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Please start collecting items for the plants, jams and cake stalls – also the planned *Giant Tombola* stall and the *Secondhand* items stall. These last two did particularly well last year. Details of collection points next month.

*All participating groups benefit equally from the proceeds of the day.*

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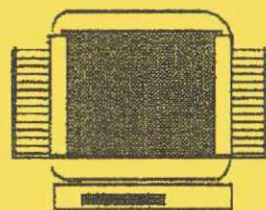
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## THE TUESDAY GARDEN

### A GARDEN TO VISIT

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## MAY DIARY

Tu 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday Garden, Foxley Open 11am – 5pm
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Foxley Social Club, Talk <i>Travels With My Lace Pillow</i> – 2pm Choir <i>ICENI</i> Practice, 7.30pm Bawdeswell church
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	District Council Elections – Bawdeswell Village Hall
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Julian meeting, Bawdeswell 8pm
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Dawn Chorus – Sparham Pools, 4.30am
Tu 8 <sup>th</sup>	Foxley Parish Council Annual Meetings 7.30pm
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Foxley Social Club 2pm Choir <i>ICENI</i> Practice, 7.30pm Bawdeswell church
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Police Station, The Street, Bawdeswell 11am – 12.30pm
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz & Chips Evening, Sparham Old Schoolroom, 7.30pm
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	An evening with Keith Skipper, Lyng Church, 7.30pm
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Aid Week starts
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Foxley Social Club, Talk <i>Medieval Norwich</i> Choir <i>ICENI</i> Practice, 7.30pm Bawdeswell church
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	A Garden Lunch, 5 Home Close, Lyng – 12.30pm Wensum Bird Society, Talk "Ethopia" 7.30pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Julian meeting, Bawdeswell 8pm
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Project Bawdeswell Steering Group Meeting, 10am
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bawdeswell Village Hall Meeting, 8pm
Tu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Blood Donor session at Bawdeswell – see page 10
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9am Communion, Bawdeswell church Choir <i>ICENI</i> Practice, 7.30pm Bawdeswell church
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Foxley Social Club, Boat trip on the Broads

*Foxley Village Hall:* **Exercise Classes** every Tuesday morning at 9.30am

*Bawdeswell Village Hall:* **Aerobics** – Mondays

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On Wednesday afternoon, 21<sup>st</sup> March, we had Mr Jon Read giving us a talk, with slides, on The Red Dragon and The Tylwyth Teg. Despite the rather esoteric title the talk was basically a collection of anecdotes and amusing experiences from Mr Read's very many holidays in North Wales. The area remembered by Mr Read with great fondness was in the main the region surrounding Snowdonia, which can best be described as wild, remote, and extremely beautiful. Pictures of the small villages that he encountered on his travels, with their stone and slate cottages against a backdrop of mountains, seemed to typify the very essence of the rural Welsh.

Mr Read's enthusiastic recommendations for the area and its inhabitants would surely have pleased the Welsh Travel Association: it certainly had quite a few of us reaching for the travel brochures when we reached home. S.B.

Coming up: 2<sup>nd</sup> May *Travels with my lace pillow.* Ms Tamara Goulding  
16<sup>th</sup> May *Medieval Norwich.* Mr Peter Cook  
30<sup>th</sup> May *Boat Trip on the Broads*

## Yoga Classes in Foxley Village Hall.

It is with regret that it has been announced that there will be no more Yoga classes in the village hall as the lady running the classes has moved from the district. D.B.

## FOXLEY NOTICE

It has been brought to the attention of the Foxley editor that dog fouling is apparently on the increase, particularly in the Mill Road and Old Fakenham Road areas. Those complaining of this anti-social act were at great pains to point out that where the culprits were seen, they were not known Foxley inhabitants, but were in all probability visitors to the holiday and short-term lets.

It would be of some help if owners of the holiday lets would make it known to their visitors that *uncollected* dog fouling is unacceptable. There is also going to be an approach to the Parish Council to see whether notices could be displayed around the village asking dog owners to make an effort to clean up after their pets. N.B. Plastic supermarket bags are ideal for this task! D.B.

## FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

The only candidates names submitted formally to stand for Foxley are:- Nigel Hatch, Nicky Mears & John Harvey. We shall be looking to co-opt one or two more, if we are to be able to work properly (while three is a quorum, it does not allow for anyone being away). *There are insufficient numbers to hold an election.* J.H

**Date of Annual Parish Meetings – Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm. Foxley Village Hall.**

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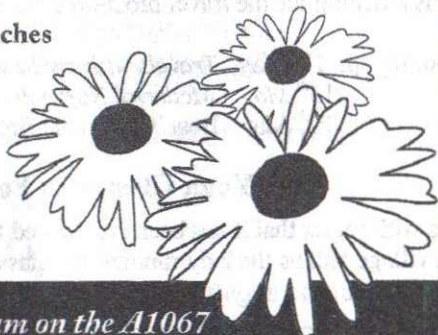
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Here are the *Hundred Club* draw results from the April coffee morning -

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£10 J Mainstone P Underwood P Lilwall K Gordon K Ewing

We have just under 100 members this year. Anybody wishing to join in the draw or buy additional draw numbers, please contact the organisers on 688499.

### 2007 EVENTS

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June** - Participation in the Bawdeswell village fair

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

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

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

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

Plans are in hand to have another grand Ball next year on May 17<sup>th</sup> - a date for your diaries!

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

## BAWDESWELL FOOTBALL CLUB.

(Crown Fire Central & South Norfolk League)

Bawdeswell FC is still struggling at the moment with 1 win and 4 losses in the last five games. At present they are 3<sup>rd</sup> from the bottom of Division 3 with 22 points from 21 games.



P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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New players and supporters are needed for the team.

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



## BAWDESWELL BOWLS CLUB.

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



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### Bawdeswell Dates 2007

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007

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

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

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

1pm to 3.10pm and 4.30pm to 6.55pm

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

Please note that the regular day is now a Tuesday.

The Bloodmobile also visits Reepham, North Elmham & Swanton Morley regularly if you are unable to attend on the Bawdeswell dates.

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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**  
**10<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July**

This is a good facility for the village. If the police find that it is not being used then it will be withdrawn.

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## BAWDESWELL BOOK CLUB

This month's choice was *Amsterdam* by Ian McEwan described as 'a tale of love and deception'.

The novel revolves around the life and death of Molly Lane, her publicist husband and three of her former lovers - amongst whom is cross-dressing MP Julian Garmony. Central to the plot is the discovery of a photograph, taken by Molly, of Garmony sporting full women's dress and the furore surrounding the decision of another former lover to publish the photograph in the national newspaper of which he is editor.

Although thin on the ground, due to the Easter break, we all decided that this had been a disappointing read and was not in the same league as other works we had enjoyed by the same writer.

Next month we will be reading 'Half of a Yellow Sun' by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie which will be discussed at our next meeting on Thursday 3rd May

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*The Book Club meets in the Old Workhouse Bar on the first Thursday of every month and welcomes new members.*

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SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL



A group of *volunteers* are planning a number of 'FREE entry' fun events for children, teenagers and families over the summer school holiday period using the village hall and playing field. Some events will be held during the day, others in the evening. Details of specific events will appear in the June & July editions of the Reeves Tale. We are applying for a grant to assist us in obtaining specific outdoor and indoor equipment and will hold fund raising events from time to time.



All through the summer holidays on weekday afternoons light refreshments will be served in the hall at a small charge.

FOR THIS SCHEME TO SUCCEED, WE NEED **MORE VOLUNTEERS** TO GIVE JUST A FEW HOURS OF THEIR TIME TO ASSIST IN THE RUNNING OF THE EVENTS AND MANNING THE HALL!!!

ANY DONATIONS OF UNWANTED GAMES, TOYS, SPORTS EQUIPMENT, A POOL TABLE AND, OF COURSE, MONEY WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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

Next meeting Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 8pm at the Village Hall

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**BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL  
EXTRACTS OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2007  
AT 7.45pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillor's Hind, Mallen, Cockburn, Swain and Beane 17 parishioners Mr.G. Bambridge (DC)

*BEFORE THE MEETING STARTED THE CHAIRMAN, DR. G. HIND. THANKED THE CLERK AND COUNCILLORS FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS AND ALSO THANKED PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT DURING HIS PERIOD AS CHAIRMAN. HE HOPED THAT THIS SUPPORT WOULD CONTINUE FOR THE NEW COUNCILLORS AFTER THE MAY ELECTION.*

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Lilwall and Wallace. Mrs. Floering Blackman

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Agreed and signed

**PLANNING:**

-Rear of Denver House – new dwelling and garage. / The Homestead, Reepham Road – construction of side porch extension to replace existing canopy. No Objections to these two PA's

-Dale Paddocks, Reepham Road – proposed erection of three stables and formation of exercise area. Clerk to query whether PP is required for 6ft. panel fencing and wrought iron gates already in place. Objections- very bad site with dangerous bend - awkward for getting horses/horse boxes out of driveway. Could cause serious problems.

-Fairstead Homes, Reepham Road – detached house (amended design) – only objection was to request for property to be moved back around 8 metres or so as this would be outside Village boundary/ building line and would set precedent if any further properties were built in that location.

-T-Mobile – installation of new 20m. high tower, ground based cabinets and development ancillary thereto. Objections – spoil area of outstanding natural beauty – local amenity used by people in the village and surrounding area for walks/horse riding – intrusion into countryside and tower would be seen for miles around. Roman Road is of historical/archaeological interest and well documented – it is felt that a full archaeological search should be undertaken and PC assume T-Mobile are prepared to carryout a full search of the whole roadway from Reepham Road to the Tower. Concerns about health risks and possible effects of emissions and radiation.

-Rendering Plant at Clay Hall Farm, Gt. Witchingham – letters of objection sent to Breckland/ Broadland/NCC. (Broadland will discuss this PA 19<sup>th</sup> April).

-6 Wind Turbines. Skitfield Road, Guestwick – following a successful High Court challenge, the Court has ordered that the Planning Inspectorate determine the Appeal again. Letter of objection sent.

-Complaints about dog mess in The Street – Dog Warden to be informed.

**AS THE PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY STARTING AT 7.15PM. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**Bawdeswell Annual Parish Meeting**

The Bawdeswell Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.15pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall. This is an open meeting for ALL parishioners. You will be able to meet the new Parish Council members and voice your views/feelings about the Village and its future.

This meeting will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting and election of officers and then by an ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

*As there are only 6 nominations for the Parish Council there will be no election but the District Council Election is still on.* Those nominated for the Parish Council and by default appointed are :- Carl Beane, David Cockburn, Mark Hipperson\*, James Lilwall, David Shannon\* and Graham Swain (\* new member). There will be an opportunity during the Annual Parish Council Meeting for one further person to be co-opted onto the council.

Just because there is an annual meeting this doesn't mean that you can't be heard at any normal Parish Council meeting. Parishioners are encouraged to attend every meeting and bring their views and concerns. Comments are also invited on planning applications and other issues. Meetings are held normally on the first Monday of the month except January and August. The Parish Council Precept (the amount that the Parish Council raises through Council Tax) is set at the meeting in December.

**PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR PARISH COUNCIL – WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT/INPUT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT FUTURE PLANNING AND WHAT YOU FEEL IS NEEDED IN THE VILLAGE.**

**WARNING!! Thieves about in Bawdeswell**

Sadly, there have been quite a few cases of theft recently in Bawdeswell. The latest on the night of 14/15 April was of some Garden Lights from the home of pensioners in Norwich Road. I have also heard recently of Garden Furniture being taken from a front garden. Please keep an eye out for your neighbours property and report anything suspicious to the police. Please take care to keep your house secure and try not to leave anything valuable on show (obviously this is difficult with lights).

I am also aware that some thefts have not been reported to the police. It is essential that ALL thefts and also any acts of vandalism are reported so that we get appropriate policing in the village.

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### Village Hall Committee

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

### Changes to the Hall

There have been changes to the hall entrance doors to address the problem with wind affecting the front door. The main entrance is now to the side with an inward opening door and the front door has become a fire exit with a crush bar. Access for those who cannot manage the step is available via the front door and a bell push has been provided for their use. It is intended, when finance permits, to build a ramp to the new entrance to make it wheelchair accessible.

### Bawdeswell Village Hall Regular Activities

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

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There are 3 terms each year. Rehearsals take place at Bawdeswell Parish Church, which is warm with full facilities, on a Wednesday evening from 7.30pm until 9.30pm with a short 15 minute break at halftime.

We are very honoured to have as our president, Hannah Francis, who recently moved to Norfolk from London. Hannah has been internationally successful as a singer. Having studied at the Royal College Music, she was for a number of years the principal soprano at the ENO. Hannah now devotes her time to recitals, concerts, master classes and teaching. Hannah is teaching classes, individual or in groups at Bawdeswell during the week and is helping with the choir's technical voice and tone production.

Each member pays a minimum subscription of £15 each term, which enables the choir to be financially independent.

The new term begins on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

We welcome new members if interested please contact:

P James Lilwall,  
Church View, The Street, Bawdeswell, Dereham, NR20 4RT  
Tel: 01362 688499  
Mobile: 07768 220533  
e.mail: [pjlilwall@hotmail.com](mailto:pjlilwall@hotmail.com)

To launch the choir officially we have arranged the following:

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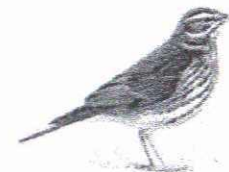
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When we were youngsters, some 50 years ago, we collected stamps and birds eggs. I still have my stamps but I am happy to report that my egg collection has long gone. Which is just as well after hearing Nicholas Crampton, a lawyer from the Crown Prosecution Service, who gave a talk on Fighting Wildlife Crime. Nicholas, who has ten years experience of prosecuting wildlife crime, outlined the various acts which have been introduced for the protection of wildlife starting as far back as 1822. He listed a range of threatened species which come under the act such as Badgers, Bats, Raptors and also plants, such as Bluebells and Snowdrops. Penalties for wildlife crime have become more severe and a recent case of a local man, who received a 6½ year jail sentence for trafficking in endangered birds of prey, was given as an example. Nicholas also spoke about protection laws in the Mediterranean particularly Malta and Cyprus where he felt that steady progress was being made. An interesting and reassuring talk.

The Wensum Valley Project, established in 1988 to conserve wildlife, were very supportive of us when we formed our society. They have now decided to become a charitable trust to take over the work of the Wensum Valley project and would welcome anyone with an interest in the Wensum Valley to help launch this exciting new start for the trust. More information can be found on [www.wensumvalleyproject.org.uk](http://www.wensumvalleyproject.org.uk).

Our outdoor meeting in May is Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> - the dreaded Dawn Chorus. Meet at Sparham Pools car park at the magical time of 4.30 a.m. All are welcome, bacon butties at 8.30 for those who last the course.

Next indoor meeting is Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7.30 at Weston Longville Village Hall. Steve Cale will give a talk entitled 'Ethiopia'. All are welcome. Non-members £2, or free if you join.

Colin Wright: 01603 740548 e-mail: [admin@wvbs.co.uk](mailto:admin@wvbs.co.uk)



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BAWDESWELL

One of our most loyal members, **Sheila Neave** died in her sleep on 27th March at the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital, aged 82. Her funeral was in the church on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, attended by 45 family, friends and acquaintances. Sheila was buried in the churchyard extension and everyone met back afterwards at the church for coffee. The service was conducted by the Rector, David Head, and the organist was James Lilwall. The collection was in aid of the Friends of the Church.

Sheila has been a longtime supporter of our church and she will be missed by us all.

**WEDNESDAY COMMUNION** – Please note that we have moved the mid-month Wednesday 9am Communion to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, to come in the week between the *Gig* and the *Words and Praise* services which have moved.

**NEW ORGAN?** - We are very fortunate to have installed in the church, for a short time only, a state of the art *Makin* digital organ.

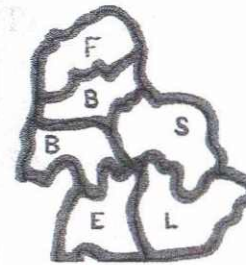
The present pipe organ was originally built 1901 for Shotesham House and was rebuilt here in 1954, fitted with a new case, designed by J Fletcher Watson.

It has always been very limited with only 12 speaking stops across two manuals and pedal. The organ has a high pitch, which makes it impossible to use with other instruments. It's voicing was originally scaled to the more intimate surroundings of the drawing room in Shotesham House, so provides little support to the congregational singing.

After such long service the organ is in urgent need of rebuilding to provide an instrument with integrity that can enhance our worship and musical life of the Church.

Organ Builders *Makin* are putting together a scheme that would provide the church with a new instrument within the current case, replacing the old console with a new one positioned in the gallery as now. We will evaluate it to see if it is a scheme that we could gain approval for and try and raise the necessary funds sometime in the future, if that is the decision.

Do come and listen to the demonstration organ.



## FLEBBS

### Benefice News and Events

It was a busy time over the Easter period and how nice to see that the sun came out for all the events and services.

May will be slightly less hectic with only three events in the diary. These are:

11<sup>th</sup> Quiz and Chips Evening in aid of St Mary's Church, Sparham. 7.30 pm. The Old School Room, Sparham. Tickets £7 available from Mary Humphrey 01362 688449, Gill Page 01362 688379, Aleathia Mann 01362 688543.

12<sup>th</sup> **ALL PREACHERS GREAT AND SMALL**  
A meaningful and amusing meander through the writings of several Norfolk clerical gentlemen from days gone by - Parson Woodforde of Weston Longville features strongly - plus assorted musical items, presented by Keith Skipper and friends. The venue is St Margaret's Church, Lyng and the proceedings kick off at 7.30 pm on Saturday 12 May. Tickets are £7.50 each, including refreshments, and are available from Lyng Village Stores or by telephoning 01603 872185 or 01603 872173. Proceeds are for The Friends of St Margaret's Church. Do please come and join us!

17<sup>th</sup> A Garden Lunch will be held at 5 Home Close, Lyng at 12.30 for 1pm.

The *Street Farm* Garden in Foxley opens on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May from 11am - 5pm. Entrance is £1.50 and toilet facilities and refreshments are available. The garden will be open on the first Tuesday of each month until October.

### CHRISTIAN AID

Please keep your envelope safe which you will find in this magazine till the week 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May. If you miss your collector please take to Bawdeswell Stores by kind permission of McColls. I still need people to collect in that week. Many thanks Margaret Keeler 01603 872565.



MAY Meetings: 7<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Contact Susan March (01603) 870342

From *Tides & Seasons* by David Adam

*Risen Again*

Let the earth proclaim  
The joy of your Name.

Let each bulb rejoice,  
Its growth be a voice.

Let each seed and flower  
Tell of your power.

Let the glowing bright sun  
Show the deed that is done.

Let us hear from the rain  
He is risen again.

Let all repeat the refrain  
He is risen again.

## From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

The incident where fifteen sailors were captured by the Iranians shows how damaging publicity can be. The sailors were pawns in a propaganda skirmish which the Brits resoundingly lost. What was very clear, though, was that the same story was not being told by the different sides. There was the truth, and there were the stories.

The press have been enjoying the rumpus about whether the sailors ought to have sold their story. The rumpus is good copy, especially with the possibility of ministerial resignations attached. But hold on. The sailors have sold their stories to the press, it's the press that have sold the stories to us. The sailors are also pawns in a circulation war between the newspapers. As far as the small world of the press is concerned, they can try to get propaganda coups over their rivals in the same way that countries can.

We may think, sometimes, that it's important to get our side of a particular story across, but it doesn't always work that way. Dealing with slander and libel in the courts is notoriously chancy. And when you see a press retraction of a story, it's a twentieth of the size of the original, tucked away in an inside page. It can be worse than useless to try to justify yourself, or correct a story. This can lead people to doubt the truth of anything that they hear; or else, to believe anything and everything, as long as it's bad.

The earliest Christians had that problem with their bizarre story of someone rising from the dead. Often it was treated as spin, or "they would say that, wouldn't they?" All religions now face the problem of being seen as one story among many. But somewhere out there, there is truth. And in the end, we are not justified – or otherwise – by what people think about us, but by the Truth.

God bless you

David Head

**MAY 2007**

DATE	6 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Season</i>	5 <sup>th</sup> After Easter	6 <sup>th</sup> After Easter	Sunday after Ascension	<i>Wednesday</i>	Pentecost
<b>BAWDESWELL</b>	HC(1) 1000	-	GiG 1000	HC(PB) 0900 DH	Words & Praise 1000
<b>BYLAUGH</b>	HC(PB) 0900	HC(PB) 1030	MP 10.30	-	-
<b>ELSING</b>	MP 10.30	-	Family Service 10.30	-	HC(1) 10.30
<b>FOXLEY</b>	EP 6.30pm	-	MP 09.00	-	HC(PB) 0900
<b>LYNG</b>	EP 3pm	-	HC(1) 0900	-	Words & Praise 1030 FST
<b>SPARHAM</b>	Family Service 1030 FST	-	HC(PB) 1030	-	HC(PB) 6.30pm

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