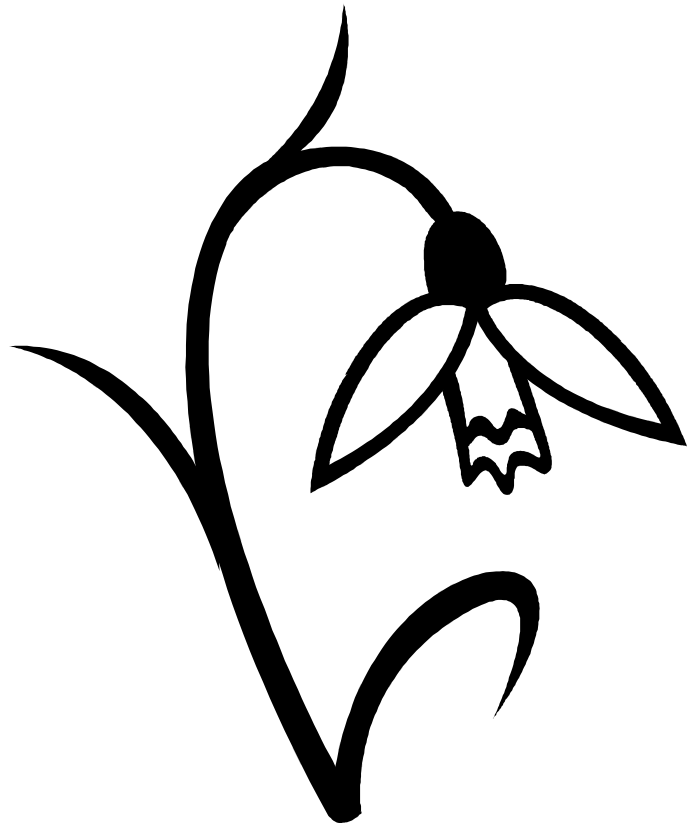


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Make a Date with Wildlife...

Norfolk Wildlife Trust is asking people to 'Make a Date with Wildlife' and help record how climate change is affecting wildlife in this county. To take part in this simple survey all you have to do is record the earliest dates that you see certain wildlife events happening in Norfolk. There are 5 'Indications of Spring' in total to record but you can do as many or as few as you like – every single record counts! Keep your eyes peeled for such things as the first clump of frog spawn, the first swallow, the first orange tip butterfly, the first open hawthorn flower and the first fully opened oak leaf. The survey runs from February to the end of May. For further information visit www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/naturalconnections or telephone 01603 598 333 for a free survey leaflet.

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LETTERS & NOTICES

Reepham Road, Bawdeswell

In the early hours of New Years Day we heard a bang, which has become all too common during the last year, as yet another car has been travelling too fast from the Reepham direction and missed the bend completely ending up in the ditch outside our property, although this time it came into our field. Thankfully no one was hurt this time but had a car been travelling in the opposite direction it could have been a fatal error on the drivers part.

This is the 3rd such accident in the last year and each time the Police have been aware of it. I wondered just how many times this has too happen before something is done on this dangerous bend to reduce the chances of another accident like this which next time maybe fatal.

A happy & safe new year to you all.

Christine Eglington

Ploughing Match

Bawdeswell Ploughing Society were unable to stage their Ploughing Match on January 13th due to the heavy rain the previous Friday. It will now be held on Sunday February 3rd on the same land at Beck Farm, Billingford, by permission of Mr David Gurney. *Any enquiries please ring Steve and Dena Framingham on 01362 688063*

Bawdeswell Garage – an apology.

In a letter of appreciation of Tony and Jackie Shepherd in the last magazine, Jackie somehow got called Frankie. We're very sorry but we misread the handwriting of the writer. We should have known really but always knew Jackie just as Mrs Shepherd.

X29 BUS SERVICE TO AND FROM NORWICH & FAKENHAM – Timetables are on the Bus Shelters – for up-to-date information log on to www.thereevestale.co.uk for a direct link to *Norfolk Green*, operating a much improved service.

DOG FOULING

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT

National legislation set up by the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 set maximum fines at £1,000 (with a fixed penalty fine of £25).

Always carry a plastic bag and dispose of *any* faeces on the footpaths, roadways and verges in and around Bawdeswell & Foxley.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Fri. 1 st	Toddler Group café at Bawdeswell Village Hall – <i>page 14</i>
Sat. 2 nd	Bawdeswell football club Home game – <i>page 7</i>
Sun. 3 rd	Ploughing Match – see letter opposite for details.
Tu. 5 th	Afternoon Bingo at Bawdeswell Village Hall – <i>see page 7</i> Blood Donors Session at Bawdeswell Village Hall – <i>page 8</i>
Wed. 6 th	Beginning of Lent. Mobile Library visiting Bawdeswell a.m. – <i>see page 11</i>
Thu. 7 th	Book Club meets at Old Workhouse Bar 7.30pm
Fri. 8 th	Toddler Group café at Bawdeswell Village Hall – <i>page 14</i> Mobile Library visiting Foxley p.m. – <i>see page 11</i> Julian Group meet in Bawdeswell at 8pm – <i>see page 28.</i>
Sat. 9 th	Project Bawdeswell meeting 1030 at the Village Hall Photographic Tour of Norfolk, 7.30pm Foxley Village Hall
Mon. 11 th HALF TERM	Drive U Pottery at Bawdeswell Village Hall – <i>see page 6</i> WI Meeting, Sparham Old Schoolroom 7.30pm Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm
Tu. 12 th	Indoor Games Day at Bawdeswell Village Hall – <i>see page 6</i> Lent Course begins – 7.30pm at Lyng Rectory
Wed. 13 th	Monoprinting for Valentines Day – <i>see page 6</i> Lent Course – 2pm at Lyng Rectory (alternative time to above).
Thu. 14 th	Mobile Police Station in Bawdeswell – <i>see page 19</i> Indoor Games Day at Bawdeswell Village Hall – <i>see page 6</i> <i>Valentines Day</i>
Fri. 15 th	Painting Competition - <i>see page 6</i>
Mon. 18 th	Board Games Afternoon at Bawdeswell Village Hall – <i>page 7</i>
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Bawdeswell Village Hall:

Aerobics – Monday evenings.

Countryside Rangers - every other Wednesday.

WeightWatchers – Thursday evenings.

Pilates – Wednesday evenings.

Foxley Village Hall:

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THE FOXLEY SOCIAL CLUB'S FAREWELL TEA PARTY

On the afternoon of 28th November Foxley Social Club held a farewell tea party. It was a way of saying thank you to all the people, past and present, who had given so generously of their time and efforts; and of course to all those loyal members who had supported the club come rain or shine.

The food was, as usual, supplied by members and guests alike, and was of course of the highest standard; and I am sure that no one from the very good attendance went away still feeling 'peckish'.

The gathering was entertained by the 'Banjo Brothers': a very talented duo who not only kept our feet tapping with their music, but had an inexhaustible supply of jokes and anecdotes. All in all, considering the occasion, it was a thoroughly entertaining afternoon.

The Club Chairlady would like to express her sincere gratitude to all the members and ex-members of the committee for their help and time in running the club over the last six years or so, and hopes they feel, as she does, that it was a worthwhile venture.

The Raffle made £52. 00 for the East Anglia Air Ambulance; and the club's remaining funds of £101. 77p went to the same charity.

S.B.

FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS GATHERING

On Friday evening, 28th December 2007, what seemed like the majority of Foxley Village gathered together in the village hall for an end-of-year festive junket. Ruth Whitmore and her cohorts on the Hall Committee had done a splendid job with the hall's decorations and the all the table dressing; and the buffet could have been prepared and arranged by Michelin. Behind the bar, mine host, affable and immaculate as always, was David Marshall dispensing the refreshments with an experienced ease. The music, which one could be forgiven for thinking they were listening to a top group, was supplied by Bobby Graham—a very talented man. The dancing area was soon being used with great enthusiasm; and the bar never looked in danger of running out of customers—the right ingredients for a truly sociable evening. What was particularly pleasing about the gathering was that it provided an opportunity for several new arrivals to the village to get to know their new neighbours, and for us, of course, to meet them.

On a cold and blustery December night, I am sure that Foxley Village Hall was the warmest place in Norfolk.

D.B.

Bawdeswell Activities Group

HALF TERM AT THE HALL

**Activities for Children and Adults,
Young and Not So Young**

**Bawdeswell Village Hall 1.30pm to 5.30pm
Monday 11th to Friday 15th February 2008**

**We have lots of games and toys, both indoor and outdoor for you to use
and light refreshments are available.**

Come along and play - there is no admission charge

Plus - Organised Events

Monday 11th February – 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Lisa's DRIVE U POTTERY – Painting **Easter** pottery for all ages.
Prices from £1.50 – no booking required. More information from [Lisa 667093](tel:01362667093).

Tuesday 12th February – 1.30pm to 5.30pm

Indoor Games day

Wednesday 13th February – 2pm to 4pm Breckland Event

Monoprinting for Valentines Day (Breckland charge £2 per child)
5-11 age group. Children must be accompanied to the event by a parent/
guardian, who must sign a parent consent form upon arrival.

Thursday 14th February 1.30pm to 5.30pm

Indoor Games day

Friday 15th February 1.30pm to 4pm

Painting and Drawing Competition – Paint or draw a picture about
Bawdeswell using crayons and colourful paint etc!
For more information contact [Karin 688338](tel:01362688338) or [Janet 688749](tel:01362688749)

**Please note that children aged under 11 must be supervised by a parent/guardian for BAG
events and when using BAG equipment. Children aged 11 and over must have a consent
form signed by a parent/guardian.**

Bawdeswell Activities Group Inspired by



BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG) – Events at the Village Hall

February Half Term –11th to 15th February – A program of activities has been arranged.
Please see separate page for details.

Bingo – Afternoon Bingo will be held on Tuesday 5 February 2 – 4 p.m.

Games Afternoon – On Monday 18 February starting at 1.30 pm. Come and play any of the
following: Whist, Rummy, Bridge, Hearts, Sorry, Scrabble and other board games or, for
exercise, Table Tennis!!

NOTE: If you need a lift to the Village Hall for the above, please ring Janet on 688749.

**The Group is looking for additional volunteers to help with the events during 2008.
Please contact 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.

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



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BAWDESWELL FOOTBALL CLUB.

(Crown Fire Central & South Norfolk League)

Bawdeswell FC have missed a number of games
due to poor weather conditions resulting in their
home pitch being unplayable. They have had a mixed
season so far with 5 wins and 5 losses. Next home
game is on 2nd February – weather permitting!



New players and supporters are needed for the team.

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
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Bawdeswell Village Hall

Bawdeswell Village hall is available for hire by both parishioners and non residents. At present the hall is available most weekdays during the day, Tuesday evenings and alternate Wednesday evenings. There are lots of Saturdays and Sundays still free. You can also hire tables and chairs for you own events. A 6m x 4m tent is available for hire either 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. The Badgers mothers & toddlers group meet on Friday mornings 9.30 to 11.30 am – there is no admission charge for this and light refreshments are available.



Hire Charges 2008

Period	Hire Charge	Parishioners
Per Hour	£8	£7.50
4 Hours	£30	£25
6 Hours	£45	£35
12 Hours	£60	£45
Full Day	£80	£55

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 Community Groups are not charged 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 3rd Monday of each month. Please come and join us !!



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The Mobile Blood Donor Van (Bloodmobile) will visit Bawdeswell regularly in 2008 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.

To make an appointment call the NBS on 0845 7 711 711



At the meeting on 12 January the group reviewed the scheme produced by the Hall & Access sub-group to redevelop the recreation ground and expand the hall facilities. A Wine and Cheese evening is to be held on Tuesday 11 March to roll out this exciting new concept to the residents of Bawdeswell. Invitations will be sent to every house in the village and other interested parties.

There was considerable discussion on the way forward with the new (recycled) equipment for the children's play area. Some health & safety issues have been raised and a meeting will be held with a professional installer to resolve this. The group were pleased to hear that provision has been made towards the costs of this by the Parish Council in their 2008/9 precept.

The Activities sub-group reported on their progress and plans for 2008.

A lot of work is being done between meetings and behind the scenes. The next meetings of the main group are scheduled for Saturdays 9 February and 8 March 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.projectbawdeswell.org.uk for more information.

CAN YOU HELP – we need more volunteers to help with the organisation of Project Bawdeswell especially fundraising.

If you are interested in helping please call the Secretary on 688749.



THE BECK WI

No meeting in December. Instead we met for our Annual Christmas Dinner and I'm sure we all awarded full marks to Lyng's Fox & Hounds for a well cooked, well served and enjoyable meal.

Our first meeting of 2008 was held on 14th January. Aleathia introduced our speaker, Brian Bassingthwaighte from the Salvation Army.

Brian spoke mainly of the 'soup run' in Norwich. This was started in the 1980's by Major Barbara Duncan at the Citadel to fill a need for the homeless and those unable to cater for themselves. When Major Barbara left Norwich, Brian became the 'soup run' coordinator. In those days, two sometimes 3 people went out to take hot drinks, soup etc, to those men sleeping rough, but Brian eventually organised a four man rota with a team of helpers, which still works very well indeed.

The Salvation Army now have a covered stall in Hay Hill and hot drinks, soup and food are served every evening of the year. There is also a very successful ARC (Advice and Refreshment Centre) in Pottergate which was opened by the Citadel approximately six years ago.

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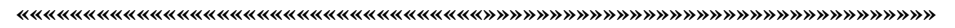
Bawdeswell Book Club

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.

Our current book choice is " Vanity Fair " by William Thackeray which we shall discuss at the January and February meetings together with any other books we may have read.

The book we read for the December meeting was " The Night Watch " by Sarah Waters whose " Tipping the Velvet " and " Fingersmith " have been dramatised on TV. The book was not universally liked though most persevered to the end. The setting is London and the story moves backwards from 1947 to 1944 to 1941 following the fortunes of Duncan who has been in prison, Val who has a long term relationship with a married man and the 3 way love story of Julia, Helen and Kay. The characters were not particularly sympathetic but there was an interesting storyline with no clear-cut conclusions and a shocking revelation at the end.

I particularly liked the descriptions of life in prison and London during the blitz, and for me the book gave a real feel for the time it was set in.



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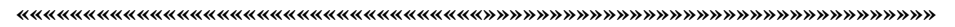
The Mobile Library calls (Normally) every 3 weeks at Bawdeswell on a Wednesday morning and Foxley on a Friday afternoon.

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 due are 6th February, 27th February.

Foxley: - The Chequers 3.10 – 3.25pm. Next Visits due are 8th February, 29th February.

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.



WI Report continued from page 9.....It was a most interesting and informative talk, highlighting the caring work done by the Salvation Army.

After our tea/coffee break, Aleathia told us of forthcoming events and Zillah won the raffle. Our next meeting is on Monday 11th February at 7.30 pm when Gill will give us an illustrated talk on her visits to Serbia and Montenegro in connection with the Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes. The exhibit will be an item for the 2008 Christmas boxes to again be sent to some of the world's poorest children. *Mary Humphrey*

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Friends of Bawdeswell Church

The quiz night will now be held on Saturday 8th March and not the 15th as previously advertised. This was a good event last year and much enjoyed by everyone who took part so do keep the date in mind. More details will be in the next edition of the Reeve's Tale and posters will go up around the village nearer the time.

Preparations for the May Ball on 17th May 2008 are well in hand - time to start thinking about what to wear! Do keep this date free in your diaries – it's a splendid affair and well worth coming to. Tables can be booked in advance so if you would like to get up a party please contact James Lilwall on 688499 to make sure you don't miss out.

Heather McCraith has retired as the Friends' treasurer. Heather did a sterling job over her time with us and we will miss her greatly. David and Angela Shannon have joined the committee and David has taken on the role of treasurer – welcome!

QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 8th March
Lots of fun, Supper and a Licensed Bar
Try and get a team together!

MAY BALL Saturday 17th May
Silver Service Dinner
Big Band
Host a party! Join a party! Treat yourself!



BAWDESWELL BADGERS PRE-SCHOOL

Hello everyone and a Happy New Year from all at Bawdeswell Badgers Pre-School. Here at the pre-school we are looking forward to an exciting year, we are hoping to trial both lunchtime clubs and all-day sessions which we hope the children will enjoy and be helpful to working Mums.

The theme to begin our year is Winter, we will be looking at our environment, natural history and in particular the RSPB Bird watch, having already made our bird feeders last term, we hope to enjoy a bit of 'spotting' with them. We will continue our study of different cultures and religions and enjoy activities linked to festivals from around the world.

During October we were visited by Ofsted and attained a 'Satisfactory' grading, working on our action plan we hope to attain a higher grading next time.

We are a self funding charity, who are blessed with a hard working committee who work tirelessly on our behalf, thank you. If any local businesses would care to sponsor us, not necessarily funding but perhaps expertise to improve and maintain our mobile classroom or any resources we could use to enrich our learning, please contact Carol Taylor – Supervisor 01362 688875



Mothers & Toddlers

Fridays at Bawdeswell village hall
0930 – 1130 during term time.

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Any unwanted toys welcomed please.

Bawdeswell Community Primary School



Thank you to all who came and supported our nativity in the church on 19th December it was good to see so many people there. If you would like DVD copy of the rehearsal, these are available in school for £2.00 per copy.

We have received the report from the second inspection from OFSTED. The school is making satisfactory progress in all areas. The report is available on the OFSTED website.

We are lucky to have the "Young Enterprise" team in on 5th February 08, to give the children an opportunity to learn about the wider world and industry. The programme is designed for children aged 4-11 years and provides practical and fun activities for the children. It aims to teach children to understand how individuals, families, communities and nations make decisions that effect their daily life and economic well being. It will give children an informed view of the attitudes and skills that are necessary to succeed in the world beyond the classroom as well as within it.

The Romans also came into school on 15th January to work with Rhino Class.

A reminder of the School Year Term Dates- 2008

Spring Term	Thursday 3 rd January 2008 to Thursday 20 th March 2008
Half Term	Monday 11 th February 2008 to Friday 15 th February 2008
Summer Term	*Monday 7 th April 2008 to Tuesday 22 nd July 2008
Half Term	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May 2008
MAY DAY	Monday 5 th May 2008 – Children do not attend school
INSET DAYS	Thursday 3 rd & Friday 4 th January 2008, Monday 7 th April 2008 and Thursday 26 th June 2008 are designated as staff development days. Children do not attend school on these days.

Foxley Parish Council Meeting

Précis of meeting on **Tuesday 11 December 2007** in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr Harvey, Mr Mears, Mr Barrett, Mr Hatch, Mr Bambridge, the clerk and 16 parishioners. Mrs Nightingale sent her apologies as she was not mobile

Minutes of the last meeting on 11 September 2007 were approved, with the addition of Mrs Nightingale in the list of those present, and signed.

Declarations of interest: Mr Mears declared an interest in the Village Hall and the rest of the Parish Councils, as Trustees for the time being. (Awaiting a ruling from the Standards Board).

Matters arising:

1. Still awaiting news of the condition of Mr Davis' pit from Environmental Health.
2. The footpath to Bawdeswell had been cleared and renewed.
3. Homewatch had been asked if there would be any volunteers to help with a similar job in the Emergency Plan.

Correspondence-Letter from Reepham High School asking for support for a new Sixth Form. Clerk would write giving full support from Parish Council and the village.

Letter requesting funding from Dereham CAB. A donation of £50 was proposed by Mr Mears, seconded by Mr Barrett, and agreed to be paid in April 2008.

There were no objections to the change of Instrument Approach Procedures for Norwich International Airport.

Local Development Framework: Mr Bambridge was invited to explain a little more about this to the meeting. Breckland Council have decided on the core policies that affect everyone in the area and they will be published shortly. They are also available on the Breckland Website for further perusal. Every village will be looked at in detail ie amenities, number of new houses needing to be built etc. Developers will be looking for land to be made available in 2008. Each village needs to be sure what they think and what they want. This plan will have an effect for the next 20 or more years. He urges the Parish Council and parishioners to read the information carefully when it becomes available and to really think about the future development of the village. In the general discussion that followed, many negative views of the way the District Council acted over planning were aired. Mr Bambridge offered to find another District Councillor to represent the village when he was asked to represent a parishioner. He had always put both sides of an argument to the Planners but the consensus was that a different Councillor should take one side.

Drainage Matters: AW have done some surveys in W. Foxley and are seeking to find a site for a new pumping station. They would like it to be in the front of the Village Hall and gave information about the size and what would be on the site. The Village Hall Committee would need consulting about this and they in turn would need to consult with the parishioners in the immediate vicinity. The boundary of the properties which will be affected is not flexible and whilst all properties in W Foxley will be able to go on the mains drainage if they so wish, the new system will only apply to a few

properties in E Foxley. Engineers will be appearing shortly to take "window samples" around the village. The work should start in April 09 and be finished by Dec 09. Mr Mears continued his lengthy marathon with AW regarding the way sewage was dealt with in E Foxley. After dozens of phone calls, promises and high expectations, he had received a letter apologising for broken promises and misleading him into thinking something would be done. They need evidence of the flooding which occurs down The Street with dates, times and proof ! An Appeal is allowed and despite the difficulty of constantly providing proof, Mr Mears will soldier on !

Planning Applications

DR Builders application for the second pair of 2 bedroom cottages had been withdrawn and then resubmitted. The Parish Council were firm in their condemnation of this application and will acquaint Planning of their thoughts again. Despite the encroachment that has taken place and Highways and the Planning Department knowledge of this, it has become a legal matter. We await the outcome. Mr Bambridge would be asked to request that this application went to committee.

Village Matters -The Village Hall is in need of repairs to the frontage and to replace the toilets. In order to obtain grants, they need the support both morally and financially of the Parish Council. After much reasoned argument, it was proposed by Mr Hatch that an initial grant of £500 be given to support the Village Hall Committee payable when the work starts. The motion was seconded by Mr Harvey who thanked the committee for all their hard work. The motion was carried unanimously.

Finance; The financial report was given and duly signed. The Budget for 2008/2009 was discussed and finally agreed at £2500 with Mr Hatch proposing and Mr Barrett seconding the motion.

Date of the next meeting was booked for Tuesday 26 Feb 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm



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BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL - EXTRACTS OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3 DECEMBER 2007

PRESENT : Councillors Mallen, Shannon, Lilwall, Hipperson. Cockburn, Beane & Mason

Mr. G. Bambridge (DC) 3 parishioners

APOLOGIES: Mrs. I. Floering Blackman

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Agreed and signed

Bridges, Common Lane – NCC to inspect bridges and inform of action to be taken for repairs.

LDF : Cabinet to approve Core Policies but there are queries on definition of 'sustainability'.

Consultation scheduled for New Year but PC will only have 6 weeks for discussion – it is hoped that Planners meeting will be held in the Ward. Mr. Bambridge reiterated that PC must have clear view on future of Bawdeswell.

Old Surveyors Land – Charities Commission reply that all three pieces of land can be sold as long as they comply with Section 36 of the 1993 Act and providing full market value is obtained. Adams Pit – Clerk had met Ed Stocker Ecologist from NCC who is enthusiastic about redeveloping as a Conservation Area.

PRECEPT: *For year 2008/09 Precept to be set at £10,500.* To include donation of £3,000 to Project Bawdeswell to help with costs for work to be done so that a PA can be submitted 08 - donation of £330 to Reeves Tale - £200 Community Car Scheme - £3,000 Play equipment/safety surface Recreation Field – the sum of £2,000 to be put aside for new Parish Clerks salary - plus costs for Grounds Maintenance/ subscriptions etc. Estimated expenditure year 08/09 £15,938. (to view copy of Budget contact Clerk).

Letters to be sent to two Royal Anglian soldiers just returned from Afghanistan welcoming them home and thanking them for their courage in carrying out their tour of duty.

New PC website can be viewed through Reeves Tale website.

Councillor Hipperson gave vote of thanks to Janet and David Cockburn, plus helpers, for the excellent Childrens Disco held recently.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : **MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2008**
AT 7.45pm. IN THE VILLAGE HALL. IT IS HOPED THAT PC
WILL HAVE LDF CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS – ITEM TO BE
ON AGENDA.

Editors Note – The formal consultation on the Local Development Framework Core Strategies commences on 28th January.

The document is available to view now online at

<http://consult.breckland.gov.uk/portal/planningpolicy/cspo/csdcpo>

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL – VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK

must be computer literate/ be able to take minutes of PC meetings / keep accounts of PC expenditure and set Budget for year . Interesting and varied job – hours approximately 20 per month . Salary £1,500-2,000pa. Training available. For further details contact Delia on 01362 688234.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL – NOTICES

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



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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 2008 are

14th February, 13th March, 10th April, 8th May, 5th 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.

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The usual cost of the service is £20 for 1-3 items and £40 for 4-6 items.

We can collect:

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- TVs, Hi Fi and computers
- washing machines and tumble dryers

Q - But I haven't got 3 items to get rid of at the moment?

A - Share the service and therefore cost with a neighbour so you can both benefit.

Remember that many household items can be taken to the tip for free. Call Norfolk County Council on 0844 800 8004 to check if your item can be taken.

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Simply follow the above steps to take part in this limited offer.



REEPHAM AND DISTRICT ROTARY

Members have been busy erecting the Christmas tree in Reepham Market Place which this year was supplied by Rotarian Robert Buxton. Members also helped put up all the small trees around the Market Place.

Art in the Community is now progressing well although further local companies are still required to display pictures painted by pupils at Reepham High School.

Rotarian Robert Briggs is helping to promote and also assisting with a walk that six boys from Reepham High School are talking part in, in order to raise money in memory of two boys from the school who, tragically, lost their lives through cancer. The walk is taking place at the end of March and the club have agreed to sponsor them.

More Aquaboxes have now been filled and some have been dispatched to the Bangladeshi flood victims. The total now filled by the club amounts to 170.

The club has decided to pursue the Rotary Technology Tournament through the local schools. This is another effort in order to be involved with youth in our area.

Ken Ewing

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MID NORFOLK CONSTITUENCY SURVEY RESULTS

As your Member of Parliament, I am keen to know the views of constituents on local issues. Many thanks to all those who were able to find the time to complete this short survey. It really is vital for me to know the views of those I am honoured to represent.

The results are below.

Keith Simpson MP

Q1 Do you approve of the increase of flat building in Mid Norfolk?

YES 30% NO 49% DON'T KNOW 21%

Q2 Do you think there should be restrictions on the building of new houses on back gardens?

YES 80% NO 20% DON'T KNOW 0%

Q3 Have you had difficulty in registering with an NHS dentist?

YES 35% NO 65%

Q4 If you have children, have you been able to secure a place for them at the school of your choice?

YES 92% NO 8%

Q5 If you travel by train, are you satisfied with the service provided by One?

YES 42% NO 58%

Complaints were: too expensive, delays and cancellations, state of cleanliness, lack of non-stop service to London, shortage of carriages, long ticket queues at Norwich.

Q6 Have you been a victim of anti-social behaviour? YES 31% NO 69%

If you have, were you satisfied with the actions taken by the police/local council?

YES 43% NO 57%

Q7 Is there any action you would like to be taken to tackle criminal activity and anti-social behaviour in your area?

Suggestions were: Involve teenagers in the community, ban alcohol consumption in the street, encourage parental responsibility, need more bobbies on the beat, more places needed for young people to go, zero tolerance approach required.

Q8 Are there any facilities which are not currently provided in your constituency and which you think should be?

Your Answers: Don't want to lose local Post Offices, need improved bus service, facilities for old and young people, doctor's surgery should be open at weekends, fortnightly rubbish collection is not good enough, need improved recycling facilities, Norwich northern by-pass should be built, need more carers in the community.



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ELMHAM SURGERY PATIENTS GROUP

NEWS FOR THE EARLY BIRDS...

An experiment has been going on quietly, directed at Elmham Surgery patients who like to make an early start – and it's proving increasingly popular.

The new facility offers patients the opportunity to see a doctor early on Monday and Tuesday mornings at the **Swanton Morley surgery**. People who want to make an early start are being offered appointments there from 7.30am until 10am on the two mornings of every week.

The innovation was put into operation primarily to meet the needs of people working a long way from Elmham and who were thus finding it difficult to see a doctor without taking either a morning or afternoon off work. The facility is also proving attractive, though, to older people who just want to have more of the day to themselves.

To those who ask why this facility is centred on Swanton Morley, the answer is that the surgery there is small and thus easy to ensure that access is restricted to the doctor's interviewing-room. This would not be possible in the much larger, and more open, Elmham surgery.

Alongside such new ways of working, work goes on to tackle the problems that emerge. There are, for instance, the problems which have afflicted the new arrangements for handling telephone calls. Trouble has been generated in no small measure by the new facilities that the practice has introduced but the fact is that telephone traffic has increased on a scale the would have been unimaginable just two years ago.

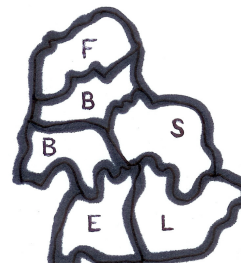
You will be hearing more about this from coming meetings of the patient participation group. You can contact Ted Sansom (01362 668734) or Alan MacKim (01362 668831).

Alan MacKim

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A Benefice walk is planned for Saturday April 26th starting at Foxley and finishing in Walsingham in time for the evening Eucharist service then a meal. Participants can do as much or as little as they wish of the walk and transport will be arranged to pick people up or drop them off at any stage of the journey. We will be joined by parishioners from Lastingham in Yorkshire who invited us to join their walk last September. More details will be available nearer the time.

Please note that the Quiz night to be held in Bawdeswell village hall by the Friends of Bawdeswell Church has been changed to 8th March and not the 15th as previously advertised.

Lent begins on Wednesday 6 February. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 7.30 in Stibbard church that day, and then each Sunday evening there will be evensong at 6.30 in a church in the Deanery. All are invited. The theme for the seven sermons is SPARHAM - the acronym: please see the church services rota or adverts in church for further details

Lent Course

**Tuesday 12th February at 7.30pm and
 Wednesday 13th February at 2pm.
 at the Rectory**

Theme: The Shape of the New Testament.

**come each week at either time.
 all welcome**

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (Interdenominational)

Over 3 million women worldwide will be praying and worshipping together during an annual day of prayer on **Friday, 7th March**. They will be using an order of service prepared by Christian women from Guyana.

This is always an exciting day. The extent of unity in prayer is shown by the fact that meetings will begin at sunrise in Tonga and finish only with sunset in neighbouring Western Samoa, after there have been meetings in over 170 countries. They bring together women, men and young people from every background and a very wide range of Christian traditions.

Please come and join us in **St Margaret's Church, Lyng at 2.00 pm**, to pray for Guyana and hear the Revd Sharon Willimott speak on the theme: 'God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding'.

If you would like to take part this year by doing a Reading or assisting with the drama, which is in the form of a simple dance, please ring Margaret Keeler on 01603 872565.



February meetings: 8th and 22nd at 8pm
Barwick House, Bawdeswell
Contact: Susan March 01603 870342

The Lord's Prayer explored and applied...

Our daily bread - Our spiritual needs

Our Lord spent considerable time in prayer and meditation, he did *not* live by 'bread alone'. We, *too*, need spiritual nourishment if we are *to* live as God's people in this world. For example we need opportunity *to* be alone and quiet before God. We also need an opportunity *to* read and think about his word, spiritually feeding ourselves day by day. We need the help of godly speakers and writers who can explain God's word *to* us and help us *to* shape our thinking and our living *to* please him. We also need the fellowship, support and encouragement of Christian friends. These things are as basic and necessary as bread.

John Belham



St.Thomas' Church Foxley We have been fortunate to hold several well-attended services recently at Foxley, which has lifted our spirits and given us hope for the future of our dear old church. Among these were the Benefice Service of Remembrance, the Baptism of Paul and Sharon Wheller's little son, Arthur on Advent Sunday, our Carol Service and an atmospheric and meaningful Midnight Holy Communion. Last Sunday we took "One More Step" (a new and innovative modern service) lead by the Rector, when we were joined by our friends from the other churches in the Benefice.

Now we look forward to some fund-raising to enable us to tackle the crumbling plasterwork in the chancel and porch. We also hope to encourage interest in reviving the tradition of ringing our very special historic peal of 6 bells. Bellringing is becoming very popular once more – it is said to be excellent exercise and valuable for keeping fit, both physically and mentally! Do let us know if you might be interested.

Things to look forward to:-

9th. February at 7-30. "Norfolk As I See It". An illustrated talk by local photographer and historian Peter Bradbury in the Village Hall.

15th. March at 7-30. Icenii Choir with James Lilwall and Soloists in the church.

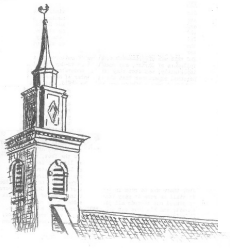
Diana Harvey, PCC Secretary



The Children's Society Some good news for all our generous supporters – the final total raised for the Society in 2007 from houseboxes, coffee morning, the 15th. Anniversary service at Bawdeswell, Lyng's Christingle and donations was £1781-60. Easily the best yet! But, even better, my husband, who used to work for Barclays, applied for "matched funding" from the bank for our Box – Opening Coffee Morning. We were delighted to hear that they would give us £750 –00 (the maximum under the scheme). So that's £2531 – 60 from our six parishes. We can't expect to equal that next year, but we can try!

In addition to all this, of course, many of you give some very nice things for our shop in Fakenham to sell. Just to remind you – if you have any unwanted household goods (not electrical), clothes, books, toys – even, dare I say it, gifts, do give me a call (number below) for me to collect them, or just leave your offerings in the carport at Foxley Lodge. Should you have clothes or household linen, clearly too well – worn to sell, we'd be grateful if you would put them in a black bin bag labelled "Rags". The Ragman comes fortnightly to the shop and pays us very well. More is gained by the charity than if you put things in a bin at the supermarket car park. Thank you to all who have helped to achieve such a good result.

Diana Harvey. Parish Co-ordinator. Tel:01362688650



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BAWDESWELL

The school choir took part in Church Friends Christmas Concert once again and added to the success of the occasion. Thank-you to them and their music teacher for entertaining us, also to James Lilwall and Friends who were in great form.

During the following week, the whole school came into church to perform their end-of-term musical, written by their music teacher. It was a sensation. Congratulations to them all.

We had a December wedding. Congratulations to Murray Parfitt and Roslyn Johnson for tying the knot on Saturday 22nd. It was a happy occasion for all.

On the Sunday before Christmas we had our Carol Service which was well attended.

Thank you all those who took part and those who read lessons. It was the real start of Christmas for many of us.

On Christmas Day we held a special GiG, and what a happy occasion it was, with many families attending. We had live music from Katie Ewing (jazz trombone) and Johanna Gazow (violin). Thank you, and of course James Lilwall for your accompaniment on the organ and the keyboard for all the carols.

Many thanks to the Friends of the Church for the nine Christmas trees and your decorations and support over the Christmas Season – not least of all paying for the heating of the church for the many events.

P.C.C. - The New Church Organ project

The necessary permissions have been granted by the Diocesan Advisory Committee and the Archdeacon, so we can go ahead with this ambitious project.

It is a very exciting proposal for Bawdeswell, to try and endow our unique church with a state of the art digital organ that will not only enhance our services immensely but attract organists and music lovers from far and wide. It is hoped it will also encourage new talent to learn to play the organ which is very important.

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Details of the proposed organ are on a display inside the church which is open daily.

See also the manufacturers website at www.makinorgans.co.uk

R.T.

From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again,

Lent starts early this year, about as early as it can. And for those of you who made New Year's resolutions and promptly broke them, it may be a chance to start again. Get those disciplines going... What are you going to give up for Lent?

I think the most disciplined time in my life ever was when I was revising for my final exams at University. Twelve hours work a day in two hour chunks, set breaks, set meal-times, a walk a day, eight hours sleep, Sundays completely off; for seven weeks, one subject a day. Everything by the clock. If you're like me, it's much easier to be disciplined if you can see what it will achieve, and if it will end soon. And it's easier to hit your target if you can exclude any distractions, and be completely single-minded. But life is often fuller than that.

Sometimes we have more than one goal in view. There's nothing wrong in using Lent to slim, if you want. A by-product of shedding those pounds may be that you are a bit healthier, fitter, more alert. But also, there's fasting in almost every religious tradition, because it can make you spiritually more alert as well. Some people say you should take on things in Lent: but don't let them put you off giving things up.

When you aim to get some discipline in your life, though, do you do it for the short term, or for the long term? Are you hoping to acquire something, or to change your character? Not all disciplines are about being orderly. You might want to discipline yourself to being more hospitable, kinder, to being more enthusiastic with people, to make more effort with those who aren't immediately on your wavelength. Or you might want the discipline of being more methodical or punctual. So what do you want to give up? And what do you want to become?

God bless you this Lent.

David Head

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FEBRUARY 2008

DATE	3 rd	6 th	10 th	17 th	20 th	24 th
<i>Season</i>	Pres. of Christ	Ash Wed.	1 st of Lent	2 nd of Lent	Wed.	3 rd of Lent
FOXLEY	EP 5pm	-	-	HC(PB) 8am	-	HC(1) 1030
LYNG	HC(1) 0900	-	OMS 1030	-	-	Family Service 1030 FST
ELSING	-	-	-	HC(1) 10.30	-	-
BAWDESWELL	HC(1) 10.30	-	-	GiG 1030	HC 0900	Words & Praise 1030
BYLAUGH	-	-	HC(PB) 0900	-	-	BCP MP 1030
SPARHAM	Family Service 1030	-	-	HC(PB) 1030	-	-
DEANERY evensong for Lent		Stibbard 7.30pm	Reepham 6.30pm	Alderford 6.30pm		N. Elmham 6.30pm

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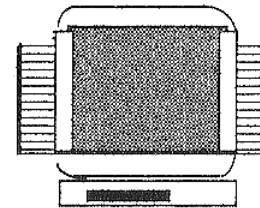


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