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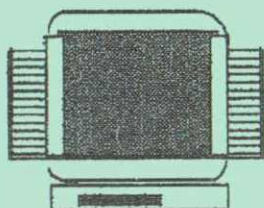


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### Bawdeswell Store

From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2007 the Bawdeswell Store will be transferring their business to McColl's, the UK Independent Neighbourhood Retailer.

Andy & Shirley Battley have built up Bawdeswell Store over the last 20 years to be one of the very best neighbourhood stores in Britain, with a level of service that has made us the envy of so many.

At a time when other village stores have been struggling and closing down, Andy Shirley and their daughter Fel have striven to give us better and better service. Nothing has been too much for them.

It is going to be a hard act for the new management to follow and keep up the high standard of service we have got so used to.

Thank you Andy & Shirley and Fel for all you have done, and the best of luck and good health in your new life.

*Ed*

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## LETTERS

### ... and It's Goodbye From Us.

It is with great sadness but a sigh of relief that we can confirm the worst kept secret in Bawdeswell...namely that we have sold The Bawdeswell Store to Martin McColls; the largest Independent Retail Chain in Britain.

They approached us about this time last year and my first reaction was "Forget it; I'm going out in a box!" Quick and painless for me but hardly fair on Shirl - trapped until I croak! So when I subsequently suffered a stroke (divine intervention?) and everyone talked of enjoying life - not working all the time, it suddenly seemed easier to go with the offer - so we could enjoy some quality time together after 40 years of marriage.

The deal has not been without its hiccups and as everyone knows moving house is fraught with minor setbacks: imagine selling a business too! The existing staff were promised continued employment but a few could not take the uncertainty and left anyway; our apologies for any slippage of service in the last few weeks. Although it has to be said that the vast majority of our staff have largely coped with a lot of changes, and ensured that our customers have still enjoyed their shopping experience.

Both Shirl and I feel sorry to leave - it's been nearly 20 years of hard but mostly enjoyable work which has been all consuming of our life. Unfortunately the strain of never ending regulation and directives takes a heavy toll. Most small businesses struggle to survive when faced with compulsory legislation and fierce competitors.

Our thanks to the Parish, District and County Councils who have been very supportive and Norfolk Constabulary, who have given excellent service.

A huge thank you to our customers and friends, the residents of Bawdeswell and Foxley and surrounding villages whose support has ensured the survival of a shop on this site. Despite the ensuing problems of deliveries and parking, their reward is in enhanced property values. It was not an easy village to find when we first came here but Bawdeswell is now a sought-after village for house hunting and is signposted from Kings Lynn and the A47. (Not single handedly down to us; the Garden Centre / Floranova and all the other businesses in the village have more than played their part.)

Lastly, my thanks to my family for everything over the years and especially Shirl, Fel and Dave who have worked extremely hard to keep things going for the last few months.

Andy & Shirley Battley

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Please note that anonymous letters cannot be printed without identifying yourself to the editors.

## APRIL DIARY

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bawdeswell Store changes hands. Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Foxley Social Club 2pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Closing Date for Parish Council nominations
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Book Club meets at Old Workhouse Bar
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bawdeswell Church Friends Coffee Morning 1030am
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Day - Family GiG 10am Bawdeswell Church
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Blood Donor Session, Bawdeswell village hall
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Police Station - Bawdeswell Street 11am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	WI at Sparham - <i>Teaching in Prison</i> 7.30pm Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee 8pm in the hall
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Computer Lesson at Bawdeswell village hall 9am. Foxley Social Club 2pm - Victorian Farming Years
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Julian Group, Bawdeswell 8pm
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Project Bawdeswell meeting 10am
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bawdeswell PCC AGM 8.30pm in the church
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	School Friends Craft Evening 7pm
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Quiz Evening Foxley Village Hall/Bintree Bowls Club 7.30pm

Foxley Village Hall: **Exercise Classes** every Tues morning at 9.30am  
**Intermediate Yoga Classes** every Wed evening at 6.30pm

Bawdeswell Village Hall: **Aerobics** - Mondays  
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## **FOXLEY SOCIAL CLUB**

On the afternoon of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March we had Mr. Derek Edwards give us a talk with slides on 'Roman Norfolk from the Air'. Mr. Edwards is a qualified archaeologist who specializes in searching for Roman sites by photographing the land from the air looking for signs of ancient structures and roads.

This at first glance would seem to be a pretty 'dry' subject; but with Mr. Edward's enthusiastic and extremely learned guidance we were very quickly enthralled by the revelations of the photographs. I think, first of all, how amazed we all were by the sheer amount of Roman sites that are around us here in Norfolk. Farmers all over the county are ploughing and sowing just a few feet over the remaining foundations of forts, villas, temples, habitations of all sorts, and of course the ubiquitous Roman Road. One particular photograph, taken at high altitude, showed most of Norfolk, and there, bisecting the county, going as straight as a die, heading for the Wash, was the original Peddar's Way. We were quite awe-struck. We were looking at our roots.

S.B.

### **2007 Programme for April ....**

All meetings commence at 2pm unless stated otherwise; and all outings weather permitting. Everyone is welcome at the meetings.

04/04 Village Hall

18/04 The Victorian Farming Years. Mr. Stephen Pope.

## **FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL**

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**Foxley Housing** At long last there is light at the end of the tunnel. The *Saffron Housing Association* have applied for 10 starter homes to be built on the field opposite the greenhouses. These will be a mixture of 1, 2 or 3 bedroom houses to rent or as shared ownership. If anybody who lives in Foxley, Bawdeswell or other surrounding villages wish to put their name down to be considered for any of these properties, please telephone Peter Howell On 01362 688620. Subject to planning permission being granted, funds are in place for building to start in the late summer, this year. As you will see the site has already started to be landscaped. *Peter Howell*



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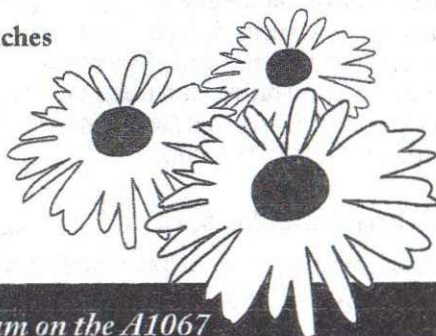
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## **Friends of Bawdeswell Church**

A very successful quiz night was held in the village hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Almost 80 people took part and the winning team, *The A Team*, with a grand score of 99 were presented with two bottles of champagne and boxes of chocolates. Our thanks to our excellent quiz master, James, the score keeper, Nicholas and to all who provided such a splendid supper.

### **2007 EVENTS**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – 10am *Nick Grounds* flower demonstration followed by lunch, in the church.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – 7.30pm *Ceilidh & Harvest Supper* at Reepham High School. *Rake the Shingle Ceilidh Band*

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – *Family Christmas concert* in the church.

**Next Coffee Morning** and quarterly draw – 10.30am in the church on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April**. *All welcome.*

**absolute !**

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## BAWDESWELL SCHOOL

Since 19<sup>th</sup> February the school has been lucky enough to have a County Head (Mrs. Maureen Vaissiere) full-time who is keen to continue the close links the school has with the community. The school is also being strongly supported by the LA, governors, staff and parents.

The football team have played two games recently against Blakeney. They won one and drew the other. Further matches with other schools are planned. The school has recently received its Sports Mark certificate and this is proudly displayed in the school foyer.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> March the school choir is again performing in the Central Area Middle School Music Association, at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, and parents and supporters will be there on the night. We are sure they will do well.

We are looking forward to the summer term; rugby practice will continue on Friday afternoons.

The Friends of the School are holding a ladies night on the 26<sup>th</sup> April. Look out for more details or check with one of them.

## Friends of Bawdeswell School present

### A Craft and Beauty Evening

Come on Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> April to Bawdeswell School from 7 to 10pm

Stalls to include jewellery, make-up, cookery demo,  
beauty treatments and crafts

Tickets available on the door – £2 to include a glass of wine  
Refreshments – wine, tea, coffee  
Raffle with great prizes

## Bawdeswell Football Club.

(Crown Fire Central & South Norfolk League)

Bawdeswell FC is still struggling at the moment not having kept up their earlier promising performance. At present they are 3<sup>rd</sup> from the bottom of Division 3 with 19 points from 13 games.



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New players and supporters are needed for the team.

For information about the club please contact Philip Duffield on (01362) 688611

## Bawdeswell Bowls Club.

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



For information about the club please contact Paul Digby on (01362) 688615

## A new website for walkers in Norfolk

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. If children experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

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[www.walkinginnorfolk.co.uk](http://www.walkinginnorfolk.co.uk) gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County.

Guided walks: Local groups who offer guided walks are listed together with links to their web-sites.

So check out the website and get walking!





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## MOBILE POLICE OFFICE

The Mobile Police Office will be in 'The Street' Bawdeswell 11am until 12.30pm every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday.

This is intended to provide a 'visible' police presence in the village. Please make sure that you visit them if you have a problem or need information. Pop in and find out what's happening in the area.

**Future Dates for 2007 are**  
**12<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June**

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## Reepham and District Rotary

The club is helping to sponsor a young handicapped lady from Cawston who is taking a trip with the Jubilee Sailing Trust. Her mentor will be Jo Tim, wife of Rotarian John.

The club is also intending to sponsor a new medical response unit that is being set up in Reepham. A member from the Aylsham group gave a talk about their work and how they help to save lives before ambulance teams arrive. The club are intending to buy part of the kit they will need before they can commence their work.

The club are now organizing the next fund raising event which is to be held at the Noverre Suite at The Assembly House Norwich. We are holding a Gala Charity film night. This will include a champagne reception and a 1951 classic movie 'A Streetcar Named Desire' starring Vivienne Leigh and Marlon Brando. It will be a black tie event and tickets are £12.50. This will be in aid of East Anglian Children's Hospice and other Rotary Charities.

*Ken Ewing*



**WI**

Aleathia opened our meeting on 12th March and welcomed our Speaker, Russell Eden. Russell's talk was entitled Overcoming Adversities. Introducing himself as a recovering stammerer, Russell told us of his struggle to overcome this terrible handicap. Handicap it certainly was and listening to his confident and fluent use of words, we found it hard to reconcile this enthusiastic and talkative man, with the frightened and worried youngster he had been.

He explained that he had been taught how to use his voice and breathing, and he was now happy to say he was teaching other stammerers. He had also been accepted as a Toastmaster and had joined the Special Police Force. A most interesting talk. After our tea/coffee break, Russell looked at the Mothering Sunday cards made by members. The winner was Audrey; 2nd Ruth. Zillah won the raffle.

Our next meeting is on Monday 16th April when our speaker is Rosalind Teague with the subject - Teaching in Prison. We meet in the Old School Room at 7.30 p.m. and are asked to bring a painted egg for the exhibition.

*Mary Humphrey*





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## BAWDESWELL BOOK CLUB

For our meeting in March we had read The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton.

The novel is set in 1870s New York but was written in 1919 just after the First World War. Edith Wharton was in France all through the war and concentrated her energies on war work. When she took up her pen again she reverted to the country of her birth and this previous age (post the American Civil War), but was it an age of innocence?

At one level the book is a romance that is tested/questioned by the arrival of an exotic third party, quite a basic story line. Newland Archer and his finance May are from New York establishment families and are very much constrained by the mores of that society. When May's cousin the Countess Olenska arrives from Europe after leaving her husband, she and Newland develop deep feelings for each other. Newland is a reader and a thinker and her circumstances lead him to question his society and particularly the position of women. He questions the double standards existing - the freedoms that married men enjoy and the constraints placed on women.

Both he and May have strong moral characters and for all her innocence May is aware of the attraction, although this knowledge is never spoken. There were rare moments when May's depth of understanding was shown and these heartened Newland. On one of these occasions she offered him his freedom but once they were engaged she fought for her man, Newland Archer. May wins an archery competition - she aims and achieves the bull's eye - so there is no doubt that she will also win her "Archer" fiancé. They are married and Madam Olenska returns to Europe.

The book fast forwards 25 years or so after that by which time May is dead and Newland and his son travel to Paris together. Newland is given the chance to see Elena Olenska but both he and she chose not to re-meet.

At a certain time in their lives they had been at a cross roads but had taken the honourable path, they had chosen to be hurt themselves rather than to hurt May. However, 25 years on perhaps they realised that as strongly as they had been drawn to each other, actually living a life together would not have worked.

Most members really enjoyed reading this novel, it was agreed that there are some wonderful descriptive passages. Some found it a little slow, there is not much action but there is plenty going on in the hearts, minds and souls of the 3 main characters. It was a reading experience to be savoured.

*The Book Club meets in the Workhouse on the first Thursday of every month and welcomes new members. We mostly obtain books from the library so there is not the expense of buying new books each month. During March we are reading Amsterdam by Ian McEwan. This will be discussed at our next meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April. During April we will be reading Half of a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.*



## FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 22 February 2007 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Mr J Harvey, Mr N Mears, Mrs R Waller, Mr A Westfield, the clerk and 16 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Mrs I Floering Blackman CC, working with other parishioners on a planning application and Mr G Bambridge DC who had no means of transport.

Before the meeting began, Mr Harvey thanked all councillors and the clerk for their years of service and good support for the parish.

**Declarations of interest:** There were none

**Minutes** Minutes of previous meeting were adjusted then accepted and signed.

**Matters arising:** It was agreed to query the plans for East Foxley with Mr Parsons of AW.

Councillor Westfield did not meet with Highways as the complainant declined to attend but the dangerous situation would still be pointed out to them.

Pit at Church Farm Barns had been inspected by EHO and Mr Davis had dealt with the matter.

An article re Community Rangers was published in The Reeves Tale - hopefully responsible villagers would step forward to help.

**Correspondence:** Letters to NCC, Mrs I Floering Blackman and Ruth Kelly had been solicited to back up NCC's refusal of Norwich's Unitary bid.

Letter from Saffron Housing, accepted the Parish Council's report.

### Planning Applications

Outline planning Permission received for Mr Davis - erection of dwelling & garage at Cherry Tree Cottage

Planning planning permission was received for Mr Davis - sub division of Cherry Tree Cottage into 2.

The Appeal by Mrs Loudon had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

Permission refused for Mesdames Bartrum and Turner re erection of dwelling.

Planning permissions sought by Mr & Mrs Rushbrook - Glebe House for conservatory, car port and extra windows. No objections from PC.

Renewal of planning permission was sought by Mr Greentree- storage of 17 caravans. Query from PC regarding "Office Units" marked on the new plan- on the old applications it was "Storage units".

Retrospective planning permission sought by Mr Kennett, Church Farm House for conversion of barn to art studio

Outline Planning Permission sought by Mr Hunt re demolishing of the Natterjack and building of 4 single storey dwellings on site. (This had been reported in Thursday's EDP but only just received by clerk so it was not on the published agenda.)

There was quite a protracted discussion in Open Forum regarding the plans for the Natterjack. Mr Hunt put forward his views and several parishioners put forwards theirs.)

**Village Matters:** Councillor Harvey reported the breaking in the church of a stained

glass window by a group of disaffected young people. The police were informed.

Councillor Westfield produced excellent photographic evidence of different sites in the village that were an eyesore.

Councillor Waller reported that the Dog Warden did not need an incriminating photograph before he was able to act. Dog owners are reminded that it is mandatory to clear up after their pets within a 40mph zone.

It was once again reiterated that the Paper Bank in the Village is not only helping recycling but earning money for use by the Village Hall Committee. All parishioners are urged to put their newspapers etc into the Bank.

All Foxley residents over the age of 18 were encouraged to think about becoming Parish Councillors in the next term which begins with Parish Elections on 3 May 2007. Contact the Parish Clerk on 01362668302 for more details.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8 May, 7.30pm in Village Hall ANNUAL PARISH MEETING followed by ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, followed by 1st Parish Council Meeting of the year. (p.s. these are not usually lengthy affairs).**

**An extra ordinary meeting of the Parish Council** was held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The subject for discussion was Planning Application 3PL/2006/1923: Demolition of the public house The Natterjack, and redevelopment for residential purposes i.e. 4 single storey dwellings.

The reason for calling the meeting was that it was necessary to return to Breckland Council the Parish Council's agreement or disagreement before 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007, and notice had not been previously given of this application.

Representing the Parish Council was a quorum consisting of the Chairman, Mr. J Harvey supported by Mrs. R. Waller and Mr. N. Mears. The meeting was attended by some fifty people or so: roughly a fifth of the adult population of the village.

The Chairman took great pains to point out the pros and cons of this matter: the effect on the village of the closure of The Natterjack through lack of support, and at the present moment being unable to attract a buyer, the result would then be a boarded-up building; or voting for the planning permission for four new dwellings on the site. After letters expressing opinions on this matter from non-attending residents were read out, the discussion was thrown open to the floor. The debate that followed was extremely lively with both the pros and cons being enthusiastically, and sometimes vociferously, expressed. In the true manner of dialectics a third option did emerge: that it would be preferable that a buyer might be found who could make a success of the pub.

Finally, the floor was asked to vote on whether planning permission should be granted to build four dwellings on the site of The Natterjack. The outcome was: For: 17 votes. Against: 27 votes. Abstentions: 7. There were also 7 votes against by letter and e mail



## Would you like to be a Bawdeswell Parish Councillor



The Parish Council is a vital part of our community. They are responsible for many issues affecting the village and especially for setting the Parish Precept which is paid with your Council Tax bill. For Bawdeswell this will equate to an average of a bit less than 25p per week for each member of our village community in 2007/8 and pays the clerk's salary, insurance premium, maintenance of the playing field and Village Hall, maintenance of the churchyard, Village Handyman's wages and materials and a number of other items including some support for this magazine.

Planning issues have been at the forefront of recent meetings with Folland Court and Bawdeswell Store. These Parish Council meetings have been well attended and villagers have been able to express their opinions. However, decisions made by the Parish Council have to reflect the needs of the whole village and may not necessarily be agreed with by everyone. If you would like to be part of the decision making process then you might like to consider becoming a Parish Councillor.

On Thursday May 3rd 2007 all seven places on Bawdeswell Parish Council are up for election. Some current members of the council are standing down so there will be vacancies. If seven or less nominations are received for Parish Councillors then there will no election and those nominated will automatically become councillors. If there are less than seven Councillors then others may be co-opted on to the council to make up the number required.

At the date of publication 7 nomination packs have been handed out – BUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU LADIES? We need a female perspective on the Parish Council!!

The Parish Council normally meets at 7.45pm in the Village Hall on the first Monday of each month excluding January and August when the council is in recess. Following the May 3<sup>rd</sup> election the next meeting has been arranged for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm. This is to allow time for the results of the election to be posted. This meeting will comprise of (i) Annual Parish Meeting, (ii) Parish Council Annual Meeting and (iii) May Parish Council Meeting.

## Running for office - Parish Councils

Bawdeswell needs 7 councillors and Foxley need 5. If you would like to be a candidate the process is quite simple. You must obtain a 'Nomination Pack' either from your Parish Clerk (Bawdeswell 688234, Foxley 668302) or from Breckland Council. The nomination form requires a proposer and seconder who must both be on the electoral roll for the parish. The consent form is for you to agree to the nomination and to state how you are eligible to stand for council. Forms must be submitted to Breckland Council Offices no later than noon on Wednesday 4th April.



In order to be a parish councillor you must be aged 18 years or over and be a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of an EU member state and you must qualify to be a parish councillor for your parish in one or more of the following ways:

- be a local government elector in the parish (ie on the electoral roll)
- have owned or rented land within the parish for the last twelve months
- have lived in the parish or within 4.8 kilometres (3 miles) of it (*of the Parish Boundary*) for the last twelve months
- have worked in the parish for the last twelve months

You cannot stand as a candidate if you are disqualified from being elected by reason of any disqualification set out in section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Specifically, a person cannot be a candidate if:

- they are employed by the local authority or hold paid office under the authority (including joint boards or committees), or
- they are the subject of a Bankruptcy Restriction order in England or Wales, have been adjudged Bankrupt in Northern Ireland, or had their estate sequestrated in Scotland, or
- they have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence) without the option of a fine during the five years before election day (i.e. since 4<sup>th</sup> May 2002), or
- they have been disqualified under Part III of RPA 1983 (this relates to donations and other offences as well) or under the Audit Commission Act.

Full details of requirements for eligibility and disqualifications are given in the Nomination Pack.

If you are nominated as a candidate for Bawdeswell or Foxley Parish Council and there are sufficient candidates to require an election in your parish you will be given the opportunity to have a paragraph (free of charge) in the next Reeve's Tale to tell the electorate about yourself.



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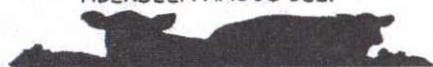


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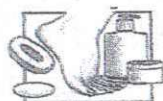
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## BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL-EXTRACTS OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2007 AT 7.45pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillor's Mallen (acting chairman), Lilwall, Cockburn, Swain, Beane and Wallace 15 parishioners Mrs. Floering Blackman

APOLOGIES: Councillor Hind

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Agreed and signed  
Mr. Carl Beane was co-opted onto the PC.

### PLANNING:

-Bawdeswell Stores, The Street - change of use of 4 bedroom house to 3 No.1 bed houses, replace

derelict shed with extension to retail. PP refused - 'in opinion of Council the amenities currently enjoyed by the occupants of adjoining dwellings would be adversely affected by the proposed extension by virtue of noise and disturbance'.

- Folland Court - letter received from Flagship Housing giving details of stock/occupancy of housing in Bawdeswell. Also costs for providing bungalows on site from which it appears that both Flagship Housing and Breckland feel that design on original PA gives better value for money and provides a more sustainable mixture of tenures and is therefore more likely to receive funding. Flagship have taken the decision to re-apply for PP based on scheme presented at meeting (PA exactly the same as before but with PO being moved beside one of the houses.) Matter held pending new PA.

- PP given to Corner House 37a Hall Road for first floor extension.

- Wood Farm - Enforcement Notice issued - building of vehicle storage unit to cease - Applicant has two calendar months from 23<sup>rd</sup> March unless appeal is made.

- T-Mobile installation - letter sent saying PC totally against erection of mast due to health concerns and possible effects from emissions and radiation which are still unknown. Breckland to be asked if PP required.

- Rendering Plant, Clay Hall Farm, Gt. Witchingham - Letter of objection sent to Breckland/NCC - inappropriate for built up area - too large - concerns about safety - additional lorry movements along A1067 carrying waste materials- emissions/odour pollution.

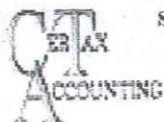
- Dog Mess -Complaints received about dog mess in The Street. Two new dog bins have been put up - one beside footpath between hall/paradise roads and second at the top of common lane. Please make sure you clean up after your dog.

## NEXT MEETING IS ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2007 at 7.45pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL - THIS IS THE LAST MEETING OF THE CURRENT PARISH COUNCIL BEFORE MAY ELECTIONS.

DON'T FORGET PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON MAY 3<sup>rd</sup> TO DECIDE THE PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COUNCILLOR, CLERK HAS NOMINATION PACK (TEL.688234). FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO BRECKLAND BY NOON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL.



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At the meeting on 10 March the Steering Group welcomed Paul Digby from Bawdeswell Bowls Club. The current status of the club, how it fits into the project and the possibility of a youth section were discussed.

Alex Kirby reported on the successful first meeting of the Building and Access Sub Group. A Development Functionality Chart has been produced and was refined at the meeting following discussion. The target is to have a brief prepared for the Architect by the end of March and some detailed plans produced by June, following discussions with Breckland re planning permission issues in between.

Graham Swain is taking the Children's Play area sub-group forward and is talking to appropriate people at Breckland Council. He is working hard to have a funding application ready by May. Requirements for a tennis court are being investigated.

The Activities sub-group is being formed and their first meeting is to be arranged for early April so that they can report back to the Steering Group at the next meeting.

Additional members are being sought for the Playing Field sub-group whose first priority will be arranging the proper draining of the field. A survey of the field is being carried out and quotations are to be obtained.

Committee members are to liaise with the Heath Trustees before the Bawdeswell Heath sub-group progresses further.

Funding options are being investigated but timescales are tight. The National Lottery 'Big Fund', The Sports Council, Sports England East and Defra are current funding options. More local fundraising is required.

The secretary has written to all those who offered help on the survey form and is starting to get some positive replies. She has also written to The Friends of Bawdeswell School and spoken to the teacher responsible for PE at the school about help for children's sport and outdoor activities.

The next meeting of the Steering Group is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 10am in the Village Hall. ALL villagers are welcome to attend.

For further information see our website [www.projectbawdeswell.org.uk](http://www.projectbawdeswell.org.uk) or call 688749.



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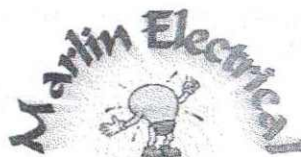
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Further reductions are available for Bawdeswell community groups on weekdays.

### Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee is still struggling to keep going and desperately needs  
more members. There are 800 plus people in the village and just half a dozen of you  
could help make a big difference. We meet in the village hall at 8pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday of each month. Please come and join us !!

### Bawdeswell Village Hall Regular Activities

Regular activities at the hall include Aerobics on Monday Evenings, Dog Training on  
Tuesday evenings, Countryside Rangers every other Wednesday, Weight Watchers on  
Thursday evenings and Pilates on Friday evenings. We have regular Saturday sessions  
throughout the year for Egg Decoration run by 'Exkwizit Eggs' – call Trisha on 01603  
880173 for information. The Mobile blood donor van is also a regular visitor.

### NEW for 2007 – Computer Training at the Village Hall

Computer training for absolute beginners is to commence on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
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The classes, which will be free of charge to the students, are being run by Reepham  
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Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007

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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2007

1pm to 3.10pm and 4.30pm to 6.55pm

The Mobile Blood Donor Van  
(Bloodmobile) visits Bawdeswell  
regularly. It is booked for six  
dates in 2007 at the Village Hall.

Please note that the regular day is now a Tuesday.

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regularly if you are unable to attend on the Bawdeswell dates.

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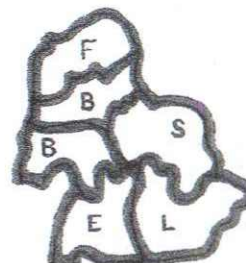
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### Benefice News and Events

#### Easter and Holy Week

The services planned for Easter and Holy Week are as follows:

Maundy Thursday	Lyng	7.30pm
Good Friday	Lyng	10.30am
	Foxley	10.30am
	Sparham	noon
	Elsing to Lyng Walk 3pm followed by tea at the Rectory	
Easter Eve	Bawdeswell First Communion of Easter 8.30pm	
Easter Day	Maybe a bonfire at Elsing 7.15am with vigil (Communion at 10.30) - please look at notice board	
	Bawdeswell GiG 10am	

The new service pattern for a trial period of four months starts in May. Every second Sunday there will be a United Communion Service. May's service will be held at Bylaugh, June at Elsing, July at Foxley and August at Lyng. There will also be a United Benefice Service on 29<sup>th</sup> April at Bawdeswell run by the Children's Society.

There are quite a few events for April starting with  
7<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning and 100 club draw at Bawdeswell Church 10.30am  
18<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning at Walnut Tree Farm, Lyng Easthaugh 10.30am  
28<sup>th</sup> Men's breakfast at Sparham. Invitations will be issued soon!

#### Advance Notice

#### St Thomas Church, Foxley

To help with fundraising for St Thomas' and to replace a broken stained glass window the large garden next to the church will be open for visitors one day each month. The former meadowland continues to be developed into a peaceful and wildlife friendly garden. Planting is varied throughout the year, with several interesting features and seating areas.

Where	Street Farm, The Street, Foxley
When	First Tuesday each month, commencing Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2007
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## Bawdeswell Parochial Church Council

The Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30pm. All parishioners are eligible to attend this meeting at which reports on the past year will be presented.

The funeral of Leonard Taylor formerly of Woodbine Cottage took place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. A good number of his friends and acquaintances attended the service. Len was a well known figure in the village until his illness made it necessary to move to Lincoln House. Our sympathies are extended to all his family.

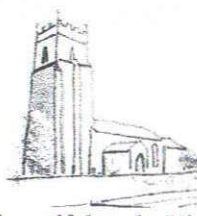
### Women's World Day of Prayer

On a lovely day on March 2nd 35 ladies and 1 gentleman met in St Margaret's Lyng Church to remember Paraguay in our prayers. The theme was *United under God's tent and Is anything too hard for the Lord.*

Mrs Anne Murphy gave a talk on looking at what unites Christians and to love in God's love each other. An offering of £ 125 was taken for the movement, £15 for expenses so £110 sent to them. Thank you everyone for making the service go so well. *Margaret Keeler.*

### Christian Aid

There will be an envelope in your May magazine. Please keep it safe till the week 13th-19th May. I am hoping more people will be willing to go round their village for this worthwhile cause. It would be lovely to have some men to help so let me ask the men please could you find one or two hours in an evening that week to help. Thank you in advance to all the ladies who have giving up their time in the past hoping you will help again this year. Please ring me Margaret Keeler 01603-872565.



## ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, FOXLEY

The P.C.C. met recently, having been dismayed to hear that a valuable stained glass window had been damaged in an act of wanton vandalism, apparently by someone, probably a young man, in a moment of alcohol-fuelled stupidity.

We now face a very considerable bill for the restoration of this beautiful early Victorian work of art. There may also be a lengthy wait before the repair can be done. So sad and so unnecessary! Particularly sad too, because this window was restored in 1987 by the family of Martin Chase, Churchwarden until his sudden death, and a stalwart of our church. In addition, this expense will delay our plans to renovate the porch and chancel.

On a positive note, however, we were delighted to hear of John and Mary Fletcher's plans to open their extensive and interesting garden at Street Farm on a monthly basis to help pay for the window repairs and our restoration project. The possibility of exploring the garden and its progress through the summer is already being greeted with enthusiasm by garden lovers. The church will be open to attract the many that enjoy old churches and their history.

Opening Time: -The first Tuesday each month from May to September 11am to 5pm.

Diana Harvey  
(PCC Secretary T/N 688650)



## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Now that we have completed 15 years of fund-raising for the Society, first in Foxley and Bawdeswell and then in the united FLEBBS benefice, we are planning a special service in

Bawdeswell church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. April at 10am.

Peter Neale, the Community Fundraising Manager, is coming to give the sermon and tell us more about the work of The Society. We hope that all our supporters and those with children's welfare at heart will attend in order to celebrate what we have achieved and be inspired to even greater efforts in the future.

Diana Harvey  
Parish Co-ordinator.





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Next Meeting April 20<sup>th</sup>

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A father's hand no cause to flee  
The vicar's sigh no need to shrivel  
The devil's smile, no pride has he...  
The game's been played without redemption  
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The life was took for no real reason  
The understanding bound in clause...  
Touch somebody, love somebody  
Start our life anew.  
Embrace somebody, hold someone  
Make the first step, then see it through

*Tracey Odessa Kane 1998*

### From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

The wind that blew over the tree in my last month's letter also blew out a window in Elsing Church and brought down some branches into the churchyard. But even out of damage, good can come.

This Easter Day at 7.15 am (strictly for early risers) we shall light a bonfire in Elsing Churchyard made from some of the fallen tree limbs. Do come if you would like, it will be part of a short-ish vigil service. From as early as the second century, Christians lit fires at Easter, a new fire to show the new energy in the resurrection, so we'll continue that tradition. Fire features in other religious traditions too.

We have to be careful of fire, and we teach children that it can be dangerous. But fire is also one of the most important things in our lives; heat for cooking, keeping warm, making machines move, the sun that is essential for life. And we also have words about fire in our emotions that are positive: "aglow", "ardent", "warm-hearted".

There are lots of ideas in the one idea of the new fire. First, as we get rid of things in our lives that are dead or damaged, we are rewarded with light and warmth. Second, those who have died will move on, Christians pray, into a place of light and warmth. Third, even in the dark there is always the possibility of light. Fourth, a new fire is a beginning.

Because the date of Easter is governed by the moon, unlike Christmas which is a sun-date, and the days are already brighter, sometimes it seems to lose its radiance by comparison (and the Elsing bonfire will be after dawn). And you may find this same feeling in your life. Sometimes a most important thing is happening, but because it is not in contrast to its surroundings, it is not as obvious. The change of direction when we hit rock bottom can be dramatic, but sometimes we can be happy and change significantly, without it showing so much.

God bless you this Easter.

David Head



# Church of England SERVICES - APRIL 2007

DATE	1 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>
Season	Palm Sunday	Maunday Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Eve	EASTER DAY	Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> of Easter	3 <sup>rd</sup> of Easter	4 <sup>th</sup> of Easter
<b>BAWDESWELL</b>	HC(1) 1000 DH	-	-	HC(1) 8.30pm DH	GiG 1000	HC(PB) 0900 DH	HC(1) 1000 DH	HC(PB) 1000 TC	Children's Society 1000 DH & Peter Neale
BYLAUGH	-	-	-	-	HC(PB) 9am DH	-	-	HC(PB) 0900 TC	-
ELSING	HC(PB) 0800 DH	-	Walk 3pm	-	HC(1) 1030 DH	-	HC(1) 1030 TC	MP 1030 CW	-
<b>FOXLEY</b>	-	-	10.30am	-	HC(1) 1100 TC	-	MP 1030 CW	HC(PB) 0900 DH	HC(PB) 0800 DH
LYNG	HC(2) 0900DH	Maunday 7.30pm	10.30am	-	HC(1) 0900 TC	-	HC(1) 0900 DH	Words & Praise 1030 FST	-
SPARHAM	Family Service 1030 FST	-	12 noon	-	HC(PB) 1030	-	MP 1030 CW	HC(PB) 1030 DH	-
<b>DEANERY LENT SERVICES</b>	RINGLAND 6.30pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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