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LETTERS PAGE

Irene Ames

I would like to thank everyone who has been so kind to me whilst I have been feeling far from well. Thank you. Thank you.

Irene

Platinum Stables

The fund raising sale on the 18 Oct raised the outstanding sum of £545.00 on the day. This could not have been achieved without all those supporters that donated items for sale, organised and set up the hall and cleared up afterwards, assisted on the tables and the tea ladies who not only served teas but also sold delicious home made cakes so generously donated by friends, to all of whom we and the horses extend our grateful thanks.

Not only was it a grand day but we hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Unsold items have been donated to Aid Africa, The Children's Society, Hedgehog Rescue and several charity shops, which has spread your kind generosity to other good causes.

Many thanks, Ron Smith

From the Editors

A big thank you *again* to all the volunteers who distribute the Reeve's Tale each month.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING

3rd DECEMBER 10.00am
at Foxley Lodge
Old Fakenham Road, Foxley

Raffle & Stalls

Please bring along your Children's Society Collection Boxes for emptying

EVENTS DIARY

DECEMBER

Mon 1 st	Bawdeswell Parish Council meets 7.45pm
Wed 3 rd	Children's Society Coffee Morning 10am Foxley Lodge
Thu 4 th	Bawdeswell Book Club 7.30pm Old Workhouse Bar
Fri 5 th	Julian Group meet at 8pm
Sat 6 th	Christmas Party at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2 – 4pm
Sun 7 th	Christmas Concert, 4pm Bawdeswell Church
Mon 8 th	Table tennis Bawdeswell Village hall 7.30pm
Wed 10 th	Coffee, Mince Pies and a Mardle, Foxley Village Hall 10.30am
Sun 14 th	Demonstration of new organ in Bawdeswell Church 4pm
Mon 15 th	School Carols <i>Around the Tree</i> , 6pm Northgate High School
Fri 19 th	School Christmas Service 1.30pm in Bawdeswell church Julian Group meet at 8pm
Sun 21 st	Carols & Crib Service, 10.30am Bawdeswell Church Candlelight Carol Service, 4.30pm Foxley Church
Tue 23 rd	Blood Donor Session at Bawdeswell Village Hall
Wed 24 th	First Communion of Christmas, 9pm Bawdeswell Church Midnight Service 11.30pm Foxley Church
Thu 25 th	Christmas GiG 10.30am Bawdeswell Church
Mon 29 th	Christmas Family Gathering, Foxley Village Hall 8pm

JANUARY

Sat 3 rd	FOBC Coffee Morning & Draw 10.30pm, Bawdeswell Church
Sun 11 th	Benefice Bring & Share Lunch, 12.30 pm Baw.Village Hall
Mon 12 th	Beck WI meeting Sparham Old Schoolroom 7.30pm
Sat 17 th	Bridge for Fun, Bawdeswell Village Hall 9am

Regular Weekly Events

Bawdeswell Village Hall - Young Farmers (Tuesdays); Countrysiders (Every other Wednesday); WeightWatchers (Thursdays); Parents & Toddlers (Fridays 9.30am); Pilates (Fridays).

Foxley Village Hall - Exercise Classes, every Tuesday morning at 9.30am.
Short Mat Bowls Every Monday & Friday Evening

FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Just to let you know what's going on in your hall.....



Wed 10 Dec at 10.30 am

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BAWDESWELL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are pleased to announce that the Sports Partnership have arranged extra provision for us starting 11th November for both curriculum provision and clubs.

Rhino Class will be have multi skills clubs and Tag Rugby and Dolphin Class will be having an after school football club.

An extra Christmas Celebration. – As well as our Key Stage 1 Nativity performance and the whole school church service we are holding a Carol Concert with North Elmham School.

The Governors of both schools are very keen to have an event that involves every child and as many parents as possible. To this end they have arranged a Carol Concert “Carols Round the Tree” to be held at Northgate High School in Dereham on Monday 15th December at 6pm.

We hope you will be able to support this wonderful opportunity for a community event.

The Partnership – A committee of staff and governors are meeting regularly to monitor and guide its evolution and to ensure that the benefits planned come to fruition. Already we can see that there are numerous benefits arising from entering into our Partnership.

We are only 9 weeks into the Partnership, and already we can see that the extra opportunities made available to both schools, has made it a positive start for the Partnership.

BAWDESWELL BADGERS PRE – SCHOOL



Hello from the Bawdeswell Badgers Sett.

All our children have been very busy this month, as part of our Knowledge and Understanding of the World we have looked at Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light, we made masks of Rhama and Sita, created beautiful lamps from clay which we painted and as a culmination of our activities we lit our Diva lamps at snack time to welcome that which is good into our pre-school, they looked very pretty,

We moved on to Remembrance Day and made our own Poppies, they were tricky to make but we learned that we wear them to remember the people in the Services who look after us and keep us safe, we add our own small voice of thanks to them.

Christmas Concert

Sunday 7 December

4pm Bawdeswell Church

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inc seasonal refreshments.

MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR DUE TO NUMBERS.

With the computer vouchers from Tesco we have obtained a listening station (CD player with five ports) this is hugely popular, it enables the children to practise their listening skills in a very enjoyable way, thank you all who collected.

To finish we thank our committee for their tireless work on our behalf and we send our love to Sarah who is recovering from surgery, we miss you, hurry back.

Love from us all at Pre-School.

Carol Taylor 01362 688875

Parents & Toddlers / Baby Group

We meet at Bawdeswell Village Hall from 9.30am to 11.30am every Friday in term time.

Come along for a chat and a coffee & let your child have some fun with play dough, colouring and puzzles plus lots of toys and there are additional activities most weeks. (There is no charge but a donation is invited)

For more information call Kate on 688834



Party Tricks for the Family Magician

Take a Piece of String

Can you make a knot in the middle of a piece of string while holding both ends and not letting go?

Place the string in front of you on a table.

Fold your arms and pick up the left end of the string with your right hand and the other with your left.

Then, as you unfold your arms, you will make a knot in the middle of the string!

A Card Trick

Have the pack thoroughly shuffled and, as you go to place it face downwards on the table, secretly note the bottom card which, let us suppose, is the Ace of Clubs.

Ask someone to choose a card from the pack.

Return it to the top of the pack and cut the pack several times.

With a bit of luck the chosen card will be the one in front of the Ace of Clubs! Try it.

The Magic Egg

Soak an egg in a cup of vinegar for two days. The shell will go quite soft and you can squeeze it through the neck of a bottle.

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BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG)



Friends of Bawdeswell Church

The Harvest Supper was a great success with an excellent meal ably served by some of the youngsters from the village and of course an amusing and lively entertainment by Keith Loads, 'The Norfolk Shepherd'. Our thanks to everyone who

supported this event and of course to all those who provided the food.

The Christmas concert will be held on 7th December at 4pm in the church and tickets are now available from Robin Taylor on 01362 688268. Numbers will have to be limited because of the space taken up by the two choirs so if you want to come along book your ticket promptly to avoid disappointment. Ticket price of £5 includes mulled wine and mince pies.

Invitations will be sent out soon for the renewal evening in January. Another social event not to be missed.

Bawdeswell Book Club



Our last book choice was 'The Sex Life of my Aunt' by Mavis Cheek.

The story begins with Dilys, a middle-aged wife and mother who seems to have it all: lovely home, lovely husband, lovely family, sitting on the platform of a railway station, crying over the death of a close friend. A handsome younger man offers her a handkerchief. After this innocent brief encounter one thing leads to another and, before she knows it, she is in the throes of a passionate affair. When she needs to provide a cover story after one of her illicit liaisons, she pretends to have met up with an elderly relative, Eliza, the ageing aunt of the title, for cocktails. And so the lies begin and Dilys' life becomes very complicated. Eventually she meets up with her aunt, who herself is no stranger to lies and secrets, and becomes aware of events in the family history which explain Dilys' unhappy childhood.

The reaction of the book club members to this book was very mixed. Some members found plenty of humour in the situations that Dilys found herself and enjoyed the book as a tongue-in-cheek morality tale. Other members found it boring and had no sympathy for the main characters who they thought were unconvincing. It was good to exchange our different views on the book. We did agree that the book could put you off embarking on an extra-marital affair. *Pat Catchpole*

The book club meets at the Workhouse Bar on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. We obtain our books through the library book club scheme and welcome new members.

We are currently reading 'The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy' by Douglas Adams.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday 6th December at the Village Hall – 2 – 4 pm

As Santa is planning to pop in to see us at the party, he needs to know how many girls and boys will be there. So please BOOK a place (there is no charge) Tel. 01362 688749. There will be party food, refreshments and games, all free.

Bookings will close on Tuesday 2nd December.

TABLE TENNIS – Mondays - 8th December, 13th & 27th January 7.30 - 9.30 pm

There is also pool, darts etc. While people have a break after a game, there are other games (less exhausting!!) or one can have a soft drink from the cafe and a chat. It doesn't matter how well you play - come along and have some fun. There is a nominal charge of £1 per person towards the hire of the hall.

'BRIDGE FOR FUN' – IMPROVERS SEMINAR - Saturday 17th January 2009, 9am - 4 pm

A concentrated one day seminar will be held at Bawdeswell Village Hall. It is designed for those who have mastered the basics and want to improve their game. Attendees will be able to nominate particular topics to be covered from a list of options or suggest their own. The cost of the seminar is £20 which includes a buffet lunch and teas/coffees etc. Spaces on this course are limited and applications will be processed on a 'first come, first served' basis. An application form is available from our website or contact the BAG events co-ordinator on **01362 688749**.

We now have a website where you can get the latest information about our activities

<http://www.projectbawdeswell.org.uk/BAG/BAG.htm>

BAG is looking for more volunteer helpers and committee members. For the committee we need ideas, especially from parents so it's just an hour or two one evening every few weeks. For helpers at their events the volunteers only need to give the odd afternoon during school holiday times. All checks and training are paid for. We appreciate that a number of residents who would otherwise volunteer are being put off by the requirement for a CRB check but it is a requirement of all the bodies to whom we have applied or will apply to for funds.

Please contact our co-ordinator on 01362 688749 if you can spare an afternoon or two or you can download a volunteers' form from their website.

BAWDESWELL FOOTBALL CLUB.

Following their excellent 2007/8 season Bawdeswell FC is now looking forward to challenging for the Division 3 title in 2008/9. The team has made a good start to the new season with 16 points from 8 games. They are also through to the 3rd round of the Ben Smith Memorial Cup (played on 22nd November). New players and supporters are always needed for the team. For information about the club please contact Philip Duffield on (01362) 688611

More club information is available online at <http://bawdeswellfc.co.uk/default.aspx>

BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

Bawdeswell Village hall can be hired by parishioners and non residents. You can also hire tables and chairs for your own events. Regular activities at the hall include Young Farmers on Tuesdays, Countryside Rangers every other Wednesday, Weight Watchers on Thursday evenings and Pilates on Friday evenings. The Mothers & Toddlers group meet on Friday mornings 9.30 to 11.30.



Hire Charges from May 2008

Period	(1) Standard Hire Charge	(2) Parishioners other than in (3)	(3) Parishioners - Hires ending by 5pm on Weekdays #
Minimum (2 hrs)	£16	£15	£10
4 Hours	£30	£25	£15
6 Hours	£45	£35	£25
8 Hours	£50	£40	£30
10 Hours	£60	£45	n/a
12 Hours	£70	£50	n/a
Full Day	£85	£60	n/a

Excludes Bank & Public Holidays. Other hours charged pro rata.

When the hall is not otherwise in use on weekdays, Bawdeswell village voluntary groups may use the hall free of charge.

For availability, more details and a booking form please contact the booking clerk:-
David Cockburn, Tel: (01362) 688749, Mobile: 07778 835 254, Email: BawdeswellVH@aol.com

BAWDESWELL BOWLS CLUB.

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

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

Broadland and Norfolk County Councils Agree to Demolition of Great Witchingham Rendering Plant!

Banham Compost's appeal against Norfolk County Council's refusal to give retrospective planning permission was dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate on 28 Oct as invalid. A 2 year old planning application has gone directly to appeal to the Secretary of State. Objections in triplicate to 'Debbie Smith, The Planning Inspectorate, Room 4/04, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN' by 8th December.

On 5th November Broadland Council **unanimously agreed** that an Enforcement Notice for the demolition of the buildings should be issued immediately followed on 14th November by Norfolk County Council who also **unanimously agreed** to an Enforcement Notice.

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BAWDESWELL PLOUGHING SOCIETY

Steve Fraingham has again had a successful Autumn with his ploughing.

He won the Classic Class and was champion of the field at Holt in late September. On Sunday October 5th he travelled to Sudbury and won the Classic Class and has qualified to plough in the British

Nationals next October. The following weekend his family travelled with him to Marden in Kent where he competed in this year's British Nationals. He is still waiting for the score sheets to know his placing.

As he had already qualified for next year, he volunteered to Steward at the Norfolk Ploughing Society Qualifier at Drayton. The Vintage Class at that match was won by his mate Peter Carman of Cawston who will now plough at the British Nationals next October for the first time.

On Saturday October 25th Steve had booked to plough at Sandringham but had to spectate after a back injury during the week. His Dad David judged the Ferguson Class at Sandringham.

The next day we awoke to heavy rain falling. The Bawdeswell Ploughing Society's match was still held. Most ploughmen came prepared for a wet day. David was kept busy pulling vehicles on and off the field. The rain managed to stop around midday enabling the ploughmen to complete their plots in the dry. Mr Robert Gurney (Bawdeswell Farms Ltd.) attended on the day and showed a great interest in the ploughing. It is thanks to the Gurney family again that the match was held on their land. Half of the proceeds of the Raffle have been sent to the Travel fund set up by Steve and other ploughmen to help ploughmen who qualify to plough abroad in the World Ploughing Finals next September. The other half has been given to the Garrod family of Roudham to help with travel expenses when taking their young son to a London Hospital. His illness has not yet been diagnosed. The young lad has often attended ploughing matches around this area when his Dad Sean competes, but of late has not been well enough to do so.

On November 2nd Steve ploughed at Swanton Morley in the Dereham Farm Machinery Club match. He again won his class. David judged the Reversible class that day.

Both David and Steve ploughed at Kirton in Suffolk on November 9th. Steve came 2nd, he has yet to win his class at Kirton, his mate Mike Childerly from Suffolk was the winner. Steve beat him at Sudbury in the qualifier for the British Nationals. David ploughed with a Ferguson tractor and plough owned by Tom Wells, the organiser of the Kirton match, a mate of Steve and David's. Tom is also a keen ploughman and travels to some of the matches in Norfolk including Bawdeswell.

Ploughing Society recordings of the Kirton matches are always available in mid January and are interesting to watch. Peter Carman of Cawston came 2nd in the Vintage Mounted Class.

Most of the ploughing matches in this area have finished. Norfolk Ploughing Society are staging a member's fun day on Sunday November 16th at Skeyton and another, open to all ploughmen, soon after Christmas.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL – EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER

Present: Councillors Shannon, Beane, Cockburn, Kirby, Mallen, Mr G Bambridge (GB), C Boer and 3 parishioners

Apologies: Councillors Mason and Lilwall

Visit by Breckland Officials to Discuss the Introduction of the Community Car Scheme – It was confirmed that Bawdeswell would be the pilot for the new scheme and the PC now needed to provide its share of the practical and financial support, as well as cooperation of parishioners, to get the scheme up and running. Breckland's role in the CCS would include the payment of a mileage contribution and the extra cost of enhanced CRB, medical checks for drivers and public liability insure, assist with marketing and promoting the scheme, and provide the necessary training for drivers/co-coordinators. While a coordinator for the scheme had been found it was agreed that a deputy was necessary to cover absences, sickness etc and the earlier list of volunteer drivers was considered to be out of date the Clerk commissioned to send a letter to all parishioners and the PC urged volunteers to come forward. The PC expressed its broad agreement with the Breckland draft CCS contract but those areas that had been queried would be clarified by Breckland and the Chairman to sign the contract at the appropriate time.

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere on the Agenda

Transport Questionnaire – Clerk confirmed that the questionnaire had been circulated to all parishioners and that there had been a good response, PC urged those who had not filled it in yet to do so and return by the 28 Nov.

Highways Outstanding Work – NCC had confirmed that the speed reactive sign had been connected and the 'Village Only' sign on the A1067 would be erected within in the next few weeks. An official would be inspecting the potholes reported to ensure that all had been repaired.

Old Surveyors Land- The transfer deed was signed and witnessed and the sale of land would be complete by the end of the week.

Community Speedwatch Scheme – Clerk confirmed that 5 of the 6 volunteers required for the scheme had been found, but it was proving difficult to recruit the final team member, Clerk commissioned to circulate to all parishioners an amended advert seeking the remaining volunteer.

Parking within the Village – Concerns expressed again about incidents of parking congestion and parking on pavements/roads within the village. A disabled vehicle was witnessed having difficulty coming out of the exit of Folland Court because of a parked vehicle on the pavement near this exit. PC agreed to invite a Highways official to a forthcoming meeting to seek advice on solutions to the continual parking problems, traffic congestion etc.

Fly-tipping in the Village – Clerk had received photographic evidence of illegal fly-tipping on the land behind Two Fields Way, this was passed to GB and the Clerk was commissioned to write to the landowners. GB reinforced his message to all to forward any photos of illegal fly-tipping.

Planning

House Next to McColls – PA 3PL/2008/1237/F proposed subdivision of dwelling house to 3 dwellings: application has been withdrawn.

Robinia House – PA 3PL/2008/1224/F single storey side extension, proposed porch to front and 2 storey rear extension: PP granted 6 conditions.

Folland Court – PP has now been granted with conditions, which include the resolution of the traffic problem with Highways.

Lodge Plantation, Dereham Road – Site now conform with the original PP.

Air Conditioning Units, McColls – Enforcement Officer confirmed that this is being discussed with Environmental Health but nothing to report at present.

Any Other Business

Adams Pit- Close monitoring of potential flooding situation agreed pending the debate in New Year about the longer term refurbishment with monies gained from the sale of the Old Surveyors Land.

Reepham High School Recent Ofsted Inspection- Clerk to send a letter to the Headmaster of the school to congratulate the staff and pupils on their outstanding success in the recent Ofsted Inspection, and to offer continuing support on future endeavours of the school.

Extension of the 20mph Restriction Past the School – The PC noted that this should be discussed during the visit of Highways officials at a future PC meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2008 7.45PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL. – PRECEPT 2009/10

PARISH COUNCIL CIRCULARS AND QUESTIONNAIRE

Please make sure that you have completed and handed in the Transport Questionnaire. Deadline was 28th November.

Circulars for SPEEDWATCH AND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME were delivered to Bawdeswell residents recently. Please help if you can.



Bawdeswell Last Date 2008

Tuesday 23rd December

1pm to 3.10pm and 4.30pm to 6.55pm

The Mobile Blood Donor Van (Bloodmobile) visits Bawdeswell regularly on a Tuesday at the Village Hall. The Bloodmobile also visits Reepham, North Elmham & Swanton Morley regularly if you are unable to attend on the Bawdeswell dates. Attendance by appointment only!

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BECK WI

Gill opened the meeting and introduced our guest speaker, Richard Wright. Richard kept us entertained and interested for the next hour as he spoke of his life as a Norfolk farmer and explained how, a few years ago, he and his family started what is now a going concern called Flame & Flowers – Botanical Oil Lamps, from their house near Loddon.

On tables in front of Richard were 20 to 25 attractive bottles of various shapes and sizes containing dried flowers and lamp oil. The colours were really beautiful and as he spoke Richard showed us how this was done. He inserted a layer of crystals into a tall slim bottle and then put heads of dried flowers, scraps of fern, an ear of wheat, or oats etc. into the bottle, gently pressing them down one at a time. Then he filled the bottle with lamp oil, put in a wick and lit it. Most effective.

Still busy with seasonal work on the farm, Richard has a very full life. Selling these oil lamps from farm gate to craft fairs, he has progressed to trade fairs and deals with orders from overseas. We could have listened to him for another hour.

After the break Gill told us of forthcoming events and Margaret read last month's Minutes. The 'Piggy exhibit' was won by Carol with Beryl second. Margaret won the raffle.

No meeting in December but we look forward to our Christmas Dinner at the King's Arms, Reepham. Our January meeting will be on Monday 12th, when Earnie Richards will talk to us about West Side Story. Hope to see you all.

Mary Humphrey



REEPHAM & DISTRICT ROTARY

A final total of £2770 was raised at the art tent at the Aylsham Show. Although, less pictures were sold it was still a record.

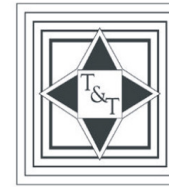
The club recently held an 'Elvis night' at Reepham High School. The attendance was slightly disappointing but it raised £150 for Rotary charities.

Members have decided to donate £250 to the 'Water Aid' charity and a further £540 for the acquisition of aqua boxes.

Wives and members recently attended a wine tasting evening, organised by president David Baxter. His brother in law brought along several 'interesting samples'.

Members have agreed to erect the Christmas trees in Reepham market place again this year and are also assisting with the 'Christmas in Reepham' on Wednesday 3rd December.

Ken Ewing



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Since the gallery was launched in August 2007, over 1,500 images have been submitted, providing a fascinating glimpse of our wildlife. If you would like to add to this number, all you need is internet access and a way of loading your photos onto a computer. The easiest way is with a digital camera but photographs can be also be loaded using a scanner. If you do not have your own computer then try your public library.

To view the gallery or to submit an image, visit www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/naturalconnections and click on the Wildlife Photo Gallery link. So add that digital camera to your Christmas list and get out there and get snapping – it could be the start of a whole new hobby!

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At our last indoor meeting of the year Photographer Tim Loseby presented 'A Bird Photographers Garden'. Tim lived in Kent for a number of years before moving to North Norfolk but his talk was centred on his, wildlife friendly, Kent garden.

The second half of the talk (after tea and biscuits and me winning the raffle!) revisited many of the same species as fledglings, showing the different ways plumage changes as a bird matures.

Field Trip: Back again to North Norfolk. We started the day with 16 members at Choseley Barns near Titchwell where we saw tree sparrows, brambling and corn bunting. Then, in improving weather, on to Titchwell where there was a good selection of waders including a purple sandpiper. After lunch on to Holkham, Lady Ann's Drive, and the Jordan Hide. Then, in the setting sun, a walk along the beach of the largest coastal nature reserve in Britain and the best beach in Europe.

Dates for the diary: December is time for seasonal shopping and our Christmas bash at Weston Longville Village Hall on the 11th, start at 7.30 pm.

So on behalf of the Society I wish you all a happy Christmas and a brilliant new year.

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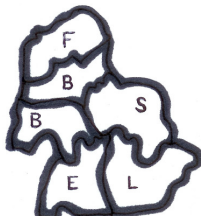
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Benefice News and Events

You will find enclosed with this month's magazine a Christmas card from the Benefice with a list of all the services available in all 6 churches. Do please come along to any of the churches – you will be sure of a warm welcome wherever you go.

The Rector has received a letter from the Chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich reminding him of the regulations which apply to our churchyards. The regulations are displayed on the church or churchyard noticeboards, if you want to check them. The letter also said, please do not introduce any extra monument, urn, or anything into the churchyard without getting the Chancellor's permission (maybe through the Rector!). If you are in any doubt about any of the rules please read the notice or contact the Rector on 01603 872381.

At the **January One More Step** service on 11th at Bawdeswell the preacher will be the Archdeacon Martin Gray as part of his farewell to the Benefice prior to his retirement in February. This service will be followed by coffee at the village hall and an opportunity to view the artwork and poetry done by the Rector during his Sabbatical. At 12.30 there will be a bring and share lunch to which all are welcome. To make organisation easier, each parish is asked to repeat what they brought to the November lunch at Lyng.

There are quite a few events on in December. We look forward to seeing you at some of them and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

December

- 3rd Children's Society coffee morning 10am Foxley Lodge
- 4th Coffee morning Walnut Tree Farm 10.30am
- 5th service at Great Witchingham Church to celebrate installation of new lights
- 6/7th Christmas Crib display Lyng Church
- 7th Friends of Bawdeswell Church Christmas concert in the church 4pm
- 14th Concert in Bawdeswell Church with Dr Gerald Gifford to launch the new digital organ 4pm

January 2009

- 3rd Friends of Bawdeswell Church coffee morning and prize draw 10.30am
- 11th Bring and Share lunch at Bawdeswell village hall 12.30

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ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, FOXLEY

The P.C.C. met at Glebe House courtesy of Tony & Christine Rushbrook on the 4th November.

We discussed which charities to support this year as we usually do as Christmas approaches. In view of the perils faced by our Servicemen in Iraq, Afghanistan & elsewhere in this disordered world, we decided to give half of our Christmas Collections to the Royal British Legion for their work with those left disabled by conflict & half to that very worthwhile charity East Anglian Childrens' Hospices.

Although we are committed to helping charities, we face, of course, big demands on our funds through our responsibility for the church building. Dr. Rushbrook had assessed our priorities with reference to the suggestions of our architect in his latest 5-Yearly Survey. From our own Building Fund, which we have accumulated gradually since our last project – refurbishing the interior woodwork - & with as much Grant money as we can wheedle out of various charities, not forgetting the generosity & goodwill of local people, Tony was confident that we can ensure the future of St. Thomas' and our Christian witness here in Foxley.

The Secretary, having received information about several courses, lectures and the like, we fell to discussing the need to publicise them locally and, indeed, our own activities. We decided to erect a proper notice board in the churchyard, I have to say something we meant to do years ago, & also a more adequate board within the church than our present method – using the back of a pew! Research is also to be carried out to provide better lighting in the churchyard.

Obviously we must plan some fund – raising events next year! We hope to hold a mini “Open Gardens” at Glebe House & Foxley Lodge on 21st June; the two “Old Rectories” are conveniently close to each other in Old Fakenham Road! We are also expecting a Talk by the Head Gardener at Salle Park early in May. Does anyone have any fresh, new & inventive ideas?

We have three important Services to look forward to:-

30th. November at 10-30 a.m., Advent Sunday. A Service for the whole Benefice.

21st. December at 4-30 p.m. A Carol Service by Candle-light.

24th. December at 11-30 p.m. Midnight Holy Communion, always a very special experience.

Please also do come to the Childrens' Society Coffee Morning at Foxley Lodge on 3rd. December at 10-00a.m. Barclays Bank have agreed to “match – fund” this – so for every £1-00 we raise the Bank will give us another! A very generous scheme & we want to take full advantage of it!

Diana Harvey PCC Secretary



All Saints, Bawdeswell

Bishop James Visit

We much enjoyed Bishop James visit to our village on 10th November. He met a cross section of the population and visited the school. In the evening he met the Benefice churchwardens and Benefice Ministry Group in our church.

On Sunday 16th November he returned to attend our church services, including Bawdeswell's family GiG, which was well attended. Thank you.

Organ Progress

Installation is now complete. We look forward to Dr Gerald Gifford's demonstration concert on Sunday 14th December at 4pm – a demonstration of the new digital organ's capabilities. The Programme is on the next page.

We hope you will come along.

The organ will be dedicated next May by the Bishop of Norwich.

Christmas Plans

On Sunday 7th December at 4.00 pm the Friends of Bawdeswell Church have arranged their annual Christmas Concert, including the choir Icenis this year.

On Sunday 21st December at 10.30 we will have our Carol Service, an opportunity to bring all the family to sing your favourite carols and to see the children's Nativity Play.

On Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) we will have the Blessing of the Crib and Christmas communion service at 9.00 pm. This is earlier than the traditional time for Midnight Mass and we hope it will be just as popular. Everyone is welcome to this celebration of the birth of Jesus.

On Christmas Day (Thursday) at 1030 there will be our now traditional Christmas GiG, a short service especially for the children but at which all ages will find a welcome.

The Post Office is scheduled to open up in the church on Tuesday 6 January, but this date is not yet confirmed.

All Saints' Church, Bawdeswell 14 December 2008 4pm

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Ermend Bonnal (1880-1944):	Noël Landais
Denis Bédard (b. 1950):	Noël Huron
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971):	Verbum supernum (<i>O Salutaris</i>)
Jan J Van den Berg (b. 1929):	Satz en eenvoudige varieties over <i>Komt en laat ons Christus eren</i> (1968)
Joachim Frisius (b. 1933):	Praeludium <i>Stille Nacht</i>
Bernard Smilde (b. 1922):	Variates over een Frans Kerstlied - <i>Gloria in excelsis deo</i> (1959)
Noel Rawsthorne (b. 1929):	Improvisation on <i>What Child is this?</i>
June Nixon (b. 1942):	Variations on <i>Humility</i> ['See, amid the winter's snow']
Gerald Gifford (b. 1949):	Sonata on Christmas Melodies in the Style of Handel
Michel Corrette (1709-1795):	Musette <i>A Minuit fut fait un réveil</i>
Nicolas Lebégue (1631-1702):	<i>Puer nobis nascitur</i>
Louis-Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772):	Noël Suisse

Gerald Gifford pursues an international career as an organ and harpsichord recitalist and recording artist. As well as fulfilling numerous engagements in the United Kingdom, he has also recently played in Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the USA. He was a member of the Professorial staff of the Royal College of Music, London, for thirty years (teaching organ and harpsichord and was also Fellow and Director of Studies in Music at Wolfson College, Cambridge. He is Honorary Keeper of Music at The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, and a Visiting Lecturer in Performance Practice in the Music Faculty at Cambridge University. For further information see www.geraldgifford.com

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From the Rector

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When I was little, I remember, I had arguments with my brother about which of us was our parents’ favourite. They wisely said that they didn’t have favourites – and that if we carried on arguing we would be un-favourites.

But there is a tightrope that parents often have to walk at Christmas-time; giving presents that are appropriate to each child, that yet don’t seem unfair. It can take children a little while to learn that their parents love them all equally, even though they are very different. Love isn’t judged by how much money you spend, but children can be quite sharp to notice these things.

Now that we are all worried about spending money, in some ways it makes the job of showing you care for all members of a family equally a bit easier. Everyone has to have less, in financial terms, but they can still deserve the same amount of thought. All equally important.

Christians believe that they are all equally important to God, whatever the work that they have been called to do for Him or for others. He doesn’t love us any more or less for the status or the responsibility we have. We are all his children. We shouldn’t judge the breadth of His love for us by the gifts that we’ve been given. Anyway, those gifts have been given to us to share.

“This Christmas, give the gift that keeps on giving. Love”. That’s a 2008 Church of England car-sticker slogan. And it’s true. The more of it you give, the more of it you have available to give. You can love equally. The price of those gifts doesn’t need to be totted up.

God bless you. David Head

CHURCH SERVICES December 2008

DATE	7 th	14 th	21 st	24 th	25 th	28 th
<i>Season</i>	2 nd of Advent	3 rd of Advent	4 th of Advent	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	The Holy Innocents
FOXLEY	EP 5.00pm DH	-	Carol Service 4.30pm DH	HC 11.30pm TC	-	-
LYNG	HC2 0900 DH	OMS 1030 DH	Carol Service 6.30pm DH	Crib 4pm HC(1) 11pm DH	-	HC(1) 1030 DH
ELSING	MP 1030 CW	-	Carol Service 1030 DH	-	HC(1) 1030 TC	-
BAWDESWELL	HC(1) 10.30 DH	-	Carol Service 1030 CW	HC(1) 9pm DH	GiG 1030 CW	-
BYLAUGH	-	HC(PB) 0900 DH	Carol Service 3pm DH	-	HC(PB) 0900 DH	-
SPARHAM	fs 1030	-	Carol Service 1030 +J	-	HC (PB) 1030 DH	-



Fridays at 8pm on 5th December and 19th December
2nd, 16th, 30th January - Contact: Susan March 01603 870342

Abbreviations:

EP	Evening Prayer	WP	Words & Praise
hf	Harvest Festival	OMS	One More Step
HC(PB)	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	GiG	God is Good (family service)
HC(1)	Holy Communion (Order1)	DH	David Head
fs	Family Service	TC	Tom Candeland
MP	Morning Prayer	+J	Bishop James
EP	Evening Prayer		

CHURCH SERVICES **January 2009**

DATE	4 th	11 th	18 th	21 st	25 th
Season	Ephiphany	Baptism of Christ	2 nd of Ephiphany	Wed	Conversion of Paul
FOXLEY	EP 5.00pm DH	-	HC(PB) 8am DH	-	HC(1) 10.30am TC
LYNG	HC1 0900 DH	-	EP 1700 DH	-	FS 1030 fst
ELSING	MP 1030 CW	-	HC(1) 0900 DH	-	HC(1) 1030 DH
BAWDESWELL	HC(1) 10.30 DH	OMS 1030 MG & DH	GiG 1030	HC(PB) 0900	WP 1030 CW
BYLAUGH	-	HC(PB) 0900 DH	-	-	MP 1030 CW
SPARHAM	fs 1030	-	HC(PB) 1030 DH	-	HC(PB) 0900 DH

Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And auld lang syne?

*For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
For auld lang syne!*

And here's a hand, my trusty friend,
And give us a hand of thine
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