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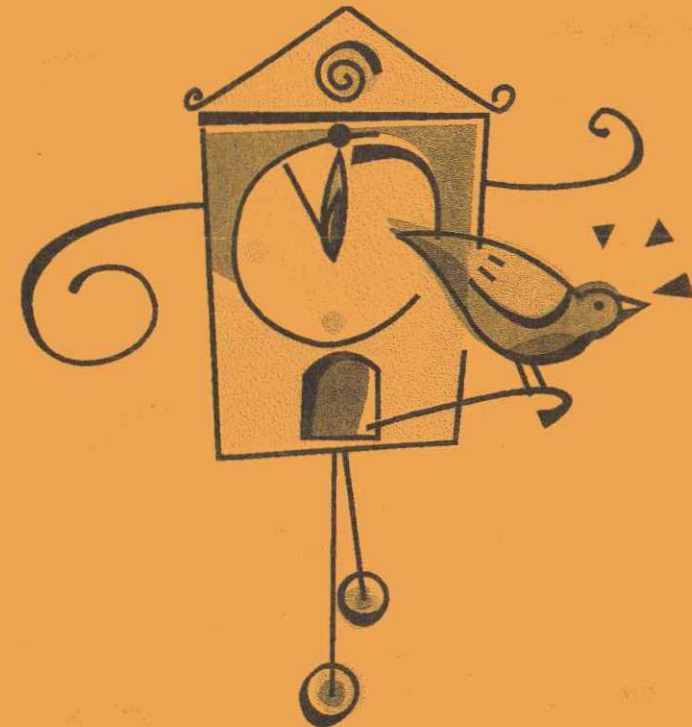
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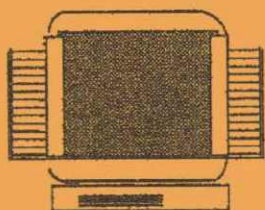
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COMMENT

Proposed Bawdeswell Phone Mast

The Government Health Protection Agency has produced a report (Ref: NPBB-R321) in which it states that the power emitted by cellular phone masts is so low (a few watts or at the larger ones tens of watts) that the "danger zone" extends to within a few centimetres of the aerial. As these masts are at least 6 metres high, you would have to shin up them to do yourself an injury. It is worth pointing out that TV transmitting stations such as the one at the village of Tacolneston which serves Norfolk, has since 1957 been radiating 250,000watts of high frequency power on BBC1 alone. Others around the country radiate up to 1 million watts per channel. People are able to work and live at the bottom of these masts and have not been fried. One or two watts from a mobile phone mast pales to insignificance. You are in far greater danger from your microwave in the kitchen. Worry about that, if you must. But as corporal Jones in Dad's Army always says "Don't panic, don't panic!"

Robin Taylor, Editor

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LETTERS PAGE

Dear Editor,

we have just moved in to the Bawdeswell / Foxley area and are currently looking for a field / paddock to rent or buy to keep our horse in. If any readers have any suitable land they would consider renting or selling could they contact us on the following numbers - 01362 688450 or 07900883860.

Many thanks *Anna Blyth*

Dear Editor

Sadly Jims old hip is giving him a bit of jip and he's having to give up helping us in the garden. Its not a posh garden, it'll be forking borders raking leaves, trimming trees and hedges(not high ones) and general help. If you could help for a couple of mornings or afternoons....or times to suit yourself please call.....

Keith or Margaret Greentree at Mill House ,Mill Road. 01362 688208

Dear Editor

I have just found out that the Parish Council are considering allowing a mobile phone mast to be erected in our village. As a Health Kinesiology practitioner I spend a lot of my time dealing with many illnesses and problems caused to both adults and children by external electromagnetic sources. Electromagnetic Fields in the environment typically come from outdoor power lines, mobile phones and masts, electric pylons, house wiring, electrical appliances, electrical heating systems, fans, watches and clocks, in fact anything that plugs in and most things with batteries. Electromagnetic fields (EMF's) in the environment are often strong enough to disturb the normal electric currents of the body itself. These external EMF's can cause symptoms like dulled mental capacities, headaches, faulty metabolism, pain such as arthritis, impaired healing almost any symptoms at worse heart attacks, strokes and cancer.

Our bodies have enough to deal with from our household appliances and computers do we really want a huge mast of any kind within a 5 mile radius of our village giving out large amount of EMF's and radiation. If a mast was erected within this vicinity I would feel very unhappy about living here. I urge any of you who have any reservations at all to contact the parish council as soon as possible to air your views and concerns. Do not believe any mobile phone company when they say there is no threat as they are a business and only concerned with profit

Put yourself and your family first before a better reception on your mobile phone.

Christine Eglington (previously Browne)

SEE COMMENT on page 1 Ed.

MARCH DIARY

Thursday 1 st	Bawdeswell Book Club Old Workhouse Bar
Friday 2 nd	Women's World Day of Prayer , Lyng 2pm
Sunday 4 th	Lent Evensong 6.30pm Reepham
Monday 5 th	Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.45
Tuesday 6 th	Dog Training Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Wednesday 7 th	Foxley Social Club 2pm Roman Norfolk from the Air.
Friday 9 th	Julian Group, Bawdeswell 8pm
Sunday 11 th	Lent Evensong 6.30pm Weston Longville
Monday 12 th	WI meet at Old Schoolroom Sparham 7.30pm
Saturday 17 th	Quiz Night at Bawdeswell Village Hall, Friends of the Church 7pm for 7,30pm
Sunday 18 th	Lent Evensong 6.30pm North Elmham
Wednesday 21 st	Foxley Social Club 2pm The Red Dragon & The Tylwyth Teg.
Wednesday 21 st	School Choir taking part in CAMSA Concert
Friday 23 rd	Julian Group, Bawdeswell 8pm
Saturday 24 th	Spring bazaar 10am Lyng Village Hall
Sunday 25 th	Lent Evensong 6.30pm Elsing
Saturday 31 st	Bintree Bowls Club Quiz Night at Foxley Village Hall 7.30pm

Foxley Village Hall: **Exercise Classes** every Tues morning at 9.30am
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The Chair would like to apologize to all those that were looking forward to the speakers on Wednesday 24th January and Wednesday 7th February who both unfortunately had to abandon their talks due to illness. Alas, at this time of the year, those minor infections are all too prevalent; but the Club is hoping to re-engage these speakers at a later date.

S.B.

2007 Programme for March and on....

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

- 07/03 Roman Norfolk from the Air. Mr. Derek Edwards.
- 21/03 The Red Dragon &
The Tylwyth Teg. Mr. Jon Read.
- 04/04 Village Hall
- 18/04 The Victorian Farming Years. Mr. Stephen Pope.

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Wed evening at 6.30pm
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Bintree Bowls Club.

Fun Easter Quiz Evening on Saturday 31-3-07 at 7.30pm to be Held at Foxley Village Hall, 4 in a team £2.50 EACH, £10 per team. Bring your own Booze.
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May 17th .., July 19th Sept 20th Dec 13th 7.30pm.
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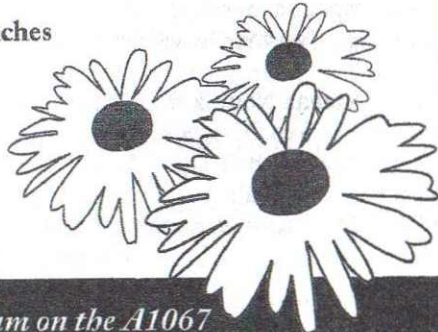
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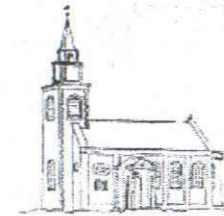
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There are a few spare numbers in the 100 club. If you would like to join please contact Peter Jervis on 01362 688499

The next event will be a quiz and supper evening held in the village hall on Saturday 17th March at 7 for 7.30pm. Why not make up a team with a few friends and come along to join in the fun. As usual at these events, it's worth coming for the food and the good company! Tickets are available from Robin Taylor at £7.50 each, phone no 01362 688268, or from any of the committee members. Look out for notices around the village for more details.

Our next coffee morning and prize draw will be on April 7th at 10.30 in the church.

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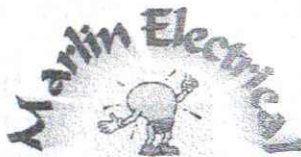
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New players are needed for the team.

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



Bawdeswell Ploughing Society ANNUAL PLOUGHING MATCH

Almost 90 ploughing enthusiasts including three ladies travelled from several counties to take part in this ploughing match on February 4th at Billingford on land owned by Mr David Gurney of Bawdeswell Hall.

The day started with a sunny morning although several ploughmen and judges said they had driven through a lot of fog. Ploughing started at 10am. Many Spectators came along including several local people. The standard of ploughing was very high and the twelve judges were given a hard task of awarding points in several categories. The fog started to roll in around 1.30pm by which time most of the plots had been ploughed. Around 2.45pm all the scores had been totalled up and checked. Mr Gurney presented the trophies. Some winners had left for home earlier because of the fog but the organisers were able to arrange for other ploughmen to take their trophies to them. The raffle held on the day made over £200 and with donations a cheque for £250 has been posted to The Camphill Communities (East Anglia) Ltd. at Thornage, near Holt, which was the charity nominated by Mr Gurney. Many ploughmen thanked Steve and Deana Framingham for a well organised match and commented on the excellent site. Steve and David had 2 ploughing matches to go to out of Norfolk to judge, one in February and one in March. As most farmers have now ploughed up ready for Spring sowing, ploughing matches start again in Norfolk in the Autumn.

Ruby Framingham.



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

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Future Dates for 2007 are
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Storytellers Theatre Company

The Storytellers Company came into school to perform "The Emperors New Clothes" to the whole school. The children enjoyed the performance and thank you to the parents and FOBS for making this possible.

RSPB

Graham from RSPB came into school on 6th February and gave an interesting talk to all the children regarding 'The National Bird Watch Survey' and how to protect birds in their natural habitat. It was an informative talk and was enjoyed by all the children. The visit will be placed on their website.

CAMSMA

We are delighted once again, that the Choir have been fortunate enough to be accepted to take part in the annual concert in which, over three evenings, 4 schools in the area take part. The concert in which we are taking part is on Wednesday 21st March and tickets will be available nearer the time. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Term Dates

Spring Term	Wed 3 rd January 2007 to Frid 30 th March
Half Term	Mon 12 th February to Frid 16 th February
Summer Term	Mon 16 th April to Thurs 19 th July
Half Term	Mon 28 th May to Fri 1 st June
May Day	Mon 7 th May
INSET days	Monday 16 th April 2007. <u>CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS DAY</u>

**BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL-EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES
OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2007 AT
7.45pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillor's Hind, Mallen, Lilwall, Cockburn, Swain and Wallace 35 parishioners

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 sheds with extension to retail. Mr. Andrew Farquarson of Martin McColls Ltd. attended the meeting to answer any questions. It came across quite forcibly from some of the Parishioners present that there were many objections/concerns relating to the traffic in The Street, shop deliveries, loading and unloading of lorries in the vicinity and cars being parked along the Old Reepham Road. Three new parking spaces have been made available for houses plus 2/3 for the new Manager and assistants at the back of the shop. Mr. Farquarson promised to let us know exactly how many new parking spaces can be included plus Highways comments.

-Folland Court – PP was refused in December for demolition of sheltered housing and construction of 8 dwellings for rental and erection of PO. Laura Handford (Flagship Housing Business Development Manager) and Peter Wells PW architect attended the meeting to find out how Parishioners would like to see site developed. Parishioners would like more bungalows for the older people in the village but this might not be cost effective or viable. PW are to improve the pathway through the site. Peter Wells to produce new plans. Laura promised to go away and let PC have details of exact mix of houses in Bawdeswell and occupancy – Highways comments – cost of building bungalows against original proposed housing. Matter pending new plans/costs.

- Corner House, 37a Hall Road – 1st floor bedroom and ensuite extension – no objections.

- Bawdeswell Hall – internal/external alterations including new dormer window - sliding/folding door – No Objections

- PP granted to Bramley House, Meadow Loke for alterations/extension.

-Proposed T-Mobile installation on land at Roman Road. Mr. Gurney has had preliminary talks. PC informed that proposed site is in 'designated area of interest'.

- 20mph signs Paradise Road/Folland Court/Blackhorse Close – NCC state that matter was considered but it was felt that as these roads were short residential roads accessed through the terminal signing along The Street etc., mainly by residents, the layout is sufficient.

- Annual Audit for year 2006/07 now concluded – Auditors Certificate signed.

NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 5TH MARCH 2007 – 7.45pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

**BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS
WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 3RD MAY 2007**

ALL EXISTING COUNCILLORS HAVE TO STAND FOR RE-ELECTION. WE URGENTLY NEED NEW COUNCILLORS AS SEVERAL OF THE EXISTING COUNCILLORS WILL NOT BE STANDING THIS TIME ROUND. WE WOULD WELCOME APPLICATIONS FROM ANY PARISHIONER WHO WISHES TO APPLY. THE PARISH CLERK SHOULD HAVE FORMS BY THE END OF FEBRUARY (6 Hall Road tel. 688234) OR THEY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM BRECKLAND COUNCIL OFFICES,

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Contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

Note: If 7 or fewer nominations for Parish Councillors are received then there will not be an election and those nominated will automatically become councillors. If there are less than 7 Councillors then others may be co-opted on to the council to make up the number required. If there are less than 4 then we lose the Parish Council!!!!

Running for office

In order to be a parish councillor you must be aged 21 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:

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- have owned or rented land within the parish for the last twelve months
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- have worked in the parish for the last twelve months

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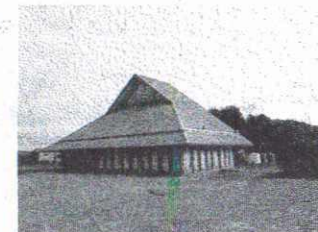
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All our income is being spent on running and improving the hall. In 2006 we installed new wall cupboards and replacement cupboard doors in the kitchen, replaced the cooker and microwave oven, installed baby change facilities and purchased high chairs. An outside power supply was installed to facilitate activities on the playing field such as the annual village fete and the use of bouncy castles etc for children's parties. Most of the emergency lighting units were replaced and the hall and equipment electrically tested. A 'Paintathon' was also held to redecorate. In 2007 we plan to make further improvements including making the side door the main entrance to overcome wind problems with the front door, replacement of the kitchen worktops and counter and provision of safe access to the storage area above the toilet block. We are also looking at the provision of proper disabled parking and access as well as improving the access road and car park area.

Regrettably, for the first time in several years, we have had to slightly raise the hourly hire charge for 2007 as we have had very significant increases in our utility bills, especially electricity charges. The new rates are shown below and you will see that we have introduced a discount on the hourly rate for parishioners as well as for longer hires. Other discounts are available to regular users.

Bawdeswell community groups can also use the hall on weekdays between 9am and 4pm for a nominal charge only.

Hire Charges 2007

Period	Standard Hire Charge	Parishioners
Hourly Rate	£8	£7.50
4 Hours	£30	£25
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Village Hall Committee

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Bawdeswell Village Hall Regular Activities

Regular activities at the hall include Aerobics on Monday 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 (Bloodmobile) is also a regular visitor.

NEW for 2007 - Dog Training at the Village Hall

Anyone out in Bawdeswell will have noticed how many dogs reside in the village and owners who need a little help controlling their canine friend will be pleased to hear that 'Helping Hounds School of Obedience' training classes will commence at the village hall on Tuesday March 6th at 7pm. Basic or Advanced classes will last 6 weeks and are restricted to 6 dogs per class.

If you are interested call Louise on 07919 030504.

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At the last meeting held on Saturday 10 February, the steering committee welcomed the Project's architect, Alan Rawlings. The Building Sub Committee was directed to provide Alan Rawlings with a brief so he can then draw up a basic sketch which would be taken to Breckland Council to ascertain what the planners would accept, either a new build or an extension.

Other sub committees relating to children's play areas, playing field, the Heath and Activities will be formulated during the next few weeks. Each sub committee will include residents of Bawdeswell who have volunteered to assist in the Project.

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Bawdeswell Book Club

Lorna Doone by R.D. Blackmore Although some book club members, in their youth, had read an abridged version of Lorna Doone none of us had read the full version before. It is not a quick read so we gave ourselves two months, November and December, to read it. The members' verdict was that it is certainly a classic worth reading.

Written in 1869 the setting for the story is in the 17th century and so the novel can be classed as a Victorian historical romance. The rustic hero, Exmoor farmer John Ridd, describes how he carried off and married a beautiful daughter of the aristocracy. The novel opens with John's reminiscences of early schooldays and essentially finishes with his marriage to Lorna. During this time, by honesty and hard work, John rises to economic prosperity and the title of 'Sir John Ridd'. Whilst you can find yourself admiring John's strength, heroism and commitment to his family it is difficult to feel the same warmth towards Lorna's character. She is portrayed as a fragile beauty with 'no notion of work' and although you can sympathise with her abduction when a child, by the Doone's, it is easier to relate to the other young female characters: John's sisters - 'housekeeping Annie' and 'book-reading Lizzie' - and his capable cousin Ruth.

We all found the love plot rather sentimental but Lorna Doone is far more than just a romantic novel. By setting the novel during the reign of Charles II, Blackmore is able to include the economic, political and religious problems of the time and dramatise events such as the Monmouth rebellion. However, the aspect of the book that sets it apart from other books is the use of language. There were some one-liners that were quite amusing such as the description of Judge Jeffrey who was elevated to the first man in the kingdom for 'his kindness in hanging five hundred people, without the mere grief of trail' and we all enjoyed the poetic prose and dialect that Blackmore uses to paint a nostalgic picture of rural England. To illustrate this here is a sentence from my favourite passage in the book.

'To awake as the summer sun came slanting over the hill-tops, with hope on every beam adance to the laughter of the morning; to see the leaves across the window ruffling on the fresh new air, and the tendrils of the powdery vine turning from their beaded sleep'.

If only I could wake up with such thoughts!

Therese Racquin by Emile Zola January's choice was Therese Racquin by the French author Emile Zola. A tale of adultery, murder and madness, the novel caused a scandal when it was published in 1867. Therese leads a boring life trapped in a loveless marriage to her sickly cousin Camille and running a dreary haberdashery shop, in a dingy Paris backstreet, with her aunt. Therese's life changes dramatically when Camille brings home Laurent, a fellow clerk from the Orleans Railway Company. Therese and Laurent embark on a turbulent affair and their desire to meet freely compels them to commit a crime which will haunt them for the rest of their lives. Zola has a unique matter-of-fact style and the novel reads like a documentary on human animal behaviour at its worst. There is no love or compassion between the main characters, their only concern is to satisfy their own needs. The book club members found the book interesting and well-written and were pleased they had been introduced to Zola's work. However, nobody could say they actually enjoyed the story and feelings were mixed about whether they would read any more Zola novels.

Pat Catchpole

The book club meets in the Workhouse on the first Thursday in the month and we welcome new members. The library provides a good service for book clubs so you do not have to buy new books each month. During February we are reading *Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton. This will be discussed at the meeting on Thursday 1st March. During March we will be reading *Amsterdam* by Ian McEwan

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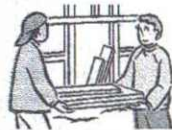
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REEPHAM AND DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB

Rotarians Williams, Malton, Homfray-Davies, Briggs and Tym who completed the Three Peaks challenge have now raised in excess of £12500 for the East Anglian Children's Hospice. The money was recently presented to the representative David Oldfield.

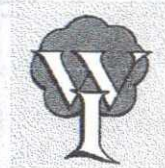
A record amount of £2800 was raised at the Art tent at the Aylsham show.

Rotarian Richard Cook recently organized a quiz and chips evening for members and friends and a fun evening was had and raised over £300 for Rotary charities.

Club members are hoping to be involved with the Reepham High school pupils, helping them getting Art into the community. We are also hoping pupils may be involved with next years Aylsham show Art tent.

The club has now purchased filled and distributed 130 aqua boxes since the Tsunami. These are distributed all over the world when disasters strike.

Ken Ewing



THE BECK WI

Sickness and family commitment meant that fewer than usual members turned up at Sparham's Old Scholl Room on Monday, 12th February. However, those who did attend enjoyed a most interesting, informative and often amusing talk by Martin Wynne.

After serving as a Police Officer for 32 years, Martin has been a Toastmaster (beautiful red jacket!) he told us the history of the Society, and amazed us with the varied duties involved when officiating at a function, be it weddings, luncheons, conferences, Civic occasions etc. His attention to detail was most enlightening.

After our tea/coffee break, Aleathia read last month's Minutes. Martin's choice of the exhibits - 1st Audrey, 2nd Gill. The raffle was won by Audrey.

We meet again on Monday 12th March at 7.30 p.m. Our speaker is Russell Eden; subject 'Overcoming Adversities'. The exhibit is a Home made Mothering Sunday Card.

Mary Humphrey.

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A local rate number that members can call to talk to our friendly staff throughout the day.

Up to three weekly calls from the Teleclub to its members.

Telephone 'coffee mornings' where groups of members can take part in chaired discussions, play games, hold quizzes and socialise.

A contacts service - members provide us with details of their interests, and these are cross-referenced to find possible new friends for them in their area.

Signposting information - members can be pointed in the direction of various other services available to them that they may not usually be aware of.

Members also receive a quarterly newsletter containing MENSA puzzles, quizzes, a letters page, a pen pals page, a book club and much more that we encourage them to contribute to. They also receive birthday cards, Christmas cards and the occasional postcard from the club.

In the future the Teleclub will be developing a website with forums for members to hold discussions about any topic they choose, and to facilitate this we are planning to offer a degree of introductory IT training.

The Teleclub is just one of a series of new initiatives set up by the Partnership For Older Peoples Projects 'At Home, Not Alone' scheme, which is dedicated to improving the quality of older peoples lives through a raft of innovative new services. These services include a home shopping service, a falls advice service, a home security service and a 24-hour unplanned need service.

For further information and membership enquiries please call the Teleclub on 01603 495139.

Teleclub gift vouchers are available - a great present for Mothers Day!

For more information on At Home, Not Alone services please call 0844 800 8014 or visit www.athomenotalone.co.uk **Norfolk County Council**



Bawdeswell Parochial Church Council

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Brian Winterbone at the end of January. Brian had taught at Bawdeswell School for 37 years and will be fondly remembered by all his former pupils. Brian also served on the Parochial Church Council and was treasurer for many years. Although Brian and his wife Nora left the village a few years ago his funeral service was held at Bawdeswell and the church was filled to capacity with friends, family and former colleagues and pupils.

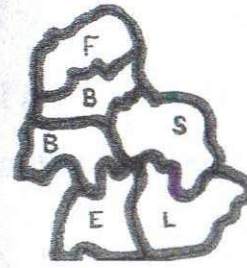
We have a team of cleaners who help to keep the church clean and tidy throughout the year. If anyone would like to join the team please contact Janet Cockburn on 01362 688749. We are planning a "Spring Cleaning" morning on Wed 4th April at 10am. If you would like to join us please come along. Likewise, if anyone would like to be on the Readers' rota the contact number for that is Sandi Taylor 01362 688268. Those willing to help with flowers can contact Sue Lilwall on 01362 688240.

The electoral roll is to be renewed this year. Please look out for details on the church notice board if you wish to be included on the roll.



FOR MARCH 9.3.07 23.3.07

Circle me, Lord –
Keep fear without, keep joy within.
Keep complaining out, keep peace within.
Keep despair without, keep hope within.
Keep deceit without, keep beauty within.
Circle me, Lord. Amen



Benefice News and Events

March promises to be a busy month with lots of events.

The Lent group meetings actually began the last week of February but there was not time to get them into last month's magazine. The groups meet on a Wednesday evening at Hillside, Church St, Elsing at 7.30 and on a Thursday afternoon at Foxley Lodge at 2.00pm. Each meeting will last an hour and a half. Even if you missed the first meeting you are most welcome to come along and join in the discussions based on the writings of Mother Julian called "Enfolded With Love". Copies of Mother Julian's book can be purchased from the Rector for £3.50 each.

On the 15th of the month there is to be a village lunch at Lynghurst at 12.30pm.

A quiz night and supper will be held at Bawdeswell Village Hall on 17th in aid of the Friends of the Church at 7.30. Please phone Sandi or Robin Taylor on 01362 688268 if you would like a ticket.

The Lyng Spring Bazaar will take place on Saturday 24th March in the village hall at 10am.

Finally, the Friends of St Margaret's Church AGM will be held on Thursday 29th at 7.30pm in the church followed by a talk on Lincoln Cathedral.

This is the month in which the church electoral rolls are revised. You need to be on a roll if you are on the PCC or wish to vote at the annual church meeting. If you are currently on an electoral roll you may be contacted.

Women's World Day of Prayer Friday, 2nd March 2007

"United Under God's Tent"

The Christian women of Paraguay invite you to join them in prayer on the theme of "United under God's Tent".

Our Benefice Service will be held at St Margaret's Lyng at 2 00 pm, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits.

The Speaker will be Mrs Anne Murphy a Reader from St Stephens, Norwich.

Paraguay is located in the heart of South America, landlocked between Brazil, Argentina and Bolivia. Any visitor will discover a country with many attractions: rugged steep hills covered with forest, numerous rivers and waterfalls, unique kinds of vegetation, fruits and animal species, as well as the many traditions and customs which are still carried on in rural areas and villages. There is a large gap between the rich and the poor, the main cause of which is unequal distribution of land. 10% of the population owns 66% of the countryside. 1 in 4 Paraguayans is poor and the poorest 40% do not have enough to eat.

Paraguayan women can earn an income by selling their many and varied craft items, the most well-known of these being the 'nanduti' (spider web lace). Although many Paraguayan women are hard-working and ambitious, most remain care-givers and raise a family single-handedly.

Please join us for this very moving service. Everyone welcome!



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Visit www.blood.co.uk for more information.

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From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

As I sit at my desk, I look out at a hole in the sky-line where there was once a tree. The man from Breckland Conservation had told me that I couldn't cut the tree down because the ivy in which it was covered was good protection for the birds.

But it was the ivy that did it in. At one point in the recent gales I was looking at it and thought: "That tree is bending a lot." Then: "How is that tree going to get upright again?" Then: "Oh, it's not going to" as slowly and gracefully it lowered itself to the ground.

Some actions which we do with the best intentions have consequences we don't intend or desire. I expect that there are many times when you were trying to do the right thing, and it was taken wrongly. The tree was a good idea in one way, but the windage from the ivy was too much for it.

And, like the majority of fallen trees, once an action has been done, we cannot recall it, we cannot take it back. There are moments that we wish we could have over again. And that's not just from unintended consequences, but also because we've been inattentive, careless or unkind. Trouble is, life is not a computer game, and although we have many chances, we can't wind back time and try again. Senior politicians can't undo what they did at fifteen. I think that the number of TV programmes about time-travel are linked to this feeling of "if only". Living in the 'now' can be hard.

Saying sorry and forgiveness happen when we know that something cannot be taken back. We can't change the past. But we can work on changing ourselves, so that next time, we act differently. In Lent, Christians think of how they can, with God's help, become people who react more responsibly and lovingly. But for all of us, whatever our faith, our past doesn't stop us changing for the better.

God bless you.

David Head

MARCH 2007

DATE	4 th	11 th	14 th	18 th	25 th
Season	2 nd of LENT	3 rd of LENT	Wednesday	4 th of LENT	5 th of LENT
BAWDESWELL	HC(1) 1000 TC	Morning Praise 1000	HC(PB) 0900 DH	GiG 1000 DH	HC(PB) 1000 DH
BYLAUGH	-	MP 1030 TC	-	-	HC(PB) 0900 DH
ELSING	HC(PB) 0800 TC	Words & Praise 1030 FST	-	HC(1) 1030 TC	MP 1030 CW DS 6.30 DH
FOXLEY	-	HC(1) 1030 DH	-	MP 1030 CW	HC(PB) 0900 TC
LYNG	HC(2) 0900TC	-	-	HC(1) 0900 DH	Words & Praise 1030 FST
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