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## LETTERS

**Open Garden, Foxley** Our 'Open Garden' adventure ended on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October in reasonable weather and with a surprising number of visitors, considering the time of year.

Thanks to those garden enthusiasts who visited and to all the friends who were instrumental in helping us to raise £1000.00. (One thousand pounds!) towards the church window repairs. *John & Mary Fletcher.*

This should have appeared in the November magazine. Sorry Ed.

**Bawdeswell Garage** After many years of service to the community, firstly in the village itself where they also sold petrol, diesel, and for a time ran the post office; then subsequently the present premises on the Dereham Road, Tony and Frankie Shepherd have finally handed over the reins. Their motto that 'no job was too big or too small' was ably carried out by them and their team, and I would like to express my thanks for the many times when we have called on their expertise.

Bob and Debbie Mabee have now taken on the challenge, and we have found their service excellent. Good luck to them. *Hugh Rose. The Elms, Foxley.*

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**Ploughing** Steve Framlingham has won many trophies this Autumn, the Classic Class at Holkham, Bodham, Colton, Great Melton and Swanton Morley. On the weekend of October 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> at Crockley Hill he was asked to be a Steward on the Saturday and on the Sunday he competed with 19 others in the Classic Class and was pleased to gain 6<sup>th</sup> place. The following Saturday in Cambridgeshire he won his class which means he has qualified to plough in the British Nationals next October which should be staged in Essex. Steve and David judged on Foulness Island, Essex, at the end of September and also at Woolley near Barnsley, Yorkshire early Nov. He ploughed at Kirton, Suffolk on November 11<sup>th</sup>. He was placed 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Bawdeswell Ploughing Society match January 13<sup>th</sup>* Most of the entry forms have now been sent, all those who ploughed in the last match are given the chance to plough again. Around 80 entries are expected. Ploughing starts at 10am and finishes at 3pm. There will be a charity raffle which will be drawn when ploughing finishes followed by the presentation of trophies. Spectators are welcome to come and see the skills of ploughing.

Much hard work goes into arranging a ploughing match, trophies have to be ordered, the land measured out into plots and marked, caterer booked and judges organised. When ploughing finishes the judges' marks have to be totalled up before the winners are announced. Steve and Dena are most grateful to Mr Gurney for allowing the match to take place on his land again this year. *Ruby Framingham*

## DECEMBER/JANUARY EVENTS DIARY

3 Dec	7.30pm Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting
5 Dec	10am Children's Society Coffee Morning
8/9 Dec	Charity Weekend at Bawdeswell Garden Centre
11 Dec	2pm BINGO at Bawdeswell Village Hall
14 Dec	School DISCO Julian Group Meeting
16 Dec	Foxley Carol Service 1030am Christmas Concert in Bawdeswell church 4pm
17 Dec	8pm Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee Meeting
19 Dec	School Christmas Service
20 Dec	Mobile Police Station, Bawdeswell Street 11am – 12.30pm
22 Dec	BAG Children's Christmas Party 2pm
23 Dec	Bawdeswell Carol Service 10.30am
28 Dec	Christmas Gathering Foxley Village Hall Julian Group Meeting, Bawdeswell
8 Jan	2pm BINGO Bawdeswell Village Hall
13 Jan	Bawdeswell Ploughing Match
17 Jan	Mobile Police Station, Bawdeswell Street 11am – 12.30pm
21 Jan	8pm Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee Meeting
22 Jan	2pm BINGO Bawdeswell Village Hall
25 Jan	Julian Group Meeting
26 Jan	Friends of Bawdeswell Church 100 Club Renewal

### *Bawdeswell Village Hall:*

**Aerobics** – Monday evenings.  
**Countryside Rangers** - every other Wednesday.  
**WeightWatchers** – Thursday evenings.  
**Pilates** – Wednesday evenings.

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As before he brought with him tapes, records, discs and sheet music to play to us, plus a wealth of memorabilia of the many famous singers for whom he had written. Where he had brought no record of a number, then he sung it to us himself with a very fine voice redolent of the Music Hall era. His behind-the-scenes stories, coupled with his ready humour gave us all an exceptionally enjoyable afternoon.

The turnout was one of the best that the club had ever had, which was perhaps fitting: all those that had enjoyed the club over these last few years coming to say their goodbyes on the club's last event.

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## BAWDESWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

### Healthy Schools

We have just heard we have achieved “Healthy Schools Status” which is excellent news. The children are now discussing our “Food Policy” in their Class and School Council time.

### Disability Equality Scheme

We are in the process of writing our Disability Equality Scheme and as required by law, we wish to consult with the community about whether anyone has any ideas of priorities relating to Disability Equality that might be relevant for us to address. Please contact the school if you have any input by the end of November.

### Theatre Trips

We are planning to take Year R,1,2 & 3 to the Pantomime Dick Whittington at the Theatre Royal in January, and Year 4, 5 & 6 to a production of Hamlet by the Shakespeare 4 Kidz also at the Theatre Royal in January. As you can imagine this is a very expensive outing, however, the Friends are contributing to the cost and we are going to use some of our Sponsor Spelling money but we will still need to ask you to contribute £5 per child towards the overall cost.

Forthcoming dates include:-

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Visit by the Inspire Discovery Centre to perform to the children.

(am)

Cross Country Competition to Costessey High School. (pm)

12<sup>th</sup> December - Pandas Nativity Performance.

14<sup>th</sup> December – Disco run by friends.

16<sup>th</sup> December – Church Christmas Concert

19<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Service in church. (Break up for Christmas)

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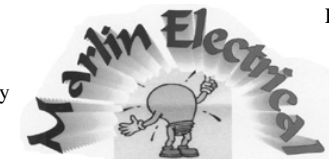
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## Friends of Bawdeswell Church

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Events for the coming year are to be:  
Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 100 Club Renewal Evening at Church View  
March 15<sup>th</sup> Quiz and Supper at the Village Hall  
May 17<sup>th</sup> Grand Ball at the Village Hall  
Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Harvest supper at the Village Hall  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert in the church

The next project for the Friends is to have the church redecorated so your support at these events to raise funds for this will be much appreciated.

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## CHOIR ICENI – Christmas Programme

*Swaffham Parish Church, Friday 7th December at 7.30pm*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Director James Lilwall with Soprano Hannah Francis and Accompanists Roger Rayner. Tickets available on the door or in advance from 01362 688499

*Reepham Parish Church, Friday 14th December at 7.30pm*

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## A new organ for All Saints Church Bawdeswell

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When All Saints' Church was rebuilt after the aircraft crash which destroyed it during the war, the organ from the dower house at Shotesham Hall was moved here and installed in a specially built case which stands in the gallery at the west end of the church. The case was designed to match the other major wooden furniture, particularly the triple-decker pulpit, the pews and the font cover.

The organ was built by Norman & Beard in 1901. So it is now just over 100 years old, at the age when it needs a major overhaul, and the PCC took the opportunity to review the musical needs of the church in the parish.

The church can accommodate a congregation of about 100 and, although we do not see so many each week, the church is filled for major services and for weddings and funerals. We need an organ which can give an effective lead to both small and large congregations.

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As you know, the Friends of Bawdeswell Church already run fund-raising events for the maintenance of the fabric of the church. The PCC has therefore decided to aim to cover the cost of the new organ from donations and has set up an Organ Fund for this purpose. If gifts are made in memory of a loved one, their name will be added to a Memorial List displayed on or next to the organ in the gallery, making the organ a living memorial of sound.

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## Bawdeswell Book Club

The Book Club meets in the Old Workhouse Bar on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30 pm and welcomes new members. We mostly obtain books from the Library so there is not the expense of buying new books each month. During November we are reading The Night Watch by Sarah Waters. This will be discussed at our next meeting on 6 December 2007. **Members are also asked to bring poems for reading/discussion at this meeting.** Over the Christmas break we will be reading Vanity Fair by William Thackeray for discussion at our meeting on 3 January 2008.

Last month we read "On Beauty" by Zadie Smith. The characters of the novel are basically those of 2 academic families with various others from the New England College and town where they are centred. Many issues are addressed - race, education, obesity, family relationships, religion, honesty and faithfulness. All these issues are contained within the lives of the two families. One is black and the other has a white father, a fat black mother and therefore mixed race children. The children of both families are living privileged middle class lives and their situation is compared with other talented but poor black young people. At one level each family is united within itself but there are various tensions, a lack of knowledge of each other and poor real communication that renders them fairly dysfunctional. The fathers are firm rivals and both are unfaithful husbands. The only honest relationship that develops is between the two mothers. Each has a strong commitment to her own family and recognises this shared value in the other. Each responds to a valuable painting owned by one of them, which becomes a kind of symbol of their unity. The writing is superb - every chapter enthralled as the reader experiences what is being seen, felt, heard and thought by the characters. An example of this is in Chapter 7 of the first part of the book which relates to a family outing to an outdoor concert and begins with the mother's emotional response to Mozart's Requiem, writing at its best, it seems to me. This is the third novel by this incredibly talented young female writer of whom we will hear more I am sure.

Marietta Menzies



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**Bawdeswell:** - Paradise Road 10am, School 10.20am, 12 Reepham Road 10.45am, Bawdeswell Hall 11am, Hall Road 11.15am, 3 Bell Close 11.35am and Chaucer Close 11.50-12pm. Next Visits are 5<sup>th</sup> December, 16<sup>th</sup> January (Then normally every 3<sup>rd</sup> week)  
**Foxley:** - The Chequers 3.10 - 3.25pm. Next Visits are 7<sup>th</sup> December, 28<sup>th</sup> December, 18<sup>th</sup> January (Then normally every 3<sup>rd</sup> week)  
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## BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL - EXTRACTS OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2007

**PRESENT :** Councillors Mallen, Shannon, Lilwall and Hipperson.  
Mr. G. Bambridge (DC) 12 parishioners  
**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Mason, Beane & Cockburn. Mrs. I. Floering Blackman  
**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Agreed and signed

**Mr. Phil Daines,** Breckland Councils Chief Planning Officer attended the meeting and gave an interesting and informative talk on Planning procedures, enforcement process and new Govt. legislation.

**Community Car Scheme :** Mr. Bambridge to speak to Breckland about financing the scheme which it is hoped will up and running shortly.

### Planning:

- Rear of Denver House-new dwelling/garage – Appeal pending refusal of PP – PC had no objections.
- Lodge Plantation, Dereham Road – erection of sectional wooden shed for storage of tools/materials for woodland maintenance (retrospective) – No Objections although Councillors concerned about large size of shed and requested restriction on PA that shed should only be used for storage of materials/tools.
- Bawdeswell Garden Centre – Premises Licence granted subject to conditions: - alcohol (wine/Beer) only sold for consumption with meals – hours for regulated entertainment limited to 6 days in any one calendar year when alcohol can be served beyond 17.30.
- Local Development Framework: Councillors concerned that Bawdeswell still appears to be considered as a Local Service Centre although we only fulfil two of the five criteria listed (Doctors Surgery/School/Shop employment in area/bus service). Mr. Bambridge said Bawdeswell should make its position known regarding future development – or not – to Breckland at all levels, considering the potential advantages as well as pitfalls. Breckland is considering Policy on November 20<sup>th</sup> and PC have asked Mr. Bambridge to represent us – Councillor Shannon to prepare PC statement for Councillors approval before sending to Mr. Bambridge.
- Chaucer House, The Street – tree preservation order for 4 trees in garden.
- Fairstead Homes, Reepham Road – NCC confirm speed reactive sign/ 30mph roundel will be in place by 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- Banham Compost – letter in EDP reporting that NCC seeking to rush one of the two PA's to Planning Committee on November 30<sup>th</sup> – Clerk to inform Mrs. Floering Blackman of our strong objections ,asking her to speak on our behalf.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THIS IS WHEN THE PRECEPT FOR YEAR 2008/09 IS SET.**



## BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL – NOTICES

**COUNCILLORS WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL PARISHIONERS  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY  
2008.**

**FLY TIPPING;** recently there have been several instances of people leaving household items/rubbish on the Village Hall recycling site. This is unlawful and anyone seen should be reported to the Police and will face prosecution.

### VILLAGE HANDYMAN

The Parish Council still has a vacancy for a Part Time Village Handyman. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk on 01362 688234



### MOBILE POLICE OFFICE

The Mobile Police Office will be in 'The Street' Bawdeswell 11am until 12.30pm every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. This is intended to provide a 'visible' police presence in the village. Please make sure that you visit them if you have a problem or need information. Pop in and find out what's happening in the area.

**Future Dates for 2007/8 are  
20<sup>th</sup> December, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 14<sup>th</sup> February,  
13<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June**

The Parish Council has been advised that this facility is not being well used. This is a good facility for the village and if the police continue to find that it is not being used then it will be withdrawn.

### USE IT OR LOSE IT

### Bawdeswell Activities Group (BAG)

Half Term at the hall in October was enjoyed by many children from Bawdeswell and the surrounding area. Over 30 children had great fun at the Halloween party and we were very impressed at the high standard of the fancy dress costumes.

Those who attended the Disco on Saturday 17 November really enjoyed themselves even though some of their friends didn't show up. The music was excellent and we hope to hold another one in 2008.

**The Group is looking for additional volunteers/event leaders to help with the scheme during 2008. Please contact Janet on 688749.**

### Regular & Future Events

**BINGO AFTERNOONS** every other Tuesday at 2pm. Next sessions 11th December, 8th January, 22nd January, 5th February. Eyes Down at 2.15. If you have difficulty getting to the hall transport can be arranged. Call Janet on 688749. (If you would like an evening Bingo session call Janet. If there is enough interest we will arrange it).

**MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP** - The BAG CAFE will be open from 9.30 to 11.30am every Friday during term time for the Mother and Toddler Group.

**Saturday 22 December Children's Christmas Party** – see separate page

### HALF TERM AT THE HALL – 11th to 15th FEBRUARY 2008

Details will be included in the February Reeve's Tale

Bawdeswell Activities Group gratefully acknowledge grant aid from Norfolk Community Foundation, Breckland Council and Bawdeswell Parish Council



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### Royal Anglian Regiment

Did you know that Bawdeswell had two residents serving with the Royal Anglian Regiment in Afghanistan? They are David Baker (TA) and Patrick Casey and we must give thanks that they have returned home safely. A very warm welcome home to both of you and congratulations on your achievements. You have done us proud!



## BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG)



# Children's Christmas Party & Fancy Dress Competition

Bawdeswell Village Hall  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
2pm – 5pm

Please bring a home made Christmas tree decoration to hang on our tree in the Hall. There will be a prize for the best one. **SANTA** has promised to drop in to see us.

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

### 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 !!**



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19<sup>th</sup> August, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

1pm to 3.10pm and 4.30pm to 6.55pm

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

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

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

## BAWDESWELL BOWLS CLUB.



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

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

## BENEFICE NEWS AND EVENTS

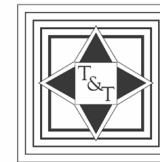
Only one event in the diary this month – the Christmas Concert at Bawdeswell Church on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 4 pm. There will be performances by a guest singer and the Bawdeswell School Choir. Tickets are £5 (children under 11 free) to include mince pies and mulled wine. If you would like to come along to what is usually a very cheerful and informal do, please ring James Lilwall on 01362 688499 for a ticket.

*Every good wish to you all for Christmas from the Benefice Ministry Group.*

The new rota of services for the whole benefice begins this month, December. Please do check up on where and when the services are going to be. The changes are because we are trying to have one bigger service a month, which we will share round the churches; and because that has a knock-on effect on where the clergy can be if the services are mostly at the same two times. If you need a lift to get to a church outside your parish, please ask. For those of you who are regular attenders, a Sunday without a service in your church is not supposed to be a Sunday off, just a chance for a new and wonderful experience elsewhere.

There will be Confirmation Classes starting in February, aimed at those who are currently secondary-school age. Please get in touch with the Rector if you think there is a possibility that you may like this. Then, times and dates for classes can be negotiated. There will be no pressure to complete the course of classes, or to be confirmed at the end of them.

If there are any adults wishing for Confirmation preparation, please contact the Rector.



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## Bawdeswell Parochial Church Council

From the beginning of December the services times at Bawdeswell Church will change to 10.30am. The pattern of services will remain as:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Holy communion

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday joint service on rota basis around the benefice

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday The GiG

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Words and Praise

The service pattern is always displayed on the church notice board and printed in the magazine so if you wish to join us for any of them please check which service is on offer and note the new time.

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November we welcomed Sophie Dales to the church family at her christening. We wish her a happy and healthy life and look forward to seeing her when she is back in Bawdeswell visiting her grandparents Peter and Dorcas Downs.

We look forward to seeing you at some of the Christmas services as printed on your card.

We are launching an appeal for a new Organ for All Saints Church. The basis of our appeal is a Memorial Fund. Please see page 11 for full details.

**JULIAN GROUP meetings:** Fridays 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> December & 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> January – 8pm usually at Barwick House – Tel: 01603 870342 Susan March for details.

The initial stage of meditation may be a contemplation of God; the beauty of God's universe, the law of God, and the activity of God. Our life becomes that of a beholder, beholding the glory of God in all things – in the green grass, in the gentle breeze, in the turbulence of the ocean, and in the calm of the night. In this contemplative state of being, we cannot behold anything in this world, without at the same moment recognizing its cause, the invisible spiritual activity, which produced it. We should never look at a sunrise or a sunset, without instantly realizing the spiritual nature of that which brought it into expression – God, the creative Principle of the mountains, the skies, and the seas; God, the creative Principle of that which fills the air with birds and stocks the seas with fish. If we live continuously in the contemplation of the invisible Presence and Power underlying all things, this very place whereon we stand is holy ground.

From 'The Art of Meditation' by Joel Goldsmith

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A moving Service of Remembrance for the parishes of the FLEBBS Benefice was held in Foxley Church on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The Rector, David Head, conducted the service and Edwin Speakman was the organist. A congregation of nearly one hundred stood in silence at 11 o'clock, having heard the names of those lost in the two World Wars read out by representatives from their villages. Thanks to modern technology, we were able to hear the Last Post, followed two minutes later by Reveille; sounds of great poignancy evoking emotions, even in those of us without a military background. In his thought-provoking sermon, the Rector asked us to remember, also, those who had lost their lives in subsequent conflicts. Many had suffered injury leading to disabilities, mental or physical. Sadly, among them, there have been a horrifying number of suicides. The work of the Royal British Legion is all important in providing care and support. The collection, amounting to £362-35 has been sent to the Legion.

### Forthcoming Events

Advent Sunday, 2nd December, 3pm. Service of Evening Prayer with Baptism of Arthur George Wheller.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December, Carol Service 10.30am

Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> December, 11.30pm. Midnight Holy Communion.

Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, Illustrated Talk by Peter Bradbury. (Village Hall)

Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Iceni Choir.

Diana Harvey  
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The Children's Society Coffee Morning

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**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.**

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## From the Rector

Church of England SERVICES - Rector the Revd David Head (01603 872381)

Dear Everybody, hello again.

There are lots of journeys that happen at Christmas-time. Travelling to see family members, going away to Thailand to escape the Christmas season, special family trips and treats. It's no surprise that airlines put up their prices at this period.

But when I was a curate living in the London area, I'd often drive up to Norfolk to see my family after the services on Christmas day, and the roads used to be empty after lunchtime. It was as if all the journeys had happened, and just for the moment there was stillness.

At the Crib services, we often put all the figures in the crib one by one, to show that every person and animal in the story had a journey to get to the stable. The ox and ass a short journey, the shepherds slightly longer, Mary and Joseph longer still, and the Wise Men an epic one. And even Jesus himself has a journey to get there, to be with us.

Christmas is a good time of year to think about all the journeys that we have made, to get to be who we are. January is the traditional time to think about holidays, to work out where we still want to go. But at Christmas-time, especially when we are settled and at rest, we can pause and reflect on our life's journey.

Sometimes Christmas is a time when we remember those who have walked with us on that journey, remembering especially loved ones no longer with us: or maybe we think in charity about those who need help on their journey. Crisis at Christmas and other charities often focus on people in need having somewhere to stay, to rest, to have comfort over the period.

God bless you on your journey in life,  
and this Christmas

David Head

### DECEMBER 2007 (Please see notice boards for January)

DATE	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
Season	1 <sup>st</sup> of Advent	2 <sup>nd</sup> of Advent	3 <sup>rd</sup> of Advent	4 <sup>th</sup> of Advent	Christmas Eve	CHRISTMAS DAY	1 <sup>st</sup> of Christmas
FOXLEY	EP 5pm	-	Carol Service 1030	HC(1) 1030	HC 2300	-	-
LYNG	HC(1) 0900	-	EP 5pm	Fs 1030 Carol Service 6.30pm	Crib 1600 HC 2300	-	-
ELSING	MP 10.30	-	Carol Service 1030	HC 10.30		HC(1) 10.30	HC(1) 10.30 GROUP
BAWDESWELL	HC(1) 1030	-	GiG 1030	Carol Service 1030	-	GiG 1030	-
BYLAUGH		HC(PB) 0900	-	Carol Service 1500	-	HC(PB) 0900	-
SPARHAM	Family Service 1030	<b>One More Step 1030</b>	HC(PB) 1030	?	-	HC(PB) 1030	-

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