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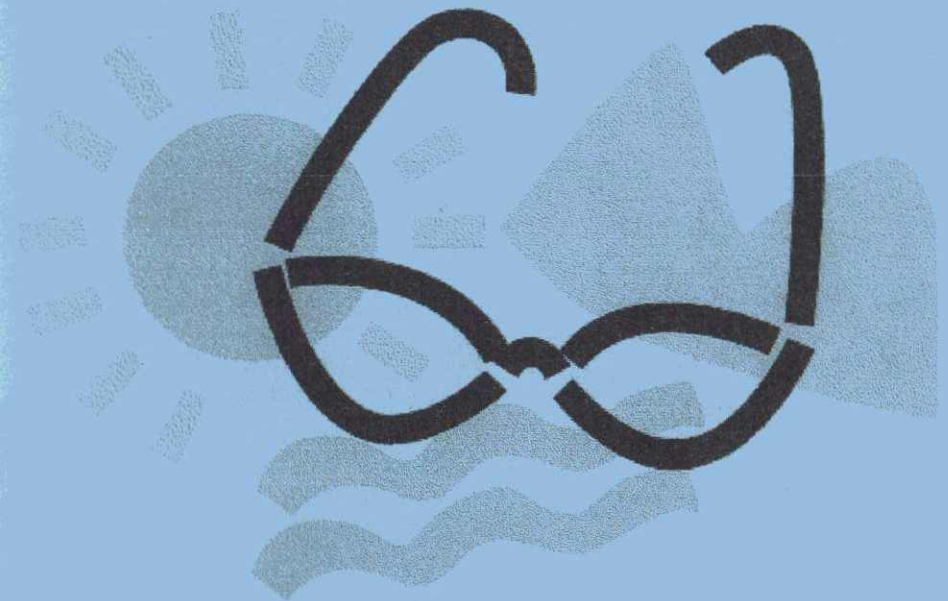
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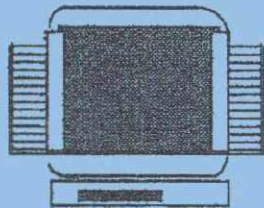


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### BAWDESWELL STORE

Last month a letter was published in *The Reeve's Tale* criticising the changes that had taken place in our famous village store. This triggered off some verbal abuse for the unfortunate staff who are not to blame in any way.

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The local manager realises this and is doing his best to meet our expectations.

Although there have been sweeping changes that make the store look like every other McColl's outlet, he is trying very hard to meet our wishes and is continuing to use our previous local suppliers wherever possible. Something the other stores do not do. He has also managed to re-introduce the popular DVD Library and got agreement to replace McColl's standard Checkouts with something more suitable.

Nobody likes change. If you can't find something please ask the staff to show you where it is, and if it is no longer stocked, please ask for Fred the manager and he will do his very best to help you. He is on our side.

We don't want to loose our store. Do try to support it. RT Ed.

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## LETTERS

### Bawdeswell Post Office

We are all aware of the anticipated closure of 2500 Post Offices. At this stage nobody knows who will go and when it will happen, and with the redevelopment of Folland Court this has all made my future look very uncertain.

It has been very difficult to keep the Post Office running in Bawdeswell. Everybody will know how cold it has been the past two winters with very little heat.

From day one, I have had to fund the overheads of the day to day running from my own pocket, there has been no help from any other source. With the increase in utilities, I cannot justify the expense of running this Post Office another winter.

Most of my regular customers are aware that I was intending to resign as Postmistress in December, with the view of finishing in March next year. However, following the recent break-in, running costs, and other family commitments, regretfully, and after very careful consideration, I am bringing the date forward six months. *The official closing date for the Post Office will be 1pm Wednesday 19th September.*

I know this will create difficulties for some of my older customers, for which I apologise, but I would like to thank everybody for their continuous support over the last twelve years. *Wendy Records*

### The Folly of Low Cost Housing in Foxley

Some time ago at a meeting in the village hall we were asked if we knew of any need for 'low cost' housing. The answer was negative. Now we are being asked again. If we have 'low cost' housing in this village, where will the occupants come from, and what can we offer them?

There is the Primary school at Bawdeswell which is expecting to receive more children from new housing proposed in its own village. Youngsters from Foxley would either have to cross the busy A1067, or be driven there.

No Senior school, so any new children would have to be bussed to Reepham—something which the local authorities are trying to reduce or charge for.

How much employment is there available locally? If employment is at Dereham, Fakenham or Norwich, Public Transport is not adequate; so unless the persons who require starter homes have either cars or motorcycles, what are they to do.

Young families require nursery, medical and after school care. We have no doctor's surgery in the village—another problem for anyone who does not own a car.

We have no shops in Foxley, and nowhere for the children to play.

Surely starter homes should be kept nearer the local towns where these requirements can be reached by Public Transport, or within easy walking distance for young mothers with toddlers and prams.

How can we take on more housing in this village with all these inadequacies, added to which it has no drainage or sewerage facilities able to cope with such a development? *L.M. Pritchard (Mrs)*

## LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

AUGUST	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Rhythm & Song with Jane Wells, 2-4pm Bawdeswell Village Hall Bawdeswell v Foulsham football match 6.45pm Drop-In Club 7.30-10pm, 12-17yr olds Bawdeswell Village Hall
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mobile Police Station, The Street, Bawdeswell 11am – 12.30pm Poppies Bookshop, 1– 5pm, Bawdeswell Village Hall Summer Club, 10am – 12noon, Sparham Old School Room Book Club 7.30pm at the Old Workhouse Bar, Bawdeswell
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Summer Club, 10am – 12noon, Sparham Old School Room Picnic at the Rectory in Lyng
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Tuesday Garden</i> open at Street Farm Foxley Reepham Res v Bawdeswell football match 6.45pm
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Drop-In Club 7.30-10pm, 12-17yr olds Bawdeswell Village Hall
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Amazing Pencil tubes from Junk, 2-4pm Bawdeswell Village Hall
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	WI Meeting, 7.30pm Old Schoolroom, Sparham
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Drop-In Club 7.30-10pm, 12-17yr olds Bawdeswell Village Hall
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Puppet Making, 2-4pm Bawdeswell Village Hall Foxley Village Hall AGM 7.30pm
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Drop-In Club 7.30-10pm, 12-17yr olds Bawdeswell Village Hall
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Police Station, The Street, Bawdeswell 11am – 12.30pm
SEPT	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bawdeswell Parish Council meeting 7.45pm
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Tuesday Garden</i> open at Street Farm Foxley
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Book Club 7.30pm at the Old Workhouse Bar, Bawdeswell
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	Open Garden, Street Farm Foxley, 11am-5pm in aid of Fox VII Hall Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Foxley Parish Council meeting
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for October <i>Reeve's Tale</i>
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bawdeswell Post Office closing down 1pm.
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Men's Breakfast at Elsing
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Blood Donor Session, Bawdeswell
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Police Station, The Street, Bawdeswell 11am – 12.30pm
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	World's Biggest Coffee Morning, Foxley Village Hall, 10.30-12noon

*Foxley Village Hall:* **Exercise Classes** every Tuesday morning at 9.30am.  
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Christine Rushbrook has very kindly agreed to join the committee, and at a meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June she was warmly welcomed into the fold.

As you know, on 8<sup>th</sup> September, Mary & John Fletcher have kindly offered to open their garden and, as an added bonus, John will be demonstrating his stationary working engines (weather permitting). The hall will be open with catering, tombola, cakes and a raffle etc and it is hoped that as many people as possible will get involved with this event to raise funds towards the toilet refurbishment.

In addition, **THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING**, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, will be held in the hall on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Similar stalls to those on 8<sup>th</sup> September will be run and the committee would be grateful of any help on this day as well. Sorry the dates are so close but this was unavoidable.

Would anyone who is willing to contribute and help with either of the above events please telephone Ruth 01362-688768, Joan 688330, Stevie 688517 or Christine 688494.

The AGM will be held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. An Agenda will be placed on village notice boards 3 weeks prior to this date, inviting residents to submit, in writing, any questions re village hall matters they would like raised for discussion.

A Family Evening for residents and friends is currently being discussed but no definite date has yet been set.

*Ruth Whitmore*

## FOXLEY OPEN GARDEN (Next to St. Thomas' Church)

Our third Open Garden Day could have been a total disaster considering the prevailing extreme weather, but early visitors enjoyed bright sunshine and the choice of jams and jellies. It was shortly after 3 o'clock when the first cloudburst came so everyone retired under cover for tea.

We are hoping to rectify some of the damage caused by the storms in time for the next open day on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August.

To introduce a touch of nostalgia we plan to have John's old farm stationary engines working on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September. We hope to welcome you then.

*Mary & John Fletcher* 01362 688 629

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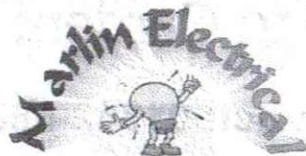
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## FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY 11 JULY 2007

**Present:** Mr Harvey, Mr Mears, Mr Hatch, Mr Barrett and Mrs Pritchard, 14 parishioners. The County Council and District Councillor had sent apologies.

**Matters arising:** Saffron Housing is applying to build houses in the village on the 3 acre site opposite Floranova. Mr Howell, the landowner was present and the Chairman asked him if he would like to speak. Mr Howell explained that there would be 10x 2 bed roomed affordable houses plus 4x 3 bed roomed houses for sale. He hoped that these would give young people from the immediate area a chance to be able to get a foot on the housing ladder. Saffron had a list of people wanting homes. He felt he was making a genuine attempt to offer young people a start. The Chairman then threw the meeting open for discussion.

A wide ranging discussion followed with people wanting answers to what is social housing/starter homes; how can it be guaranteed that local people be the only ones to be offered the chance of these homes; the area is outside the village envelope, how can there be planning permission; how will people, especially young families cope with so few amenities?

The Chairman finally asked those present if they wanted a major development in Foxley. The majority said no.

Code of Conduct - councillors would take home and digest the information and report in September.

**Drainage Matters** - Feelings were running high regarding high water levels and flooding down The Street and the inability of some to get water away from their property because of neighbouring landowners who had filled in ditches. Everyone needs to be reminded that they are responsible for keeping their own ditches clear.

It was agreed to write strong letters to everyone and anyone regarding the saga of Anglian Water and the schemes for East/West Foxley.

The Emergency Plan was almost complete but it needed some co-ordination with the Homewatch Team. Mr Wright volunteered to help.

**Planning Applications** - The Chairman and council expressed their dismay regarding the decision by Breckland to allow the Natterjack to close and houses to be built upon the old site without it going to committee. Mr Harvey would invite Mr Bambridge DC to explain at the next meeting he can attend.

Mr & Mrs Waller are seeking an extension of height - no objection.

Mr & Mrs Wilkinson are seeking to build an extension - no objections

**Village Matters** - We have a new Police Community Support Officer, Angie Powles who hopes to join us in September. The Bus Shelter has to have a NO SMOKING notice.

**Finance:** The financial report was presented and signed. It was agreed to look at the cost of insuring the Bus Shelter, and the Village Sign.

**Dates of the next meetings were booked for Tuesday 11 September.**

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm



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Further reductions or free hire is available for Bawdeswell Community groups on weekdays when the hall is not otherwise in use.

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 !!



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### Bawdeswell Dates 2007

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2007

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

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

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

Please note that the regular day is now a Tuesday. The Bloodmobile also visits Reepham, North Elmham & Swanton Morley regularly if you are unable to attend on the Bawdeswell dates. Visit [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) for more information.

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The following events have been arranged by BAG. Children aged 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Older children must have the written permission of a parent or guardian, who will be required to complete a form. Forms available from Rachel (688159) and Wendy (688602) in Bawdeswell and Sophie Vincent (688858) in Foxley.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

**Teddy Bears Picnic Tea Party** - A child participation activity preparing the picnic food. Please arrive by 2 p.m. There is a nominal charge of £1. **Don't forget to bring your favourite teddy bear too.** Numbers limited to 30 children.

**BOOK IN ADVANCE - Call Wendy 688602.**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

**Poppies Bookshop** - Pat Saunders will be displaying a variety of children's books for sale at good prices during the afternoon.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

**Lisa's DRIVE U POTTERY** - From 2 p.m. Painting pottery for all ages. Prices start from £2.50 - no booking required. For more information contact Lisa on 01362 667093.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

**Design Your Own T-shirt** - T-shirt and design materials will be supplied at a nominal cost of £2.50. All ages are welcome. Numbers limited to 30.

**BOOK IN ADVANCE - Call Rachel 688159.**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

**Outdoor Games Circuit** - From 2pm. A variety of games will be set up so all participants will have a chance to play on each one.

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

**BINGO afternoon** - From 2pm. 50p a card. Prizes to be won.

All enquiries contact Janet 688749.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 3 - 7 pm**

**Family BBQ and Nature Treasure Hunt** - Tickets at £2.50 per person to include a free hot dog or burger. There will be a small charge for any extra hot dog or burger consumed. BYO alcohol. Book tickets in advance from Janet 01362 688749.

**It is advisable to book early for these events.**

BAG would like to thank following people/organisations for their support: - Bawdeswell Parish Council for donating the £700 receipts from the bottle banks, Breckland Council for their £500 grant and support and the village residents (who wish to remain anonymous) for their generous donation of £250. Thanks also to those who have donated items/cash so far for this scheme.

This Group was inspired by

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## Breckland Summer Activities Programme

The following events in Bawdeswell are being run by Breckland and further information will be publicised by them later. There is likely to be a small charge for materials. They will be advertised throughout the Breckland Council area and you are advised to come early to avoid disappointment. The recent half term event run by Breckland was very popular and had to turn some children away. There is no formal booking for these and admission will be on a strictly 'first come basis'. If you are interested please call David on 688749 who will pass details of local interest & numbers to Breckland FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

The events will be held in Bawdeswell Village Hall alongside the 'café' facility which opens at 1pm.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2-4pm**

**Rhythm and Song with Jane Wells:** A fun session of musical games, rhythms and songs from around the globe!

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2-4pm**

**Amazing Pencil Tubes from Junk with Harriet Fox and Jill Smith:** Make and decorate pencil tubes from recycled materials, using collages and colourful paint!

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2-4pm**

**Puppet Making 'Anansi and the Skyblue Story Box':** A fun storytelling session followed by making your own puppet using junk and found objects!

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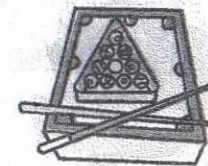
At the last meeting on 16 June, the sub-groups reported on their various meetings and activities. Draft site plans for a new hall were reviewed and costings for any upgrade to the existing building will be obtained for comparison. New benches and waste bins were to be installed in the playing field soon. The Activities Group expects to hear news on a grant application before the end of July.

A lot of work is being done between meetings and behind the scenes. The next meetings of the main group are scheduled for Saturdays 11 August and 8 September at 10.00 am in the Village Hall, come along and hear all about the various work streams and share your ideas with us. All are welcome.

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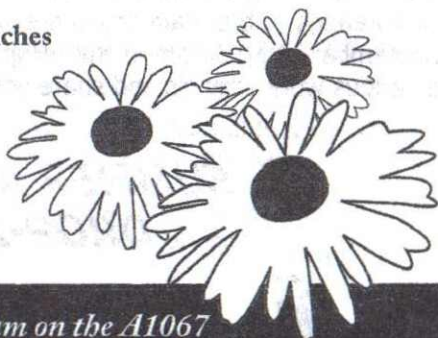
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## BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL-EXTRACTS OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2007

PRESENT : Councillors Mallen, Lilwall and Cockburn. 6 parishioners

APOLOGIES: Councillors Shannon, Hipperson and Beane

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Agreed and signed

-Mr. William Mason has been co-opted onto the PC - (PC now has 7 Councillors)

FOLLAND COURT: This PA was heard by the Development Control Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Councillor Mallen and Gordon Bambridge attended on PC behalf. Councillor Mallen reported to the PC that this PA had been accepted with conditions on a pathway being constructed around the bend (which will be the Developers - PW - responsibility) and a tree planting scheme. Breckland Housing Dept. adamant they would not approve bungalows on this site as waiting list shows only 5% of people want bungalows/sheltered housing. Breckland confirm that if PW do not proceed with this PA in view of the costs of the new footpath, they will sell the land to a developer. It is thought that if PW do not agree to go ahead they will also sell the Folland Court site to a developer - we have then lost the green space/PO and affordable housing. Breckland confirm they own this land - Clerk to ask if PC can have a copy of the Deeds proving ownership.

BRECKLAND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF): *Breckland confirm that David Spencer - Principal Planning Policy Officer and Paul Harris will attend PC Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September to discuss the LDF and Bawdeswell's role within that strategy.*

- NO SMOKING signs have been put up in the two Bus Shelters -*this is a legal requirement and anyone found damaging/removing these signs will be fined.*

-NRCC cheque for £1,407.40 grant for fencing/seats/bins received.

*Dr. Geoff Hind has retired as Chairman of the PC and Councillors would like to thank him for all his hard work and support during the last four + years as a Councillor and Chairman. Thank you Geoff.*

THE PARISH COUNCIL IS NOW IN RECESS UNTIL MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER AS 7.45pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL. CLERK CAN BE CONTACTED ON 688234.

**VILLAGE FETE: THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH SETTING UP/RUNNING THIS EVENT AND FOR ALL THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO BRAVED THE RAIN AND ATTENDED/ SUPPORTED THE FETE WHICH WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.**

**RECYCLING BANKS AT THE VILLAGE HALL:** WOULD ALL PARISHIONERS PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECYCLE THEIR BOTTLES IN THE BOTTLE BANK (money received goes to the PC to be used for projects in the village)) AND THE PAPER BANK (money received goes to the Village Hall for improving facilities). SO PLEASE CONTINUE TO PUT YOUR BOTTLES/PAPERS ETC. IN THESE BANKS - thank you.

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Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July Lyng Utd v Bawdeswell  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> July Foulsham v Reepham Res  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July Lyng Utd v Reepham Res  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> August Bawdeswell v Foulsham  
Tues 7<sup>th</sup> August Reepham Res v Bawdeswell  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> August Foulsham v Lyng Utd.

The presentation will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 8pm, with Raffle and Sport Quiz. All welcome. Anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize please contact me on 01603 872145.

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*Phil Williamsom*



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Once again we welcomed Nick Grounds an Auctioneer from Wisbech, who entertained us with his lovely flowers all done in containers which could have been bought at an auction, and the wonderful stories which he told and had us all laughing. One thing he did go on about was Location Location Location; if you are asked to do flowers for a flower festival, wedding funeral etc., make sure you know where you are to do the flowers before you get there, so they aren't too big or too small. Nick is certainly a good flower arranger as well as an entertainer. Everyone seemed to enjoy the morning. A big thank-you to all who helped and those who provided food.

We hope to have made £700 for the friends.

*Sue Lilwall*

**Results of the 100 Club July Quarterly Draw**

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£10 S Knight, M D King, P Underwood, C Lilwall, B Hague

**2007 EVENTS**

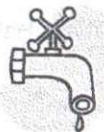
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – 7.30pm *Ceilidh & Harvest Supper* at Reepham High School. *Rake the Shingle Ceilidh Band*

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – *Family Christmas concert* in the church.

**!! (Date change) !!**

**Next Coffee Morning** on 6<sup>th</sup> October is cancelled and the quarterly draw will take place later that evening at the Ceilidh.

Plans are well in hand for the grand Ball next year on May 17<sup>th</sup> – a date for your diaries if its not already there.



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## BECK WI

Aleathia opened our meeting on 9th July by welcoming members, 3 guests and our speaker, Dr. Stephen Ashworth.

Stephen introduced himself as a lecturer at the U.E.A. in the School of Chemical Sciences and Pharmacy, which is funded by EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council). His talk was illustrated by slides, delightful practical demonstrations and a helpful explanation of Thermosphere, Mesosphere, Stratosphere and Troposphere. Some interesting slides showed us the composition of the atmosphere of the Earth compared with Mars and Venus. A competent and entertaining speaker.

After our 'tea break' Aleathia told us of the forthcoming events and Jennifer gave an enthusiastic account of our visit to Houghton on the Hill last month.

The exhibit was won by Gill, 2nd Ruth W. Yvonne won the raffle.

At the meeting next month Trevor Burlingham will be giving us a Victorian Slide Show and the exhibition is to be a Victorian object.

Hope to see you all on **Monday 13th August, 7.30 p.m. at Sparham's Old School Room.**

MARY HUMPHREY



## RNLI DEREHAM & DISTRICT BRANCH

The amount collected in Foxley, Lyng, Elsing, Bawdeswell, Bylaugh and Sparham during the recent house to house collection was a magnificent £491.41

Very Many thanks to the hard working collectors and generous donors.

C Napier, Hon Sec

### *New* ART CLASS FOR BEGINNERS

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*Details from Clementina Sutton 01603 872441*

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Many thieves nowadays look for small items to steal that can easily be concealed and just as easily be sold on. This makes our car an easy target as we often leave them unattended with items such as Sat Navs, Mobile Phones, iPods and Cameras on view.

Locally these crimes are just as likely to happen when vehicles are parked outside their owner's homes or even in their driveways where they mistakenly believe their vehicles are safe. It is apparent that these crimes are happening in rural village locations as well as in town.

Owners can very easily combat these crimes by making sure that all items are removed from their vehicles when left unattended and that the vehicle is secured even when parked at home.

A further way to make our property less desirable to thieves would be to mark it with our postcodes and house name or number either permanently, so it can be seen by potential thieves or by using a UV marking pen.

For advice regarding crime prevention please contact your local Crime Prevention Officer at Thetford Police Station on 01842 2222605.



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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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> August, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

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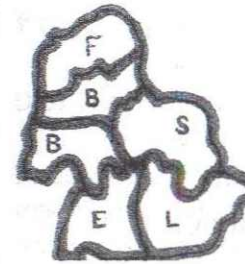
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**Benefice News and Events**

Elsing Church was full to capacity on July 4<sup>th</sup> with friends, family and colleagues who had all come together to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Rector's ordination. After a very moving Eucharist service there was a party at the village hall where Tom Candeland said a few words and presented David with a wedding stole and a cheque as a gift from the Benefice. Our thanks to everyone who contributed to the feast and who helped set it all up and clear up afterwards. Thanks too to the Rector for his contribution of all the refreshments.

Events for August and September are:

**August**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Picnic at the Rectory for all those attending the Summer Club
- 18<sup>th</sup> Lyng village barbecue at the Rectory 6pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Elsing Duck Race 2-5pm

**September**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Lyng Garden Tea 3pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Men's Breakfast at Elsing
- 29<sup>th</sup> Elsing quiz Night

The Rector would like to thank all those who gave him their best wishes, and to thank those who contributed to the magnificent present, on the occasion of his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesting. The service was wonderful, and many thanks to the Icenisingers (the combination of the Benefice Choir and the Reepham Singers) for leading the music, and to all those who worked hard in the preparation of food for the party afterwards. It was a lovely evening.

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## Bawdeswell Parochial Church Council

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For those of you who meant to come to help but forgot, the working party to tidy up the churchyard extension amounted to three people. They worked hard and in a short space of time had made a good clearance of the overgrown hedges.

The family GiG on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July welcomed some new faces and was much enjoyed by all. Thank you those who took part and those who helped out, especially the youngsters.

### **TO BE A PILGRIM** – a message from *Clarissa Napier*

The parishes of Rosedale, Appleton le Moor, Cropton, Hutton le Hole and Lastingham which are in the North Moors National Park, are holding their benefice walk on Saturday September 15th. The walk takes in all five churches, is partly on the tabular hills, partly on the moor and anyone who does it all will cover 17 miles.

I would very much like to arrange an exchange between RACHL and FLEBBS. Some of us would go and take part in their walk, and we would invite them to join a pilgrimage to Walsingham, possibly in April.

If anyone out there would like to explore the possibilities further please give me a ring on 01362-638255.

*Meetings: 10th & 24<sup>th</sup> August, 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September  
Bawdeswell 8pm*



Contact Susan March (01603) 870342

## From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

I recently had the good fortune to attend a conference in Brazil. Although most of the time was spent in a conference facility in a basement in Sao Paulo, I did go off to see the waterfall at Iguassu. It's the one in the film "The Mission", and really spectacular - the broadest in the world. There's a walkway halfway up the falls, so that you can go out into the middle and get soaked by the spray at a safe distance. It was exhilarating. Nature at its grandest.

And then I come home and find that nature has been at its meanest. Floods in Yorkshire, many people driven out of their homes. The floods made no distinction between those who were fully insured and those who weren't, so many people will have lost virtually everything.

And two bishops are reported as saying that the floods are God's punishment. In fact, they didn't say that, but it could be moved around to look like that; you have to be so careful what you say and how it can be taken, these days. They said that environmental degradation was one of the consequences of our corrupt nature. And that is a logical statement, in its own way.

The trouble is, that when someone is in a state of disaster or loss, however logical you may be, logic is not what is called for. What they want is sympathy, understanding from *their* point of view and not from an objective point of view. In a time of crisis, it is an unusual person who thinks collectively. Normally, we only have enough energy to think about ourselves and our close ones. So people will be thinking: "how is *my* corruption vast enough to cause floods?", and they may even feel blamed for what has happened to them.

Nature is spectacular, but sometimes also overwhelming. Help first, work out what happened and why later.

God bless you

David Head

**AUGUST 2007 (for Sept. please see notice boards.)**

DATE	5 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
Season	9 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	10 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	11 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity
<b>BAWDESWELL</b>	HC(1) 1000 DH	-	GiG 1000	HC(PB) 0900 DH	Words & Praise 1000
BYLAUGH	HC(PB) 0900 DH	-	MP 10.30 CW	-	-
ELSING	MP 10.30 CW	-	Family Service 10.30	-	HC(PB) 10.30 DH
FOXLEY	EP 6.30pm DH	-	MP 09.00 CW	-	HC(1) 0900 DH
LYNG	EP 3.00pm DH	HC(PB) 1030 DH	HC(2) 0900 DH	-	Family Service 1030 FST
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