The

Reeve's Tale Magazine

November 2007

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The Christmas issue of the Reeve's Talewill be delivered later than usual.

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LETTERS

Post Office

I would like to thank everybody, for their good wishes, cards and gifts I recieved upon my departure from the Post Office. I didn't realise I was quite that popular!!

Although it has only been a couple of days since tying up all the loose ends at Folland Court, I am thoroughly enjoying my new found freedom, and, as difficult as it was, I am very pleased I made the decision to leave the Post Office.

Once again, thank you for all your support.

Wendy Records

Platinum Farm Stables Fund Raising Sale

Jean, Ron and all at the stables wish to extend their grateful thanks for another hugely successful day. To all the contributors, cake makers, tea ladies and not forgetting those that helped set up and run the stalls, THANK YOU ALL The sale raised an increbible £400.25 for which we and the ponies are grateful

Stevie & Bert's Wedding 29th August 2007

Stevie & Bert wish to thank all their friends for their Good Wishes on the occasion of their wedding.

The generosity of our guests, especially the Foxley Bowls Club, raised £540 for the Easy Anglian Air Ambulance.

Thank You all, Stevie & Bert Nightingale.

New Book by a Local Author

I have just written a book about my life in the R.A.F. as an Armourer. It starts with my childhood in Retford and ends with my retirement here in Bawdeswell. I do not recommend it to the ladies though as it is a bit risqué!

Called 'A' I'm an Armourer, 'B' I'm an Armourer, The life and loves of an RAF Armourer - It is due to be published in paperback by the Blenheim Press in the middle of November - price £9.95 ISBN: 978-1-906302-01-6

Dave Jackson, Tangleford House, Bawdeswell

The Sue Rider Charity Shop, Dereham

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Please no electrical or larger items. Thank you. DJ

NOVEMBER EVENTS DIARY

Thurs 1st	Book Club meets at the Old Workhouse Bar 7.30pm					
Fri 2 nd	Mother & Todler Group meets 2.15pm at Bawdeswell Village Hall BAG Café open Julian Group Meeting 8pm, see page 23					
Sat 3rd	Traidcraft Christmas Shopping Day, The Chapel, Station Road, Reepham					
Mon 5 th	7.45pmBawdeswell Parish Council Meeting, Breckland Planners Pres.					
Fri 9 th	Mother & Todler Group meets 2.15pm at Bawdeswell Village Hall					
Sat 10 th	Project Bawdeswell Meeting 10am Craft Fair, Fox ley Village hall 10 – 2 Autumn Fair, Lyng Village Hall 2pm					
Sun 11 th	Remembrance Day Service, Foxley 1045am					
Mon 12 th	WI Annual Meeting, Sparham Old Schoolroom 7.30 pm					
Tues 13 th	Adult Bingo, Bawdeswell Village Hall, 2.15pm					
Wed 14 th	Mobile Library, Bawdeswell , see page 18					
Fri 16 th	Mother & Todler Group meets 2.15pm at Bawdeswell Village Hall BAG Café open Mobile Library outside The Chequer's, Foxley 3.10 – 3.25pm Julian Group Meeting 8pm, see page 23					
Sat 17 th	Teenage disco, Bawdeswell Village Hall					
Mon 19 th	Bawdeswell Village Hall committee meeting					
Thu 22 nd	Mobile Police Station, Bawdeswell Street 11 – 12.30					
Fri 23 rd	Mother & Todler Group meets 2.15pm at Bawdeswell Village Hall BAG Café open					
Tues 27 th	Adult Bingo, Bawdeswell Village Hall, 2.15pm Blood Donor Sessions, Bawdeswell Village Hall, see page 17					
Fri 30 th	Mother & Todler Group meets 2.15pm at Bawdeswell Village Hall BAG Café open Julian Group Meeting 8pm, see page 23					

Bawdeswell Village Hall: for regular events see page 17

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

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FOXLEY SOCIAL CLUB

On Wednesday afternoon, 3rd October, Mr. Peter Cook came to the club to give us a talk on Medieval Norwich Part 2. This was, of course, a follow-up to a previous talk we had enjoyed.

Using old prints and photographs that he had transposed to slides, he compared medieval through to the early part of this century to present day Norwich. What is remarkable about this glance at the past is that there is still much remaining of that past to be found if you know where to look. Mr. Cook does, of course.

An added bonus for both us and Mr. Cook was that during the question time at the end of the talk, the born-and-bred of this part of the county that were among us provided anecdotes and personal memories of many of the scenes that we had just seen (not the medieval ones obviously!). A very interesting afternoon.

The club will be holding a Christmas celebration on Friday 14th December at the Cliftonville Hotel, Gorleston. There will be a three course silver service Christmas lunch (varied menu), cabaret and afternoon dancing. The coach will leave Foxley Village Hall at 11.30 am, and return at 5.30—6 pm. There are a few seats available for £22.00. all inclusive. Those interested should contact the Social Secretary on 688 260. S.B.

RACE EVENING AT FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

On Saturday 29 September *Bintree Bowls Club* held a successful Race Evening. Over 70 people attended and enjoyed the thrill and excitement of seeing 8 races on the screen, hoping that they had backed the right horse. Some were successful, but even the losers enjoyed themselves. Before the event numerous Sponsors had agreed to generously support the evening and all 128 horses were 'sold' in advance. The M C for the evening was Alan Hardesty supported by Ivan Hardy, both from East Coast Truckers Charity together with other Truckers members. Alan's enthusiasm and jovial leadership contributed to a great evening. Over £1000 was raised for Club funds after donating £100 to East Coast Truckers Charity.

Bintree Bowls Club is very grateful to all Sponsors, horse 'owners' and everyone who came along and contributed to the event. Special thanks also to Alan Hardesty and all the 'Truckers' who gave of their time and expertise.

Our bowling season has now finished, our annual Green maintenance



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Village Hall Car Park

The committee has noticed that cars and other larger vehicles are being parked in the Village Hall Car Park without permission. The hall is used on a daily basis and the car park must always be available for hall users. Therefore, should anyone wish to use the car park, please be kind enough to ring the above telephone number to check for availability. Many thanks.

The Foxley Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank all residents who continue to use the waste paper bank outside the village hall, and to encourage any new residents to give it a try. The money collected from the regular emptying of this bank is used for the continual improvement and maintenance of the hall.



Thank you very much for your help.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thankfully, despite appalling weather conditions on Friday, 28th September, a faithful band of helpers, contributors and visitors turned out to support this cancer charity.

The morning's activities raised the excellent sum of £361.50. Thank you very much for your support.

Ruth Whitmore

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The ceilidh on 6th October was a great evening thanks to the band Rake the Shingle. They kept everyone busy with a variety of dances interspersed with good old traditional folk music while we had a breather. Of course we had the usual fabulous spread of food - thanks to the cooks who provided such a feast and to everyone who supported this event.

The next event on our calendar is the **Christmas Concert** in the church on 16th **December.** The school choir will be taking part so look out for the notices nearer the time.

Plans for the May Ball on 17^{th} May 2008 are going ahead and details will be in future magazines. Do keep this date free in your diaries – it's a splendid affair and well worth coming to.

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2007 CHRISTMAS ENGAGEMENTS

Christmas Concert
Friday 7th December 7.30pm
Swaffham Parish Church

Christmas Concert Friday 14th December 7.30pm Reepham Parish Church

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols Sunday 23rd December 3.30pm Salle Parish Church at FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL on 10 NOVEMBER 2007 from 10am TO 2pm

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Bawdeswell (school) - Norwich (Bus Station via Castle Meadow)

Monday – Friday **0655#1**, 0725, 0756, 0930, 1030, 1130, 1330, 1530, 1730

Saturday -0758, 0930, **1030#2**, 1130, 1330, 1530, 1730

Norwich (Bus Station stop 5 – Castle Meadow 5 mins later) Monday - Friday 0850, 1050, 1250, 1350, 1500, 1630, 1740

1050, 1250, 1500, 1630, 1755. Saturday -

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REEPHAM & DISTRICT ROTARY

Club members organised the Art Tent at the Aylsham Show again this year and raised a record amount of just under £3,000 for the East Anglian

Children's Hospice. It was a fantastic effort by members, a tremendous amount of planning, hard work and organisation went into the event.

Six members of the club gave up a Saturday morning to construct a sand pit at the Reepham Primary School. Rotarian Cliffie Harmer brought along a mini digger and Rotarian Richard Blyth a lorry load of sand. Together with the willing labourers the sand pit was duly constructed and is now in full use. We are now planning to construct a 'story circle' and work on this is to commence in the next few weeks.

A further twenty aqua boxes have now been filled and are ready for dispatch when needed at the next disaster wherever it may be in the world.

Rotarian Richard Cook is still trying to organise Art in the Community for pictures painted by the pupils at Reepham High School. Any businesses in the area who are willing to display pictures please contact Richard on 01603 872260.

Ken Ewing



BECK WI

As soon as Aleathia had opened our October meeting and introductions made, our speaker, Jon Read, began his talk on Tales of the Gas Works.

This title could not possibly convey the interest the talk aroused amongst our members. First of all, Jon gave us facts and figures from 1684 with the introduction of coal gas, through the 19th century (gas from fish oil and animal residue), then up to the use of North Sea Gas in the 1970s.

He gave us amusing accounts of exciting experiments, as well as explaining the really hard work in his early days. We saw slides of the Gas Works Museum in Fakenham and the out-of-date equipment housed there, ending with two older slides showing the original Gas Works Plant in Norwich. Throughout his talk Jon's enthusiasm and humour kept the attention of our members.

The exhibit - a single bloom - was won by Audrey, 2nd Sheila and the raffle was won by Gill.

After the tea/coffee break, Aleathia gave us an interesting insight into her duties on the National Committee and reminded us that next month we have our Annual Meeting. Monday 12th November at 7.30 p.m. Hope to see you all - with biscuits please for the exhibition!

Mary Humphrey

BAWDES WELL PARISH COUNCIL - EXTRACTS OF MEETING HELD

ON MONDAY 1st OCTOBER 2007 AT 7.45pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors Mallen, Shannon, Lilwall, Cockburn, Beane and Mason.

Mrs. I.Floering Blackman (CC) Mr. G. Bambridge (DC) 22 parishioners

APOLOGIES: Councillor Hipperson

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING; Agreed and signed

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr. Paul Spooner who, whilst working at RAF Coltishall, had obtained a number of items of play equipment, which were being removed, free of charge – these have now been collected and will be re-sited on our childrens play area asap. Thanks also to Graham Swain for arranging collection – David and Marietta for checking suitability of items.

PROJECT BAWDESWELL: Councillor Lilwall(Chairman) gave very comprehensive details on how this was started – the Mission Statement – how different members of the Team had carried out sections of the work and how Project is to progress in future. Cat Lang from Breckland attended and was most impressed with everything seen and heard. The PC Chairman John Mallen said he was absolutely astounded at the amount of success/funding already obtained and thanked everyone concerned. The Project Bawdeswell Mission Statement was officially adopted by the PC.

<u>Planning:</u> PP granted to 32 Norwich Road – conversion of existing garage to study/bedroom.

PP Refused – The Cottage, The Drift – proposed single story linked detached annexe. Application for Grant of Premises Licence at Bawdeswell Garden Centre – Concerns expressed about opening 9am-midnight every day with music – building work being carried on at the back (making a staff parking area.) Clerk spoken to Mr. Underwood – they would like to serve wines/lager to people in restaurant during the day and at two special Charity evening events and visits by gardening clubs - a maximum of six evening events. Comments sent to Licensing Dept. Breckland DC.

Old Highway Surveyors Land – The PC is Trustee of three pieces of land in the village- Old Surveyors land in the Reepham Road (1/2 acre) – 2 acres of land on Bawdeswell Heath – Adams Pit in the Old Dereham Road. It was proposed that letter should be written to CC to dissolve this charity – selling the Reepham Road land – transferring 2 acres on Heath to the Heath Trustees – and taking professional advice on how to look after Adams Pit.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : MONDAY $5^{\rm th}$ NOVEMBER 7.45pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

PHIL DAINES AND MIKE BRENNAN – BRECKLAND PLANNING OFFICERS – WILL BE ATTENDING THIS MEETING TO GIVE A PRESENTATION – HOW THE ENFORCEMENT PROCESS WORKS – AND DETAILS OF THE NEW GOVT. LEGISLATION AND WHAT AFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON FUTURE PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

BAWDES WELL PARISH COUNCIL - NOTICES

DOG WALKERS – please remember to keep your dogs under control or on leads when walking on the Recreation Ground as recently a ladies dog was attacked whilst being walked.

THE CHILDRENS PLAY AREA WILL NOW BE CLOSED WHILST WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT – WOULD ALL PARENTS PLEASE ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CLIMB ON EQUIPMENT. THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL WORK IS COMPLETE AND THE PLAY AREA IS CONSIDERED SAFE AND IS RE-OPENED.

WARNING TO PARENTS – Children have already been found climbing on the new equipment which is lying on its side and is not secure. Please warn your children to stay away from the new equipment for their own safety.

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 4th Thursday. This is intended to provide a 'visible' police presence in the village. Please make sure that you visit them if you have a problem or need information. Pop in and find out what's happening in the area.

Future Dates for 2007 are 25th October, 22nd November, 20th December

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 LOOSE IT

A presentation on the progress of the project was given at the Parish Council meeting on 1 October. At the last meeting held on 13 October, it was agreed that a sub-committee would prepare an outline structure of a business plan. The children's play area work stream will be focusing on applying for funds for the installation of appropriate safety surface to enable the new equipment from RAF Coltishall to be used.

A lot of work is being done between meetings and behind the scenes. The next meetings of the main group are scheduled for Saturdays 10 November and 8 December 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. See our website www.projectba.wdeswell.org.uk for more information.

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

We have had less than 20 responses to the letter about the car scheme and most of those have been offers of driving. Unless we can demonstrate more interest the District Council will not support us.

If you are likely to use the car scheme, not necessarily on a regular basis, then please let us know. Delia on 688234 or John on 688627 or drop a note to 6 Hall Road, Bawdeswell. Thank you to all those who did respond, we have kept a record of the names.

John Mallen for Bawdeswell Parish Council.



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at the hall or for you garden event. 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.

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12 Hours	£60	£45		
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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 membersWe meet in the village hall at 8pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. Please come and join us!!





Bawdeswell Dates 2007/8 – all Tuesdays 2007 - 27th November. 2008 - 5th February, 15th April, 10th June, 19th August, 14th October, 23rd 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 for more information.

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



Bawdeswell Book Club

Held in The Old Workhouse' bar on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm. New members welcome.

Our choice for November is "On Beauty" by Zadie Smith HAPPY READING!

Last month we read "The Various Haunts of Men" by Susan Hill. This novel is the first of a trilogy, with Simon Serrailler as the detective chief inspector of Lafferton. We view him through the eyes of his new detective sergeant. Freva Graffham, fresh up from the Met and recently free of a claustrophobic marriage. She falls in love with her guv'nor – he appears indifferent and she realises that the way to her man's heart is to solve the pile of missing persons cases bedevilling the sleepy town. Somehow, these seem linked to the rise of New Age quackery in the village of Starly. So Freya, along with her colleague Nathan Coates, infiltrates the shady world of faith healers and psychic surgeons. There are wrong turnings and false leads as the missing persons cases harden into serial murder.

We found the novel an easy read, some mixed feelings whether Serrailler is a likeable character, a few upset over the unexpected twist but agreed it gave a good slant to the story.

Janet Cockburn



The Mobile Library calls regularly at Bawdeswell on a Wednesday and Foxley on a Friday.

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 14th November. 5th December. 16th January

Foxley: - The Chequers 3.10 - 3.25pm. Next Visits are 16th November, 7th December, 28th December, 18th January

For further information on any aspect of the service please call 01603 222267

The Home Library Service provides books on wheels to people in the community who like to use the library service but are unable to get there due to age, disability or restricted mobility. To use the Home Library Service or to volunteer to help deliver the service, please telephone 01603 506848.



Bandeswell Activities Group (BAG)

Inspired by

As this edition of the Reeve's Tale goes to press we are preparing for 'Half Term at the Hall' and regular Bingo afternoon sessions. The Bawdeswell Badgers Group for mothers and toddlers are also enjoying their Friday mornings at the Hall.

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

Regular & Future Events

BAG will be running a number of events during the autumn/winter at the Village Hall. See last issue of magazine for half term events.

ADULT BINGO AFTERNOONS every other Tuesday. Next sessions 30th October, 13th November, 27th November, 11th December, 8th January. Eyes Down at 2.15. If you have difficulty getting to the hall transport can be arranged. Call Janet on 688749.

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 27th October sorry <u>CANCELLED</u> - CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 17th November Teenage Disco – see posters in village for details Saturday 22 December Children's Christmas Party – details next month.

BAWDES WELL FOOTBALL CLUB.

(Crown Fire Central & South Norfolk League)

Bawdeswell FC are having a much better season this year and have moved into 2^{nd} place in their Division with 4 wins from 5 games.



New players and supporters are needed for the team.

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

BAWDES WELL BOWLS CLUB.

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

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The men's break fast held on 22^{nd} September was its usual great success with 28 attendees enjoying a fine meal and good company. Thanks to all who helped with the preparation of the food. The sum raised after expenses was £166 and this has gone to the East Anglia Children's Hospice at Quidenham.

Events this month are: Saturday 10th November Autumn Fair at Lyng Village Hall at 2pm

On Friday 2nd November there will be a Eucharist service at Lyng for All Souls' Day beginning at 7pm. The names of the departed during the last year will be read out. If you have a family member who you wish to be remembered at this service please contact Margaret Lawler on 01603 872173 or by e-mail, <u>Alanlawler@aol.com</u> so that a list of names can be prepared for the visiting priest Charles Hall.

The pattern for future services has been discussed many times and will now go forward to the Churchwardens. Details will be in the two magazines as soon as the rota is finalised.

Do look out in your December issue of the magazine for a Christmas card from the Benefice with the times and dates of all the Christmas services. Please keep this for reference and be sure of a warm welcome over the festive season. *SMT*

Churchyard Insurance

Recently 6 memorials in Sporle churchyard have been damaged by vandals and much distress has been caused. The cost of repair is not covered by the Church Insurance. Where contactable, the families, who are responsible for repair, have been informed.

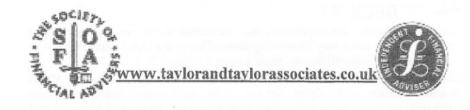
It is suggested that when a family arranges for a memorial to be installed in a churchyard they are advised to include those memorials on their household insurance policy. This may be a way of reducing at least some of the stress associated with such incidents. Archdeacon of Lynn



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Ken Ewing and Robin Taylor raised the marvellous sum of £290 for the sponsored cycle ride in September. Thanks to all those who sponsored them and helped to make their day such a success.

Half of this money will come back to the church and the other half to the Norfolk Churches Trust who look after our heritage of redundant medieval churches.

The magazine will have gone to press before our Harvest GiG Service, but thank you to all who participated and provided produce and flowers. The church will have looked its glorious best for this Festival. The hope is that the over-60's club will benefit from all the gifts of produce after the service.

The School held their own Harvest Service in the church on Thursday 18th October at 2pm and the Over 60's Club, who normally hold their meeting in the church at this time, met instead at the Garden Centre. Apologies ladies if you were inconvenienced. It is always nice to see the church filled with the schoolchildren and their parents and we welcomed them.



Julian Group Meetings:

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We had a double celebration at Foxley on October 7th, when we gave thanks at our Harvest Festival Service for the produce of our fields and gardens, and then at the Harvest tea in the Village Hall gave thanks for the wonderful £1000 cheque, being money raised by John and Mary Fletcher through opening their garden at Street Farm during the summer.

The harvest goods, having been offered to the Lord in the four categories-farms, gardens, foodstuffs imported from abroad and the "work of our hands", have been given, as usual, to the Reepham Day Centre. There they will be used towards a weekly lunch for the elderly and disabled and are much enjoyed and appreciated.

Many have also enjoyed the extensive garden at Street Farm, bought plants, cards, cakes and jam and chatted over a cup of tea or coffee. Some days John's old engines chugged away in the background, which created interest, particularly amongst the men! The P.C.C expresses its thanks to all who helped John and Mary; we have been able to pay for the repairs to the damaged window in the church and that is a great relief to us! We celebrated all this at an excellent tea in the Village Hall after the Harvest Service.

We shall be hosting the Remembrance Day Service for the Benefice at Foxley on 11th. November at 10-45 am.

Diana Harvey, P.C.C. Secretary.

The Childrens' Society Coffee Morning

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Dear Everybody, hello again.

During October, the Palestinian man who managed the only Christian bookshop in Gaza (there are 3,000 Christians left there) was murdered. The Bishop of London described Rami Ayyad as "a genuine martyr"; he had received several death threats.

This puts the advice to clergy not to wear clerical collars because of the threat of violence into perspective. True, five British clergy have been murdered by strangers in the last ten years, and in London a survey showed that nearly half of the clergy surveyed had been attacked in the previous twelve months. But this seems more the signs of a society that is cracking under the strains of drug addiction and mental illness, rather than a concerted attack.

And it pales into insignificance in the face of the number of people round the world who have been killed because of being black, or gay, or of the wrong tribe, or wrong religious group, or simply on land that someone else wanted, or killed at birth because they were girls.

When we remember the dead at All Souls' Day, we usually remember those close to us. For us, they weren't members of this group or that, but real people who couldn't be reduced to just a label, people with lots of differences and characteristics. On Remembrance Day we remember those who have died in war; and we may be remembering individuals, as well as those who are just names to us, who died so that the big group we belong to, the nation, might determine how it lives.

On the beautiful new memorial at Lichfield for the dead of the wars since WWII, there is space for thousands more names. What do the wars that are fought in our name, and where people die, say about the group we belong to? And when we are dead, what group will we belong to then?

God bless you

David Head

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