

Film Programme

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Saturday 2nd February 7pm – Special Extra Film

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Saturday 9th February 7pm

Gambit (12A)

What a cast - Colin Firth, Cameron Diaz and Alan Rickman. This is a remake of the 1966 film with Michael Caine and Shirley Maclean. It's a comedy, confidence trick, caper with a Coen Brothers twist. How to get back at your boss, make him pay too much for a fake Monet, get Diaz to help you and along the way, you lose your trousers as only Firth can.

Saturday 9th March 7pm

Argo (15)

Saturday 13th April 7pm

Quartet (12A)

More Dates for your diary (Subject to Confirmation) Saturdays - 11th May, 8th June, 6th July, 10th August, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November, 14th December

All At Bawdeswell Village Hall

Doors open 7.00 pm -- Film starts 30 minutes later.

The Bar/Cafe will be open for refreshments for all films

Ticket Prices

Adults £4, Over 60 £3.50, U15 £3, Family (2A+2C) £12 + £1 each extra child
Annual Season Ticket also available at £36 - equivalent to £3 or less per film
Call 01362 688749 or email bawdeswell@gmail.com for further information.

Give us your email address to get regular updates and take part in choosing our film menu. The February, March & April films were chosen this way.

Reeve's Tale Magazine
February 2013

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LETTERS

Heating Oil Club. I have recently come across an internet site offering discounted prices for domestic heating oil, if ordered in quantity: www.oil-club.co.uk
Bawdeswell is already a member of the Heating Oil Club and includes the village and the area within the NR20 4.. post code. It seems there are already 3 members. Basically, once they have non-committed orders, either within the club or from adjoining clubs for 8,000 litres they can offer discounted rates.
Hope this may be of some help to the village.
Tony Smith

You have very kindly been sending me copies of The Reeve’s Tale, and I hope this has enabled us at the **Dereham and Fakenham Times** to improve our coverage of Bawdeswell and district over the past 15 months that I have been here. I must say, I think (your magazine) is a thoroughly professional publication. This is just to let you know that I am quitting journalism after 35 years and taking voluntary redundancy – my last day is today. Thank you for your help in the past months and for being so diligent in sending me the magazine. If you would like to continue sending it, the best person here would be the community editor, Ian Clarke (same Dereham address).
Mark Tweedie.
Our thanks to Mark for his interest in our local events and we wish him all the best in his retirement. Ed

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Out of Hours Medical assistance: a note from Elmham Surgery says we should now *use the NHS 111 telephone Service for urgent medical assistance out of surgery hours.* (101 for police). The service is free from landlines and mobiles. They say still use 999 or 112 for life threatening or police emergencies.

At the Bawdeswell Christmas Wreath Sale the hamper donated by Tony the postmaster was won by J. Beach.

Sun 3 rd	Bring and Share lunch at Elsing Village Hall, meet Bishop of Lynn
Mon 4 th	Bawdeswell Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
Tue 5 th	Bawdeswell Festival Meeting 7.30pm Church View
Thu 7 th	Foxley Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Book Club meeting at The Old Workhouse Bar 8pm
Sun 10 th	BAGY Breakfast, Bawdeswell Village Hall 8.30am -11.00am
Wed 13 th	Mobile Library in Bawdeswell 10am – 11.30am
Thu 14 th	Craft Group at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Sat 16 th	Table Top Sale at Elsing Village Hall 10am.
Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd	Half Term activities at Bawdeswell Village Hall, <i>see page 9</i>
Wed 20 th	Coffee Morning Foxley Village Hall 10.30am
Sat 23 rd	Bawdeswell Village Hall Meeting 10.00am Race Night in Bawdeswell village Hall 7pm
Thu 28 th	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 last Saturday 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)	Fridays 9.15am
JayCee	Fridays 2.15pm
Bridge Club	Fridays 7pm
Pilates	1 st Saturday of month
Seekers	Mon morning & Wed evening
Zumba	
Bawdeswell Church – regular events	ICEN! Choir meet Wednesday evenings 7.30pm

COFFEE MORNINGS

BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

Do come along to the Village Hall and join us for a drink and a chat any time between 10.30 – 12 noon on the following mornings. All are welcome.

Wednesday 6th March

Wednesday 8th May

Wednesday 3rd July

Wednesday 4th September



There will be a charge of £1.50 each to cover the cost of refreshments and village hall fees. There will be a raffle so please suggest a charity we could support this year.

For further information please ring Janet on 688749.

Foxley Village Hall

Coffee Morning



Wed 20th February at 10.30 am
All are welcome for coffee & mardle

BAGY Family Breakfast

on

Sunday 10th February 2013

at

Bawdeswell Village Hall

8.30am - 11am

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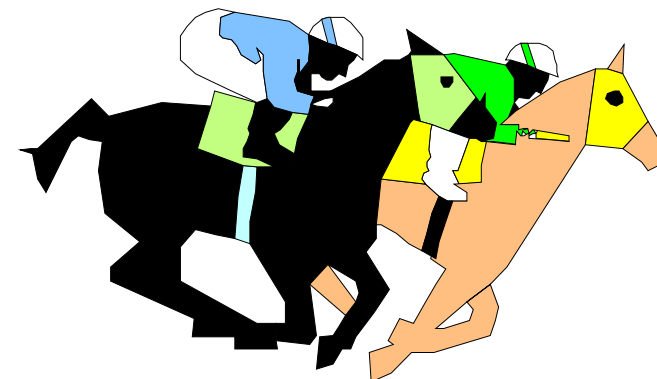
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RACE NIGHT SATURDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL 7pm

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Feb Half Term at the Hall

The Hall & Café will be open every weekday afternoon, 2pm to 4pm, from Monday 18th March to Friday 22nd March. All proceeds from the Café help to support the many activities that are offered by BAG, but please bear in mind that although all the volunteers kindly give their time for free – the equipment and materials still need funding.

Planned Activities

- Monday 18th - Childrens Film Club / Popcorn Plus
- Tuesday 19th - OVER 12's* ONLY Table Tennis & Pool
- Wednesday 20th - Icing Bugs
- Thursday 21st - Mothers' Day Card Making
- Friday 22nd - Lets make Fimo Fridge Magnets

These activities are all planned – but many are volunteer and weather dependent, so there may be last minute changes of plan!!

*We accept unaccompanied children aged 9-16 with written parental consent, on our specific form. The form is available either at the hall, or contact Karen on 688939 to obtain a copy in advance. Children under 9 MUST be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult (18 plus). Attendance of unaccompanied children is of course subject to their good behaviour.

Volunteers

Thank you to those who have recently volunteered but we can always use more volunteers to help (we are already thinking of the / o n g summer holiday run). BAG pays for a CRB check and for optional training including a 1st Aid course and child protection awareness.

If you would like to help, please contact Karen 688939 or Katherine 688256, or speak to the volunteers down the hall.

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This is the time of the year that we renew our membership of the Friends of Bawdeswell Church and 100-Club.

If you have not renewed your membership or would like to join the 100-Club quarterly Draw (top prize £100), please contact Peter or James on 01362 688499.

We thank them for inviting us into their home and hosting the January Renewal party this year.

Last year the Friends raised over £5,000 and were able to help the church with their running costs and building maintenance. They contributed towards the internal redecoration, the grass cutting, and the wheelchair ramps, and paid in full for the window cleaning, the electricity, the insurance, and the rainwater chutes.

Quite a lot of repointing of bricks and stonework has been identified and will be necessary to address in the coming year, and we also hope to be able to contribute towards the installation of digital bells which the church now has permission to install.

Next Events

February 23rd

7pm

Race Night – Village Hall

May 11th

7.30pm

Ivor Novello concert - Church

Bawdeswell Festival Weekend 13th & 14th July 2013

Flower Festival Celebrating 700 years !

to include: Preview Evening, Festival Players play, Service of Thanksgiving etc.

The Village Festival Weekend has its own website:

www.bawdeswell2013festival.org.uk/ Watch this space!



RACE NIGHT



7pm Saturday 23rd February 2013

Bawdeswell Village Hall

£7.50 inc light supper

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A MEMORABLE AFTERNOON



“Omni-hatted” he was! In addition to showing us his wonderful parade of assorted head-gear, including the inevitable policeman’s helmet, our master of ceremonies was at the same time entertaining, humorous, and of course most musical.

To a packed house at Bawdeswell Village Hall on 4th December, our very own and inimitable Bill Cunliffe delighted the more senior members of the community to an afternoon of song and good fun. Foot-tapping favourites from the days of yore to the present time were intermingled with stories and gags which produced much mirth. As always, Bill was in fine voice, and towards the end of the performance the assembled gathering joined in enthusiastically singing a medley of well-known seasonal songs.

Those present were treated to mulled wine on arrival, and during the interval a generous Christmas afternoon tea appeared.

Such was the popularity of the event that all tickets were sold two weeks beforehand. For the several dozen who were not fortunate to secure tickets, one can only express regret, and pass on the message that there have been musings about matinée and evening performances in future years to meet demand.

Success was achieved in no small measure to the meticulous planning and considerable amount of time which were invested in the weeks leading up to the big day. Special mention must be made here of Jackie Cunliffe, who took into account every detail. Jackie was supported by a small group of helpers, and amongst the organizing team initial concerns about arrangements transmogrified into a worry about turning people away as tickets sold faster than snowflakes falling in a winter blizzard.

A good time was had by all. The beneficiary of this memorable afternoon was the New Village Hall Fund to the tune of around £400. A sincere vote of thanks go to Bill and Jackie Cunliffe for staging this Christmas spectacular for a second year running.

JM

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Entrance fee is **£2 adult and £1 under 16** to cover the cost of hiring the hall. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information please contact Janet on (01362) 688749.

BRIDGE CLUB The JayCee Bridge Club holds weekly sessions at both Foxley and Bawdeswell Village Halls. We meet at Foxley Village Hall every Tuesday evening at 7.15p.m. for a 7.30p.m. start and at Bawdeswell Village Hall every Friday afternoon at 2.15p.m. for a 2.30p.m. start. For information (or to confirm a session is to take place) contact Roger Fryatt on 01362 688627 or Patsy Catchpole on 01362 688352.



SHORT MAT BOWLS

Foxley Village Hall

Every Monday and Friday evening.

The RPM Record Club meets on the **first Tuesday** of the month at **Elsing Village Hall, 8pm**. The evening features a theme and also a mystery album chosen by a club member. There is tea and a guest biscuit and entry is by a suggested £1 donation to cover costs.

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BOOK CLUB

Past Imperfect - a novel by Julian Fellowes.

Past Imperfect is a novel about time and what time invariably does to us all. A very rich man is dying and has received an anonymous letter from an ex girlfriend. She suggests that as a young man he may have fathered a child. He, slightly implausibly the group felt, persuades an ex- friend, now a sworn enemy, to investigate whether any of the sexual conquests of his youth resulted in such a love child.

The action of his youth centred upon the debutante season of 1968 with its lavish balls and parties. He is an outsider, not from the privileged backgrounds of the debutante set, but is curious to examine their lifestyles. The debutantes' other suitors see his confident suave style as gauche and dangerous but he excites and intrigues several of the debutantes.

The story slowly unfolds leading to a momentous evening of revelation in a holiday villa in Portugal, a scene that has been alluded to throughout the story. It was this element of the story that some members found particularly implausible and perhaps destroyed the credibility of the story.

Overall, the book generated some discussion but there were differences of views concerning the style of writing and content. So maybe a 5 out of 10 book?

Tony Bolderston

We met on 4th January but not many of us had managed to finish Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell but having now finished it and spoken with others that have I would highly recommend it as a most unusual novel; written by six different characters covering the past, present and future with language appropriate to the time and the writers, it is very creative. There are tenuous connections between the different protagonists but they are not obvious and merely hinted at. I would recommend it with the proviso to stick with it for the first 100 pages or so.

The Book Club meets in the Workhouse Bar on the first Thursday of every month at 8pm. We mostly obtain books from the Library so there is not the expense of buying new books each month. We are reading The Spy Who Came in from the Cold by John Le Carre for discussion at our meeting on 7th February 2013. We will be reading Lady Chatterley's Lover by D.H. Lawrence for discussion at our meeting on 7th March. New members are always welcome.

Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL
DIGEST OF MEETING HELD ON 3RD DECEMBER 2012

Present: Councillors Shannon, Mason, Beane, Kirby, Lilwall, Mallen, Mr G Bambridge (District Councillor), PCSO Charli Stone, Mrs H Moore (Clerk) and four parishioners.

Ongoing Issues from Previous Meetings

Possible Pedestrian Access to the Heath: Councillor Kirby is awaiting costings from NCC Highways for constructing a footpath.

Folland Court: The final stage of the transfer of land is still awaited. Once in place, the land will become part of the Old Surveyors' Trust. The garden is now complete and is seen as a great success.

Possible Work on Churchyard Trees: A survey of all the trees in the Churchyard is being commissioned, following which any necessary work will be put out to tender.

Condition of Common Lane: Highways have carried out work to fill the potholes, as requested, but some low lying points are still filling with water so more repairs will be requested.

Bus Service Requirements: Two representatives from Norfolk County Council Transport will attend the meeting on Monday 4th February 2013 to discuss the possibility of improving bus services to and from the village. Representation by villagers at that meeting will be essential if we are to convince NCC to meet our needs, so please come along if you can.

Other Business of Interest to Parishioners

Village Hall: The Village Hall Committee is writing a new constitution to clarify ownership and aid fund raising. Project Bawdeswell is now focusing on the creation of facilities and activities for young people to raise their aspirations improve their employment prospects and help them integrate into the community.

Anti-Social Behaviour: After some persuasion, Norfolk Police have agreed to keep Bawdeswell on the priority list for high visibility policing until the end of January 2013, and PCSO Stone confirmed that Section 59 sanctions, including confiscation of vehicles, could be imposed in the case of repeat offences. However, the Police cannot act against anti-social behaviour unless parishioners report **all** such incidents, preferably by dialling 101 straight away. So, please help us to help the Police combat these problems.

Precept: In discussing the financial requirements for 2013/14 the Council endeavoured to keep the Precept as low as possible, recognising the current financial pressures on households. However, pressing priority needs in the village, including improving security around the Village Hall and temporary repairs to the adjacent car park, is likely to require an additional £1,300 over and above the normal expenditures. Other sums agreed included £500 for Project Bawdeswell, £1000 to the New Hall Fund, and an extra £100 to the Church as a third share towards the recent purchase of a new disabled access ramp. The Council, in principle, agreed the Precept should be raised to £15,000, but this figure will not be finalised until January, once Breckland have announced how the expected council tax relief changes will come into effect.

Future Meeting Times: It was decided that from January 2013 onwards, all meetings will commence at 7.30pm, rather than 7.45pm.

Any queries or comments for the PC can be forwarded to Parish Clerk, Mrs Helen Moore. She can be contacted on 01263 587954, 4 Adams Lane, Corpusty, NR11 6QJ,
email:- helenmoore1974@yahoo.com

*Next meeting to finalise the Precept was held on Monday 7th January 2013 at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall Portacabin.*

FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH DECEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Present : Councillors Harvey JH (Chairman), Mears NM (Vice-Chairman), Barrett DB, Hatch NH, Mrs E Buck (Clerk) Mr G Bambridge (District Councillor) and 1 parishioner.

Apologies: Mrs Harvey

Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 4th October were agreed and signed.

Declarations of Interest None.

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere on Agenda

Highways

Potholes in Chapel Road West and East are still causing problems and all roads are in need of resurfacing. Clerk to contact Highways.

The pathway along the Old Fakenham Road Foxley West has mud from farmers field entrance which is causing obstructions to users. Clerk to contact Highways.

The sewerage system is now finished in Foxley East, a letter will be sent to May Gurney to thank the work men for all their hard work, and all their help towards the parishioners.

Correspondence

Village Sign update

The Clerk went to see how the sign was making progress, and took photos to show at the meeting, the sign is making good progress and hopefully should be finished very soon. Hopefully the sign will be unveiled in the middle of January more details to follow.

Grant of Dispensation

The Clerk granted all Councillors with a Dispensation as this is now required for all Councils, to allow the council to set the annual precept.

Finance

Summary of Accounts The financial report for the period 4th October to 5th December were agreed and signed.

Clerks Expenses Clerk's expenses approved Cheque no 100360 £38.14

Precept 2013-2014

Due to Breckland, the precept was not finalised at this meeting, and an Extraordinary Meeting will be held on the 10th January in Foxley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Village Matters

Village Hall Committee

The Committee have been working hard to obtain funding for the Village Hall Roof and have asked the Parish Council for their support, which the Parish Council agreed to support the Committee to the best of their ability.

Planning

3PL/2012/0981 Paulette Bungalow – Refused planning permission on the basis of interference with the radar at Trimmingham.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING. To finalise the Precept for 2013-2014. January 10th at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Harvey (Chairman) JH, Mears (Vice-Chairman) NM, Hatch NH, Barrett DB, Mr B Borrett (County Councillor) Mr G Bambridge (District Councillor)
Mrs E Buck (Clerk) .

Apologies None

Precept 2013/2014

The budget for this forthcoming year was discussed and it was agreed that the precept for 2013/2014 be set at £4,300, making it unchanged from the last financial year. Proposed by NH and Seconded by DB.

The Chairman thanked NH for his efforts in drafting this year's budget.

Date of Next Parish Meeting

Thursday 7th February at 7.30 pm in Foxley Village Hall.

Contact Details for the Parish Clerk - Emma Buck Tel: 01362688299/07771654277

Email:emma.bck1973@btinternet.com

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Fel Roberts is now Chair of Project Bawdeswell. The previous PB group have been incorporated into the Village Hall Committee where they will continue their successful fundraising for the New Village Hall.

The new focus for Project Bawdeswell is YOUTH ENTERPRISE.

We want to hold events that the young adults (11+) of the village are involved in at all levels; advertising, budgeting, organising, running, hosting etc.

WHY? Because it can help them in their job applications, it can teach them new skills, it can help bridge the gap between the age groups in our village and because it will make them realise how valued and important they are to our community. They may even be able to earn some cash, or set up their own business!

To that end, some events have already been planned and booked into the [very busy] social calendar of the village.

Sunday February 10th - BAGY Family Breakfast. 8.30am - 11am

Sunday May 12th - BAGY Family Breakfast & Tractor Rally. 8.30am - 11am

Sunday October 6th - BAGY Family Breakfast. 8.30am - 11am

Saturday April 20th - Spring Senior Lunch 12.30 - 2pm

Saturday June 29th - Armed Forces Day Senior Lunch 12.30 - 2pm

Saturday November 9th - Remembrance Day Senior Lunch 12.30 - 2pm

It should also be noted that ALL PROFITS from these will go towards continued development of the play area.

We still need helpers (aged 11 and over) and some keen adults to help mentor... would you be interested? Please contact me on davenfel@talk21.com or 07957254503.

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In spite of the Christmas/New Year festivities plenty has been going on at the VH. The Committee met on 22nd December and covered subjects from the Constitution to Security! A new Constitution in line with the Charities' Commission requirements is being drafted. The Police have prepared a report on security at the Hall and recreation ground. The recommendations are being considered by the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council. Unfortunately the perpetrator of the break-in and entering on 11th November has not been identified although the police interviewed several people and are continuing to monitor the building. The broken window will be repaired shortly.

Father Christmas made a big effort to be at the Hall on 16th December but unfortunately only a few families managed to come and see him. We hope he will get more of a welcome next Christmas .

Members of the committee have recently met with the architects and an open meeting will be held as soon as possible when the architects will table detailed plans for the internal layout of the hall. Look out for the details of that meeting in future Reeve's Tales and on the website. The outline planning permission received already is basically for the external appearance of the building.

A second stage 1 outline application has been made to the Big Lottery and we expect a response from them by the end of January. There is a 50/50 chance of being invited to proceed to stage 2 and that is the response we are hoping for, of course. If not we will have a last chance to re-submit a re-written stage 1 application in 3 months, but fingers crossed that won't be necessary!

John Mallen has taken over as Booking Clerk and should be contacted on 688 627 or villagehall@bawdeswell.net or jm67y@mallenj.fsnet.co.uk .

Les Beach kindly volunteered to take over as Caretaker for which we are most grateful and his number is 688 869.

Our meetings this year will be held on the last Saturday of each month at 10.00 am in the Village Hall and all are welcome to attend. So our next meeting will be held on the 23rd February at 10.00 am in the Village Hall.

M. Menzies

Come and see us Friday, 29th March

Easter egg hunt

and



Bob Flowerdew
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Check our website for the news and events throughout the year!

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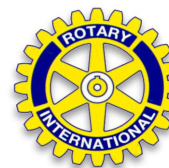
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BAWDESWELL CRAFT GROUP

We had a good turn-out for our first meeting of 2013 and were glad to get together and pick-up the work interrupted by the Christmas/New Year Festivities. We had a stall at the Wreath Sale Day in the Church on 15th December and sold some items. The proceeds of our sales and the balance of our subs. in 2012, just over £250, were donated to the New Hall Fund. Our meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon of the month at 2 pm in the Village Hall. Our next dates are – 24th January, and 14th and 28th February. New members are always welcome. Enquiries – Marietta Menzies 688 400.



Reepham and District Rotary - January 2013

November saw our annual Race Night at Reepham High School when a full house of members and guests enjoyed an entertaining evening with a bangers and mash supper; proceeds were an impressive £4000 which will go to our local Rotary charities. We are grateful for the contributions from our many supporters.

Christmas was again celebrated by the bright lights on the Rotary tree in the town square and those from many shops and premises in the town.

Our new year activities will continue with Quiz and chips to be held again in the Reepham High School on 8th February; tickets at £9 each including supper may be obtained from any Rotary member and we look forward to your support again. Proceeds as usual will be for EACH, MacMillan and our charities.

Jef Wilson



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: *Justine (Mum to Mylo) - 688222*

Claire (Mum to Trinity & Madison) - 688060

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Semitone Sin^gers

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Elsing Village Hall

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ICENI

The Icení Choir would like to thank our followers for their wonderful support over this last year and hope you have had a very **Happy Christmas** and will have a **Very Prosperous New Year**.

May I take this opportunity to tell you of you of our exciting new change of Musical Director with ICENI. The Choir send their best wishes to **Christine Dix** who we are pleased to announce will take over as musical Director from the beginning of the Spring Term, with new and exciting music being added to our repertoire.

We would like to thank **James Lilwall** for his dedication and leadership, we wish him all best wishes for the future in his new role within his work. James will still be part of ICENI as our Chairman.

Mezzo soprano Christine Dix studied piano and composition at the Royal Academy of Music and returned there to specialise in singing on the Advanced Opera Course, winning the Frederick Westlake prize. She studied with Sir Peter Pears at the Britten-Pears School for Advanced Musical Study Aldeburgh.

Christine has appeared as an oratorio soloist at the Queen Elizabeth Hall and Canterbury Cathedral, she has an extensive repertoire which includes Bach's Christmas Oratorio, St. Matthew Passion. She was a busy full time member of the English National Opera, where her operatic roles included Marcellina in the Marriage of Figaro, Sacharissa in Princess Ida and Mercedes in Carmen at Earls Court and in Japan.

The Choir are looking forward to a new year with our new Director and I would like to welcome her on behalf of The Icení Choir.

New members can contact the choir by email coop501954@yahoo.com or Beverley Cooper 01362 858185



The Children's Society

Considering the current financial climate, we didn't do badly last year. Things could have been better however, if Barclays Bank had been willing to double our takings again, as they had done for the last 5 years. Perhaps our luck had run out, or maybe Barclays are feeling the pinch! Anyway we had a jolly time at the Coffee Morning on 3rd. December & made £344-00 to add to the Box total of £1257-22 & the Lyng Christingle's £153-00, making an overall total of £1754-22. We held no extra events, coffee mornings abound these days, but I'd be delighted to hear if anyone has any suggestions for this year. Incidentally, there may still be someone out there who would be willing to give a home to a "House-Box" to pop in any heavy change burdening a pocket or purse – or even a regular amount; do contact me if you would like to join us.

There are enormous demands on the Society's funds, there are so many neglected children & teenagers in our supposedly civilised country. "Safe in the city" is one project; recent figures showed that of the 100,000, yes one hundred thousand children who run away from home each year, one in twelve will be harmed in some dreadful way. A life blighted forever. Project workers also give one-to-one support to children in care of whom there are around 65,000, often moved from home to home with no stability in their lives. The Society also campaigns for young carers who look after ill or disabled family members.

I must quickly mention our shops; our carport received some generous unwanted goods last year. Do keep it up, we're always willing to cart them into the Fakenham shop. As I'm sure you know, it helps if you label bags of old fabric items as "Rags" & they will also make some money. On behalf of the Society, thank you so much for all your contributions.

Diana Harvey,
FLEBBS Benefice Co-ordinator.
01362 688 650.

Norfolk Village Games

Active Norfolk are looking for people to compete at the Norfolk Village Games event. The event is a fun day of sport and with a mixture of senior (16 years +) and junior (8 – 15 years old) events in a range of sports meaning there is something for everyone. There are 3 categories so you compete against villages / market towns of similar sizes, up to 4 adjoining villages can join together to form a team. Please look at the Active Norfolk website for the list of sports.

Breckland Village Games take place at Watton Sports Centre on Sunday 23rd June

Free Sport Taster Sessions

If you would like some FREE sport taster sessions to take place in your village please contact me for further details.

Village Sports Co-ordinator

Active Norfolk is looking to appoint Village Sport Co-ordinators across the County as part of the Norfolk Village Games project. These posts will receive a £300 yearly payment with a further £200 available for justifiable expenses. There is also the potential for funding to be available to each co-ordinator to work on any agreed project.

Appointed co-ordinators will encourage the development of sport in their village/rural area, a role that will include **some** of the following activities:

- *inspire an entry into your districts Village Games;*
- *be a focal point for sporting information in the village and a 'Champion for Sport'*
- *With your Rural Sports Development Officer co-ordinate a Village Come-and-Try or Activity Day to encourage more people to take part in sport and the games itself*

Coaching Bursary – we are very keen to develop links with local clubs to offer exit routes from all Village Games events. In addition, in areas where we have established a need, we would be keen to hear from coaches/ volunteers who are keen in being involved in starting up a new club.

We are offering to pay up to 75% of the agreed coaching qualification with an understanding that the coach will deliver some coaching as part of the Village Games project.

If you are interested in representing your village at the games or would like more information on the Village Sports Co-ordinator role, Sport Taster sessions or Coaching Bursary please contact Amy East (Rural Sports Development Officer, Active Norfolk): amy.east@activenorfolk.org or 07795301526.



Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

Indoor Meeting 15 November – Birding in Ethiopia by Allan Hale

It is amazing how many of the birds can be seen around the hotels, even if it is a tented hotel in the middle of nowhere with primitive facilities. Arrival was in a very modern airport in Addis Ababa but there are two sides to that city – the modern face and the very poor, older areas, as with most of the country. The countryside is so dry apart from the few yards either side of water or on the higher slopes of the mountains where you start to see green. What a lot of birds have amazingly long tails! We saw superbly coloured Starlings, Black Kites which are associated with ‘death and squalor’. Several birds which visit our own country were seen, emphasising how far some of them travel. Some gorgeous birds, the Spur-winged Plover, the Bee-eaters to name but two. Imagine a Kingfisher as small as a Blue Tit – the Malachite Kingfisher; then we were shown an even smaller one – the African Pygmy Kingfisher. The Honey Guide birds that lead the locals to honey; they always leave some for the birds. We had a thoroughly enjoyable evening with much laughter as our speaker was one of our own members.

Outdoor 25 November After a very windy and wet night, a few stalwarts met at RSPB Strumpshaw Fen. A short visit with several woodland birds – Marsh Tit, Treecreeper – also Marsh Harrier and a singing Cetti’s Warbler before we shot off to Great Yarmouth to see Mediterranean Gulls. More specifically we were interested in those birds which had rings on. We saw Med Gulls which had been ringed in Belgium, Holland and Denmark. Then onto Sea Palling for a spot of sea-watching; Guillemot, Razor Bill, Common Scoter and Eider Duck were seen. Our final venue for the day, which had now turned bright and sunny, was Stubbs Mill for the evening raptor roost. Glorious evening sunset: many Marsh Harriers, several Hen Harriers, three or four Barn Owls ended what had turned out to be a really good day’s birding.

February meetings are Indoor Thursday 21 and Outdoor Saturday 23. All indoor meetings on Thursdays at Weston Longville Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. For more information contact Liz Bridge – publicity@wvbs.co.uk (01603 261370)

Legal Corner by Ruth Collings

I suspect that most people consider that wills are for those who are getting on in years. It is true that the average life expectancy is going up and up but within that figure there are many people who die too young.

One of the first things that can trigger the need to make a will is when you have your first child. A child is inherently going to be dependant on you as a parent and needs to be appropriately provided for after your death. This is true for many adult children but is particularly true for those who are under the age of 18 years. In your will you can arrange for your assets to be put into a trust that is looked after for your child or children until they reach adulthood.

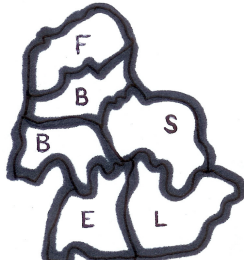
Importantly, in your will you can also nominate who should become a legal guardian of any child you have who is under the age of 18 years. This could be a family member or a friend – anyone you feel your child would be happy with and who is responsible enough to look after your child on a day to day basis.

If you should die while you have children who are under 18 years of age and make a will appointing a legal guardian, you can also make some financial provision for the guardians if you wish. The purse-strings of the trust funds for your children are held by your executors and trustees. If the guardian needs to be reimbursed for the expenses they incur in looking after your children they would apply to your executors and trustees for funds.

However, all these arrangements can only be made in your will. If you don’t make a will and your assets pass according to the intestacy rules, no legal guardian is appointed and no provision can be made (after your death) for the expenses your guardian will have in raising your children. So it isn’t by any means just people who are older who need to make a will.

Next time I’ll be explaining a little about powers of attorney and what they are useful for.

Ruth Collings is an Associate Solicitor at Hood Vores & Allwood in Dereham



Benefice News and Events

On February 3rd we will be having a visit from the Bishop of Lynn who will lead a united service of Holy Communion in Elsing Church at 10.30am. After the service there will be time for coffee and a short question time with the Bishop before going to the village hall for a bring and share lunch at 12.45.

Foxley is providing the soft drinks, Bawdeswell and Elsing the meat and veg dishes and Sparham and Lyng the deserts. If you are coming to the lunch and are able to help with the catering please contact Fran for Elsing, Sandi/Janet/Jane for Bawdeswell, Carol/Jennifer for Lyng and Fiona for Sparham. After lunch there will be another chance to chat to the Bishop before he leaves at 3pm.

Lent Course

The Rector is planning to run a Lent course this year on the theme of Growth and Discipleship. The sessions will start on Tuesday 19th February for 5 weeks from 2-3pm at the Rectory. Everyone is welcome to come along to these sessions.

Events for February

February 3 rd	Bring and Share lunch after church service Elsing Village Hall
February 23 rd	Friends of Bawdeswell Church Race Night Village hall. 7pm. Tickets inc supper £7.50 from James Lilwall 01362 688499

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

International and Interdenominational

Women's world Day of Prayer is a unique organisation, it speaks with the voices of women from all corners of the globe. A church near you on March 1st, women and men will be gathering to celebrate using a programme of worship prepared this year by women in France.

When the women of the French Committee met to work on the material for 2013, the theme chosen for them was, I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME. The Women's World Day of Prayer 2013 service is in St. Margaret's Church, Lyng on 1st. March at 2pm. Speaker-Mrs Jean Cunningham.

For more details please contact- *Margaret Keeler on 01603 872565*



ALL SAINTS CHURCH BAWDESWELL

The pre-Christmas services and ICENI concert filled the church and were generally thought to have been very happy and joyful events, "the best ever". Thank you IcenI and those members who formed a special choir and music group for the other services.

Christmas Day was a bit disappointing. We usually have a full church but only just over 30 attended, mostly from one family! Maybe it was because the carol service was only two days earlier and the usual families that turn out felt already church'd this Christmas? The Christmas Day service is always special and this year we had 7 year old Talulah Gurney sing most beautifully for us, and the Worship Group sang all the usual descants for the carols, making it a real party. Those of us that were there really enjoyed it.

We had planned a full set of church bells for Christmas, but red tape delayed this plan and we now hope to have them for Easter. They will enable us to improve the chiming of the clock and provide peels of bells for weddings.

Talking of which, Eleanor Colman and Jose Pereira got married in the church on the last day of the year. Our congratulations and best wishes to them.

On a sadder note we had the funeral and burial of Jimmy Holmes on 3rd January. The church was over full on both occasions.

Another well known local man, Jimmy Mears, passed away recently and his funeral was also on the 3rd January, at St Faiths Crematorium. Our thoughts and prayers have been with both families. *RT*

FOODBANK UPDATE

Mid Norfolk Foodbank

Please would you thank your congregation for their wonderful support to Food Bank. This year your donations weighed a total of 77.4kg. That is enough to feed 15 people in crisis for three days.

You may be interested to know that we have now fed 285 adults and 115 children since we started in March 2012, and the demand increases every month. That means contributions like yours are a tremendous help.

Andrew Frere-Smith.

Administrator and trustee

Please continue to fill up the boxes in the church. *JC*



Foxley St. Thomas'

Although the western end of the church was somewhat dishevelled, due to the preliminary work on the tower & the imminent removal of the bells, there was a sweet little Christmas tree to greet us, not to mention the tree standing outside the porch, both kindly donated by Hugh & Linda Rose, who also gave a new set of lights, for which we are most grateful.

Our young friends Douglas & Amy decorated the tree inside as well as busying themselves everywhere with holly, ivy & tinsel. Moreover they came after the festivities to help dismantle everything; how nice to have some young helpers.

The Flower Ladies created lovely arrangements for the new window shelves kindly made for us by David Nottage – aren't we lucky to have so much help!

All this was made worthwhile as there were plenty of people at the two Christmas services to admire all these efforts. The chancel was absolutely packed for our carol service; we sang the traditional carols with enthusiasm, accompanied by John Fletcher & listened to the familiar words of the Christmas story from the King James Bible. Afterwards, we socialised cheerfully enjoying the mulled wine & mince pies.

The Midnight Communion was also well attended – we shall have to complete the renovations in the nave soon, as we're running out of space in the chancel- at least on special occasions!

Diana Harvey, PCC Secretary

The collections at Foxley Church's Christmas services amounted to £308, and this has been divided equally between Big C, the Norfolk cancer charity, and Crisis, the national charity for the homeless. Foxley PCC is very appreciative of the generosity of everyone involved.

Nigel Hatch

We have started work on the bell and floor renovation at St Thomas' after 3 years of hard work. We now have a new floor under the bells- the old one was nearly finished after years of deterioration. The new oak beam and joists are installed by the old methods. The bells are now coming down to be repaired and tuned. We are looking forward to their reinstatement in late February or early March, depending how it all goes at the bell foundry. My thanks go to all the volunteers that have worked so hard and for all the financial contributions that have made this restoration project possible.

Tony Rushbrook

From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

Easter is early this year, so Lent begins (with Ash Wednesday) on February 13th. Traditionally, Christians give things up for Lent. If it's just about food, that may look a bit negative; but read any recent diet fad, and the physical benefits of fasting, regularly but not every day, are noticeable. Our bodies are designed to have periods of doing without.

It's not just food we can do without. All of us can also do without some of the more damaging emotions that we express to others. This is about paying attention to ourselves and why we feel our ego is so important, and thinking about the feelings of others. Lent is a time when Christians are encouraged to think about what we have done wrong, and, hopefully, are prompted to ask for forgiveness.

One tragedy unfolding today is the civil war in Syria; tens of thousands of lives lost, millions displaced from their homes. There is a problem of forgiveness at the very centre of the behaviour of the Syrian president. He looks across at Iraq, where Saddam Hussein was strung up after his trial. He thinks of Libya, where Muammar Gaddafi was murdered by his captors. So what possible incentive does Bashar Assad have to go quietly? He is a man who will probably die when he loses.

People who are "painted into a corner", or who are desperate, often carry on doing unreasonable things, knowing they are unreasonable, because they cannot see what else to do. But the more there is a way out, the more likely people are to change.

Forgiveness is a kind of giving up. It's giving up your right to be angry. If we forgive others, it will cost us some effort, in the way that fasting does. It may also, like fasting does physically, clear some space for us to be emotionally fitter. The outcome of your forgiving others may be that they have time and space to change, so it may be of advantage to you as well; but that's not the only reason why you do it.

Christians in Lent, meditating on forgiveness, think about it as the freedom to be better. May forgiveness be a healing force for us all.

God bless you

David Head

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February 2013

Date	03/02	10/02	13/02	17/02	24/02
Season	The Second Sunday before Lent	The Sunday Next Before Lent	Ash Wednesday	The First Sunday of Lent	The Second Sunday of Lent
Foxley				10.30 HC DH	17.30 EP DH
Lyng		10.30 OMS DH		15.30 EP DH	10.30 W&P
Elsing	10.30 United HC With Bishop of Lynn			10.30 W&P CW	09.00 HC DH
Bawdeswell				10.30 GiG	10.30 W&P CW
Bylaugh		09.00 HC DH			09.00 MP CW
Sparham			19.30 HC with Imposition of Ashes DH	09.00 HC DH	10.30 HC DH

Sparham Deanery Lent Evening Services
 17th Feb 4pm North Elmham
 24th Feb 4pm Wood Norton

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