessing of Robert and Holly Brewer.

We prayed for the souls of Iris Moore, Mabel Melton, John Giffin, Kevin Francis and for their families and loved ones.

Robin Taylor, Churchwarden.

From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

Depending on when you read this, we will either be about to have - or will have just had - a vote on how we vote. Do you prefer a first-past-the-post system, or AV, the alternative vote?

I think that the central reason lying behind most people's vote will be their temperament. There will be accusations flying round that people, on either side, don't understand the true issues; but in the end, people vote with their heart as much as their head, and with their loyalties.

What might they think the choice is? That it's between what is clearer or what is fairer? That it's between governments that can get things done or governments that only get things done that more people want? That it's between choosing who you most want or making sure you don't get who you least want?

So, what kind of temperament do you have? Do you like choice and compromise, or do you like simplicity and order? Do you miss the days when there were only four television channels with high quality programmes? Among the massive choice in a supermarket, do you always buy the same thing? When you go out with a group of friends, do you end up doing what the dominant ones want even if it's not the right thing for you, or do you compromise on second choices?

We live in a country where there are free and fair elections, and there are people, especially in the Arab world, who are fighting for precisely the rights that many Britons seem to despise. It's really too mentally lazy to say that all politicians are corrupt – it's like saying that all self-employed people are on the fiddle. It we find out that they're useless or shifty, it's up to us to get rid of them; but do let's be involved.

Christians are encouraged to be involved in the political process. We're responsible, whether we use our opportunities or not. A central principle in all Christian decision-making is an informed conscience: understanding as best you can; and then following your conscience, rather than choosing what benefits or gratifies you or your friends.

God bless you David Head

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Lyng	9.00 HC1 DH		17.00 EP CW	10.30 FS FST	10.30 HC1 DH
Elsing	10.30 HC1 Canon P McRory		9.00 HC1 Bishop T Footit	W&P CW	
Bawdeswell	10.30 HC1 DH	10.30 OMS DH	10.30 GiG	10.30 WP CW	
Bylaugh		9.00 HC PB		9.00 MP CW	4pm Prayer for Healing DH
Sparham	10.30 OASIS		10.30 HC PB Bishop T Footit	9.00 HC Bishop T Footit	

No Wednesday 9am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell on 18th May

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