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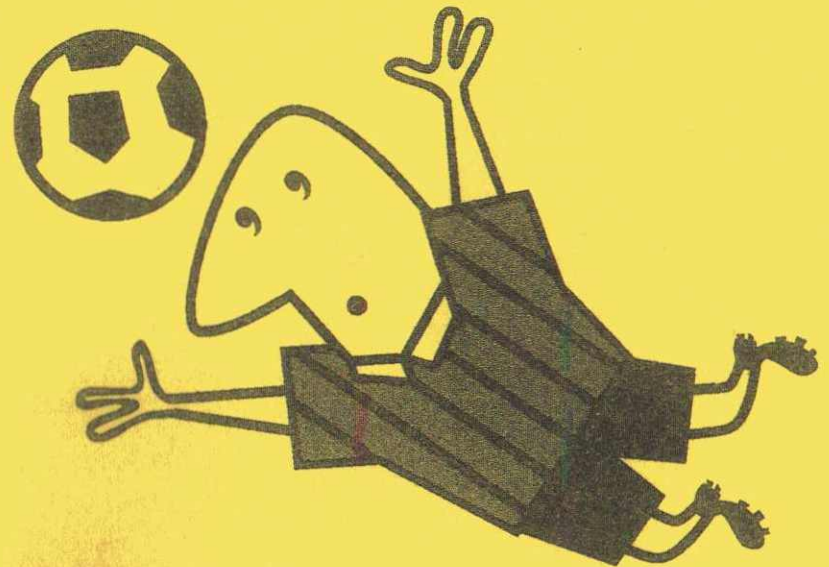
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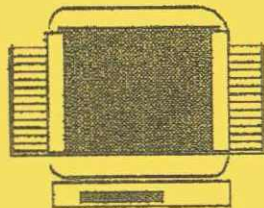


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LETTERS

CHRISTIAN AID

A very big thank-you to everyone who helped to make the collection so successful this year. We raised the grand total of £1210.04p. Bawdeswell and Foxley £195 46p Lyng Easthaugh £58 70p Lyng £326 98p. Lyng Shop £72 13p Sparham £345 11p. Elsing £201 71p. Thank -you once again *Margaret Keeler*.

FOXLEY OPEN GARDEN

The weather was occasionally overcast on our second 'Open Garden' day but the brilliant colours of roses and herbaceous borders were a cheerful sight. Surprisingly our memories coped well with the "What's that plant?" enquiries, and one visitor commented "A stroll round your garden is better than a tonic."

Visitors were also invited to see the meadow in full flower at nearby Old Hall Farmhouse---an added bonus.

Many thanks to all the people who, in their individual ways, have helped to raise £250 so far. Although the window in Foxley church has now been repaired we have a long way to go to cover the cost.

Sadly we cannot bottle our 'tonic', so come for a visit: our next date is Tuesday 3rd July. If anyone is unable to come during 'Open Day' times but would like to see the garden, please let us know.

John & Mary Fletcher (01362 688 629)

BAWDESWELL STORE

We were all sad to see Shirley and Andy leave the Bawdeswell Stores. None of us like change and therefore I have waited before writing this letter in order to ensure that it is objective. In the past my family and I have bought a major proportion of our weekly consumables in the shop - approximately £30-£50 a week on bread, cold meats and cheese, fruit and vegetables, animal food and stationery

Whilst a village store must of course provide the "treats" which are enjoyable but not essential to a family budget, the balance seems to have swung away from the basic necessities we all need.

The balance of goods stocked has swung to items of poor nutritional content which at best should be occasional treats. The long term viability of the shop is in doubt if other families' pattern of local spending has changed as dramatically as my own. We are currently spending less than £10 a week there as it no longer meets our needs.

I hope that the manager (who I still have not met) listens to the views of local residents. We all want to support him and his staff and to see the shop continue to thrive, but I for one will not be buying sweets, soft drinks or ready meals to extent that I used to buy basic commodities. *(Name and address supplied.)*

JULY DIARY

Mon 2 nd	Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting - 7.45pm
Tues 3 rd	The Tuesday Garden, Street Farm, Foxley, 11am - 5pm
Wed 4 th	The Rector is celebrating 25 years of being a priest. Elsing 7.30pm
Thu 5 th	Mobile Police Station, Bawdeswell Street, 1100-1245 Bawdeswell Book Club, 7.30pm
Fri 6 th	Nick Grounds flower demonstration and lunch, Bawdeswell Church
Sat 7 th	Friends of Bawdeswell Church Quarterly Draw and Coffee Morning 1030 NoStink Campaign, Lenwade all day.
Mon 9 th	WI talk - <i>Gone With the Wind</i> by Dr Stephen Ashworth
Wed 11 th	Foxley Social Club talk 2pm - Sue Lilwall <i>My Chelsea Experience</i>
Fri 13 th	Julian Group Meeting, Bawdeswell 8pm
Sat 14 th	Bawdeswell Cemetery working party - 10am Bylaugh Fete - Park Farm at 2.30pm
Thu 19 th	School breaks up
Sat 21 st	Project Bawdeswell Meeting 10am FairTrade event, The Chapel, Station Road, Reepham 10am
Wed 25 th	Foxley Social Club talk 2pm - Bawdeswell Village Hall
Thurs 26 th	Teddy Bears Picnic Tea Party
Fri 27 th	Julian Group Meeting, Bawdeswell 8pm
Mon 30 th	Start of <i>Summer Club</i> at Old Schoolroom, Sparham - 10am till noon.
Tues 31 st	Blood Donors Session, Bawdeswell Village Hall

Foxley Village Hall: **Exercise Classes** every Tuesday morning at 9.30am.
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Bawdeswell Village Hall: **Aerobics** - Mondays
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Sunday 24th June – Participation in the Bawdeswell village fair

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

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

Sunday 9th December – *Family Christmas concert* in the church.

Next Coffee Morning and quarterly draw – 10.30am in the church on **Saturday 7th July.** *All welcome.*

Plans are in hand to have another grand Ball next year on May 17th – a date for your diaries!

By popular demand - the return of
Nick Grounds with a flower demonstration
followed by lunch, in the church.

Tickets from Sue Lilwall 01362 688240

Friday 6th July – 10am

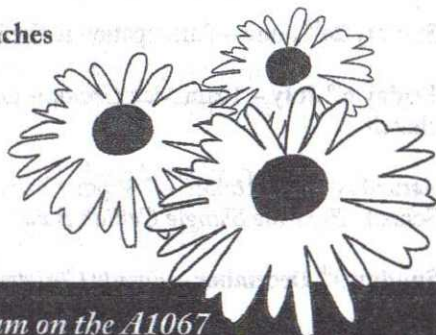
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May I inform you that there is no meeting on the 27th June; the next one will be on the 11th July when Mrs. Sue Lilwall will speak on 'The Chelsea Experience.' Gardeners will not want to miss this!

S.B.

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Foxley Village Hall Management Committee

Just to let you know.....

The committee is pleased to report that during the past few months much has been happening in your hall. All the necessary legal and practical work has been completed to adhere to Fire, Health and Safety Regulations. The installation of 2 new windows to the front elevation has helped to minimise water penetration into the toilet areas, but there is more work to be done.

Applications are currently being submitted to various organisations for grants to upgrade the toilets and refurbish the front elevation of the building during 2008.

The committee has received an offer from The Norfolk Probation Service to repaint the interior and exterior of the hall free of charge. Too good an offer to miss! **Work will commence on 16th July.** This work will smarten up the hall and toilets, until adequate funding has been raised to carry out the planned major works.

Mary & John Fletcher have very kindly offered to open their garden on **Saturday, 8th September 11am to 5pm** in aid of the Village Hall Toilet Refurbishment Fund. The committee is extremely grateful for this very kind offer. The village hall will be open on this day with a Tombola, Cake Stall, Catering and maybe other stalls. Please come yourselves and bring friends and families.

A committee meeting will be held on 21st June, when hall administration, fund raising and activity decisions will be made. More news on that and the date of the AGM in the next edition of Reeves Tale.

Ruth Waller retired in April and the committee is very grateful for her hard work and commitment during her term of office. New appointments will be announced in the near future.

Sadly, Sarah Caine, our Yoga teacher is moving to Cornwall so Wednesday night classes have ceased. If there is any resident who would like to start a class or activity of any kind on a Tuesday afternoon/evening, or a Wednesday morning/evening, then please give **Ruth a ring on 01362-688768.**

The residents of Bintree have quite recently lost the use of their Village Hall, so the committee is pleased they want to use Foxley VH as an alternative. On **29th September**, Bintree Bowls Club will be holding a **Race Evening with Buffet Supper** and it is hoped that families from Foxley and surrounding areas, will come along and enjoy an event which is always great fun.

Ruth Whitmore

Experienced Childminder

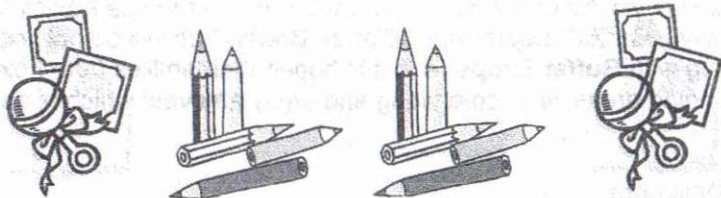


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Last day of Summer Term – 19th July 2007.

Term Dates for Next Academic Year

Autumn Term – Monday 3rd Sept 2007 to Wednesday 19th December 2007

Half Term – Monday 22nd Oct to Friday 26th October 2007

Spring Term – Thursday 3rd January to Thursday 20th March 2008

Half Term – Monday 11th February to Friday 15th February 2008

Summer Term – Monday 7th April to Tuesday 22nd July 2008

Half Term – Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2008

Monday 3rd September 2007, and Monday 7th April 2008 are designated staff development days and children do not attend school on these days. 3 further days will be taken by the school. Details to follow.

Lots of exciting things have been happening this term.

Year 5/6 went to the Corn Exchange at Kings Lynn to see “Danny Champion of the World”

Year 6 had a trip to Pizza Hut and Hollywood Bowl to celebrate their end of primary school education, and some of Year 6 are having a trip to Wimbledon to see the tennis.

The Girls football team took part in the Partnership Tournament recently and were finalists. They are through now to the finals in July. Also the school Cricket Team took part in the Kwik Cricket Tournament at Gt Witchingham at the beginning of June and were semi-finalists out of 17 teams. Well done to all who took part in both events.

All classes have been on their end of year trips: Class 1 to Gressenhall Rural Life Museum, Class 2 to West Runton, Class 3 to Banham Zoo and Class 4 to Corn Exchange in Kings Lynn. Class 1 have also again this year taken part in the Early Years Cluster Day at Reepham.

Year 6 have again this year taken their Cycling Proficiency, well done to all of them.

It has been a very busy year at the school, thank you to all the staff, governors, friends and parents for their help and support again. Have a good summer break and see you in September.



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Future Dates for 2007 are 5th July, 2nd August, 30th August, 28th September, 26th October, 23rd November

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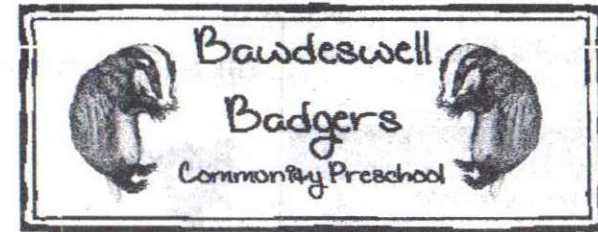
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PRESENT: Councillors Mallen, Shannon, Lilwall, Cockburn, Hipperson and Beane
5 parishioners Mr. G. Bambridge

PLANNING:

- Folland Court – PA on Agenda for Breckland Dev. Control meeting 1st June. Gordon Bambridge asked to speak on behalf of PC and David Shannon to be PC representative. (PA decision has again been delayed.)
- Gladedale Minutes of meeting held on 4th June agreed – Andrea Long, Breckland to be asked to September meeting to talk about LDF and its possible effects on Bawdeswell.
- Bawdeswell Garden Centre proposed new car park- PP refused.

Norwich Unitary Status: Councillors do not support Norwich City's bid for Unitary Status as it was felt there would seem to be little benefit to surrounding District/Parish Councils – high set up costs likely to impact adversely on services provided.

Quality PC: Meeting to be held in August to establish ways in which PC can strive towards achieving this.

Community Car Scheme: Letter to be sent to Parishioners asking if they would use this service and asking for car drivers.

Glass recycling credit of £700 to be given to Children's summer club.
Grant obtained for chain link fencing/2 seats/2 rubbish bins. The PC would like to thank Graham Swain very much indeed for all his hard work in obtaining this grant and arranging for the work to be carried out. *Thank you Graham.*

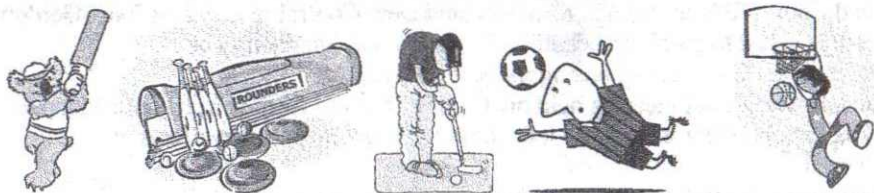
Annual Audit of PC accounts - 17th September.
NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 2nd JULY AT 7.45pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

THERE IS A VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR A COUNCILLOR — IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK ON 688234.

GUESTWICK WIND FARM – A PUBLIC INQUIRY WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW FROST HALL, CLAYPIT ROAD, FOULSHAM FROM 10AM TUESDAY 26TH JUNE TO FRIDAY 29TH JUNE – CONTINUING MONDAY 2ND JULY – TUESDAY 3RD JULY.

THERE IS A VACANCY FOR A VILLAGE HANDYMAN— IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK ON 688234.

BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG) Summer Activities Scheme



Quiz Night – Saturday 9th June – Members of the Bawdeswell Activities Group (BAG) thank all of you who contributed and helped run this event. Also thanks go to all who attended and worked so hard at some quite 'challenging' questions!! You raised £475.53. This money is being used to help set up the scheme and provide some of the outdoor and indoor sports and games equipment.

BAG is now working hard to complete all the administration in setting up this summer school holidays scheme. Volunteers are being CRB checked and first aid training is being arranged for them.

In order to meet the needs and ensure the safety of children using equipment supplied at the hall and field, the following policy will apply. All children aged 10 and under must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult. Children aged 11 and upwards, who are not accompanied by a responsible adult, must have the permission of a parent or guardian, who will be required to complete a consent form. Forms will be available at the village hall on the day or in advance from Wendy Cottrell (688602) and Rachel Spooner (688159) in Bawdeswell and Sophie Vincent (688858) in Foxley. (A responsible adult is defined as a parent or guardian of a child attending who is looking after other children with the consent of those children's parent or guardian).

The 'Cafe' will be open Monday to Friday 1pm to 5pm from 23rd July to 31st August, except 29th August, Bank Holiday Monday. Items of sports equipment will be available to use during the afternoons including footballs, basket balls, Quick Cricket, Rounders, Clock Golf. Lots of indoor games will also be available.

Thanks go to those who have donated items so far for this scheme. Any donations of second-hand playpens, table tennis bats, board games, puzzles, etc. would be most appreciated.

Please contact Janet Cockburn on 688749 or Wendy Cottrell on 688602.

This Group was inspired by



SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Organised Events have been arranged by **BAG** for children during the summer holidays. Those children aged 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Older children must have the permission of a parent or guardian, who will be required to complete a form. Forms can be obtained in advance from Rachel (688159) and Wendy (688602) in Bawdeswell and Sophie Vincent (688858) in Foxley.

Thursday 26th 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 2nd August

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

Tuesday 7th 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 13th 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 22nd 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 31st August

BINGO afternoon – From 2pm 50p a card. Prizes to be won.
All enquiries contact Janet 688749.

Saturday 1st 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.

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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 1st August, 2-4pm

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

Thursday 9th 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 16th 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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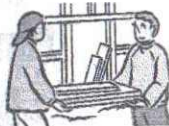
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Plenty is happening at Project Bawdeswell. There was a main meeting on 19 May when all the sub-groups reported on their various meetings and activities.

The Field group is concentrating on the best methods of drainage. The group working on plans for a better hall have been in touch with Breckland Planners and are currently looking into a new build and the siting of the various facilities at the Field. The Children's play area group, after many hours work, put in an application for funding from the lottery via Breckland for £16,000 to improve the equipment on the play area, but very sadly were unsuccessful. This is disappointing but another application is planned to another Fund, although their grants are for lesser amounts. The Activities sub-group is working with the Village Hall Committee to provide open afternoons at the village hall during the summer holidays. They have had a lot to do and are grateful to the people who have volunteered to man the hall during this period.

A lot of work is being done between meetings and behind the scenes. The next meetings of the main group are scheduled for 16 June and 21 July and are held 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.*



"STEP INTO THE WORLD OF FAIRTRADE"

Following its success in March, this event is being put on again.

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David Cockburn

Tel: (01362) 688749

Mobile: 07778 835 254

Email: BawdeswellVH@aol.com

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

Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee is still struggling to keep going and desperately needs more members. We meet in the village hall at 8pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. Please come and join us !!



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Save a life Give blood

Bawdeswell Dates 2007

Tuesday 31st July 2007

Tuesday 25th September 2007

Tuesday 27th November 2007

1pm to 3.10pm and 4.30pm to 6.55pm

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 for more information.

It is advisable to make an appointment by calling the NBS on 0845 7 711 711

BECK WI

Monday 11th June was a WI date with a difference. Instead of our usual monthly meeting in the Old School Room, ten of us, complete with sandwiches and cakes etc motored out to Houghton-on-the-Hill, where we eventually found the church of St Mary the Virgin.

We were welcomed by Mr Bob Davey who, since 1992 has been responsible for saving this building from ruin, neglect and degradation. A tremendous amount of work has been carried out to restore this rare survival of a very early church and the many visitors to St Mary's are treated to a conducted tour by the extremely knowledgeable Mr Davey. We were very impressed by what we saw and heard. The picnic in the churchyard, surrounded by lovingly planted flowers and shrubs was a perfect finish to an enjoyable afternoon.

The speaker at our meeting on 9th July is Dr Stephan Ashworth and his subject is "Gone with the Wind". For the exhibition we are asked to bring something to blow.

Mary Humphrey



Swanton Morley Surgery Commuter Clinics Pilot

Swanton Morley Surgery is piloting a new initiative in order to improve the clinical services we offer to all our patients. A GP is now available from 7.30a.m every Monday morning, and also most Tuesday mornings.

This means we can offer our patients a routine appointment with a GP, on your way to work or school, at Swanton Morley Surgery on Mondays and Tuesdays.

We are auditing the take-up of the Monday and Tuesday 7.30 - 8.30a.m. appointments over the next 3 months until the end of August.

Patient feedback on the 'Commuter Clinic' pilot is being collated and it will help determine the ongoing availability of early morning appointments at Swanton Morley Surgery.



Don't have a rubbish summer!

When you are out and about enjoying the beautiful Breckland landscape this summer don't forget about rubbish!

There is nothing worse than arriving at an area of natural beauty and being greeted by litter. The best thing we can all do is to take our litter home and recycle whatever we can. Remember that any waste that ends up in litter bins goes to landfill.

-Taking the dog for a walk? Pop a couple of carrier bags next to your dog's lead for the next time you head out so you can clear up after them. Contact with dog fouling can cause eye infections and is most common in children aged 18 months to 5 years.

If you are interested in organising a litter pick in your community, Breckland Council can offer advice and provide all the equipment you need. Please call our Street Scene Team for more information on 01362 656878.

Enjoy a litter-free summer!



Foxley Village Hall Management Committee

Open Garden at Street Farm, The Street, Foxley
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BAWDESWELL BOOK CLUB

Held in the Old Workhouse Bar on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

Our book choice for the July meeting is "Behind the Scenes at the Museum" by Kate Atkinson.

Our last book choice was "The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox" by Maggie O'Farrell.

This was a multi-faceted tale of a rather unconventional and spirited girl who, through a combination of circumstances, is admitted to a psychiatric hospital at the age of 16. As an old lady she is released into the care of a niece who had previously been unaware of her existence and can discover nothing from her grandmother, Esme's sister Kitty, as she has Alzheimers.

We learn gradually of Esme's early childhood in India with her much loved Sister, Kitty, her cold and disapproving parents and, later, an adored baby brother who dies from typhoid and has to be taken, forcibly, from her arms.

Shortly afterwards the family move back home to Scotland where the girls have to deal with another stern adult in the form of their grandmother; but, whilst Kitty is biddable, Esme continues to rebel and, in a state of shock following rape, is admitted to hospital by her parents for the "crime" of being found dancing in front of a mirror in her mother's clothes.

The story continues following the fortunes of Esme's niece, Iris, and her stepbrother, Alex, as well as Esme's eventual meeting with her sister, with many discoveries along the way and a shocking conclusion.

Most of us enjoyed this book though it was considered by some to be rather contrived and unbelievable.

Kath Miners

REEPHAM & DISTRICT ROTARY

The club has been busy fundraising over the recent weeks with a sponsored cycle ride and a movie night at the Noverre Cinema.

Arrangements are now in hand to organize the art tent at the Aylsham Show. There is much preparation work that goes into this event with contacting all the artists and organizing all the entries. This year we are hoping to exhibit paintings from pupils at Reepham High School, bringing art into the community.

Rotarian Peter Underwood is organising a hog roast and Jazz evening at Bawdeswell garden centre in aid of Rotary charities. Tickets are £10 each, for members only.

Ken Ewing

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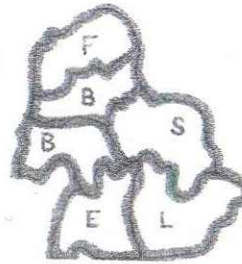
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Benefice News and Events

YOU CAN STILL HAVE YOUR SAY:

Service times are on a new pattern for a four month trial in all the churches in FLEBBS. This is month three of the new service pattern. Details are shown on the grid at the end of this magazine. Check out what is happening in your church. The Church Wardens will have to discuss how the trial is going, and whether to continue it, on the 23rd of this month. If you have any comments at all, please can we have them in writing before 16 July so that they can be collated before the meeting? Send on paper to David Head at the rectory, (Rectory Road, Lyng, NR9 5RA) or by email to davidhead@beeb.net.

All comments welcome - about bells, hymns, times of services, length, child-friendliness, etc, but especially about how the changes in the rota might possibly affect you. Many thanks.

4th July The Rector is celebrating 25 years of being a priest with a Eucharist at Elsing Church and refreshments after: Elsing Village Hall, 4th July at 7.30pm. All welcome.

6th July Flower arranging demonstration with Nick Grounds in Bawdeswell Church. Tickets £11 (includes coffee and lunch) from sue Lilwall 01362 688240

7th July Friends of Bawdeswell Church coffee morning and 100 club draw
At 10.30am in the church

14th July Bylaugh Fete at Park Farm

28th July Benefice Ladies' lunch

30th July – 3rd August Summer Club for children aged 5-11 at Sparham Old School Room from 10am to 12 noon. Cost £1 per day. The theme this year is 'Waste Watchers'. If anyone has material for patchwork please contact Pauline on 01362 688 032 or Gill on 01362 688 379. The week's activities will end with a picnic at the Rectory on the Friday and a Family service at Sparham on Sunday 5th August.



All Saints Church, Bawdeswell

Recent weddings

27th May Greg Grace/ Shirley Farnes-Willsher

2nd June Rob Jolly/Christine Eglington

A few years ago, we calculated how much it cost each week to keep the church in Bawdeswell going. The figure was £193 per week. Costs have been rising, including our share of the cost of having a Rector. Last year our expenditure was about £250 each week and this year it is likely to be around £300 per week. But it is nice to see more people coming to church each week so the cost per head probably hasn't gone up very much.

The Friends of Bawdeswell Church help us with the costs relating to the church building and we are very grateful for all that they do. We are also very grateful to those who make regular donations to the Church, either by standing order or in envelopes in the collection, and allow us to claim back tax under Gift Aid, which adds 28p to each £1 given. If you would like to consider making donations in this way, please contact the Treasurer, William Mason on 688338.

The Churchyard Extension (Cemetery) is in need of some tidying up and a date 14th July has been set to have a **working party** to cut back the hedge on the right hand side where it is encroaching on graves. If you can spare a couple of hours that Saturday morning, please come along at 10am and lend a hand.



JULY Meetings: 13th & 27th
Bawdeswell 8pm

Contact Susan March (01603) 870342

From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

This month represents a milestone for me. I shall have been a priest for 25 years. There are lots of milestones in our lives, but sometimes they represent change, and sometimes they show how little has changed.

One thing that hasn't changed is the group of spiritual functions that a priest must perform; to bless, to forgive, and to celebrate Holy Communion, all in God's name. Much of the day-to-day work remains the same.

But there have been lots of changes over the years as well. Twenty-five years ago many Church of England parishes had their own priest, or maybe were linked with only one other. Many of the Methodist chapels in villages still continued to function. Some pubs, shops, and schools that have now gone were still open.

I was fortunate, though, that I grew up in the Burnham group of parishes, with the same pattern of a number of churches with one rector that we have here. It was already my idea of rural ministry, so maybe I'm old fashioned, or maybe I grew up ahead of my time.

Expectations have changed, and many employment practices from the business world – and from Europe – are creeping into the way that we do things. This is both good and bad, as it tends to make things averagely better all round, but to make excellence less likely.

It continues to be a great privilege to me to be a priest. I hope that I will be able to serve all the communities of which I am Rector well for many years to come. In former times, I could have been here for another 25 years and more, but now, for your sake and mine, they retire clergy when we begin to get past it. Thank you for having me here.

God bless you

David Head

JULY 2007

DATE	1 st	8 th	15 th	18 th	22 nd	29 th
Season	4 th after Trinity	5 th after Trinity	6 th after Trinity	Wednesday	Mary Magdalene	8 th after Trinity
BAWDESWELL	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(1) 10.30 DH	-
FOXLEY	EP 6.30pm DH	HC(PB) 1030 DH	MP 09.00 CW	-	HC(PB) 0900 DH	-
LYNG	-	-	HC(1) 0900 DH	-	Family Service 1030 FST	-
SPARHAM	Family Service 1030 FST	-	HC(PB) 1030 DH	-	HC(PB) 6.30pm DH	MP 1030 DH

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