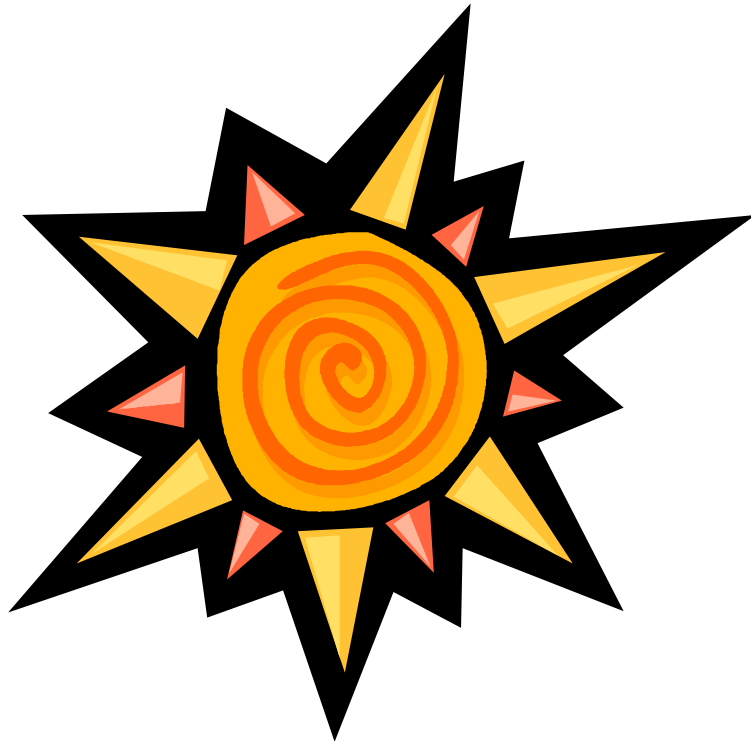


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LETTER

Vandalism in Bawdeswell

I am becoming, as are many others in the village, increasingly frustrated by the continuing vandalism in the village, especially that at the village hall. Thousands of pounds of damage have been caused to our village hall windows and, although we have insurance, we will have to pay some hundreds of pounds for the insurance excess. This will result in proposed improvements to and refurbishment of the hall being postponed. We will also have to consider the costly installation of CCTV at the hall and recreation ground to deter these mindless actions.

I appeal to the residents of Bawdeswell to help stamp out this plague in our village. If you have any knowledge of who is responsible please contact the local police (0845 4564567) or call Crimestoppers (0800 555 111) or speak to the Parish Clerk in confidence.

David Cockburn

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Christian Aid.

I would like to thank the staff at Bawdeswell Stores for having the Christian Aid box on their counter for the week. £28-60p was given to boost our Total for the six parishes to £886-37p Thank-you to the collectors in Foxley you raised £96-41.

Margaret Keeler.

Bawdeswell Post Office

Hopes that a village would get a long-awaited post office as part of a new housing development look set to be crushed.

For years residents of Bawdeswell had been banking on a Peddars Way Housing association scheme providing the village with a post office after the previous one closed down.

In 2005 Breckland Council approved a planning application from Peddars way to build affordable housing at Folland Court providing certain conditions were met – including a post office being rebuilt on the land.

But work never started because no one could be found to run it, and funding for the whole scheme could be lost unless building starts soon.

So now Peddars Way is asking the district council to lift the condition.

A spokesman for Breckland Council said: “We understand the importance of Post Offices to rural communities. It is unfortunate that, despite the best efforts of Peddars way, the parish council and the local elected member, it has not been possible to find anyone who would be willing to take on the running of a new post office.

“Even after the cabinet meeting, if someone steps forward soon to give a commitment to run the new post office, Peddars Way will build it.”

Sat June 7th EDP

STILL ALL QUIET on the Banham Front

Broadland District Council has still not issued a Pollution Prevention and Control Permit to Banham Compost Limited for their Gt Witchingham plant and so Banhams remain unable to start rendering. This also makes lodging an appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the existing building difficult. Time is ticking away as an appeal needs to be lodged by mid August. Any news on the permit before the next edition of this magazine will be on NO Stink Campaign posters. So watch-out at the usual places.

No Stink Campaign

JULY EVENTS DIARY

Wed 2	Mobile Library Bawdeswell, <i>details page 13</i>
Thu 3	Mobile Police Station, The Street, Bawdeswell, 11 – 12.30 Book Club, Old Workhouse Bar 7.30pm
Fri 4	Mobile Library Foxley, <i>details page 13</i> Julian Group 8pm, <i>see page 27</i>
Sat 5	FOBC Coffee Morning and Quarterly Draw, 1030am Bylaugh Fete
Sun 6	Lyng Open Gardens
Mon 7	Bawdeswell Parish Council meeting, 7.45pm
Sat 12	Project Bawdeswell Meeting, 10am
Sun 13	Sparham Open Gardens, <i>details page 25</i>
Mon 14	WI Old Schoolroom, Sparham, 7.30pm
Tu 15	Foxley Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm in the Village hall Start of Football Tournament, <i>details page 8</i>
Fri 18	Julian Group 8pm, <i>see page 27</i>
Sat 19	Elsing Fete 2pm, <i>details page 25</i>
Wed 23	Mobile Library Bawdeswell, <i>details page 13</i>
Fri 25	Mobile Library Foxley, <i>details page 13</i>
Sat 26	Foxley Hog Roast and entertainment, <i>details page 10</i>
Mon 28	Summer Club starts, <i>see page 5</i> Fairtrade Event in Reepham, <i>details page 21</i>
Wed 30	Bawdeswell FC v. Lyng, 6.45pm. at the Recreation Ground
Thu 31	Mobile Police Station, The Street, Bawdeswell, 11 – 12.30

Regular Weekly Events

Bawdeswell Village Hall

Aerobics	Mondays
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

Stimpsons Piece (skate park) in Reepham

Matthew Project mobile 'Voicebox' unit every Friday evening from June to August, 5.30-7.30pm. *Details on page 6.*

Bawdeswell Community Primary School

Last day of Summer Term – Tuesday 22nd July.

Autumn Term – Monday 1st Sept 2008 to Friday 19th December 2008

Half Term – Monday 27th Oct to Friday 31st October 2008

Spring Term – Monday 5th January to Friday 3rd April 2009

Half Term – Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2009

Summer Term – Monday 20th April to Monday 20th July 2009

Half Term – Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2009

May Day Monday 4th May – Children do not attend on this day.

Monday 1st September 2008, and Monday 20th July 2009 are designated staff development days and children do not attend school on these days. 3 further days will be taken by the school. Details to follow.

Headteacher from September 08

Bawdeswell Community Primary School is entering into a Partnership with North Elmham VC Primary School from 1st September 2008. Mr Robin Turner who is currently Headteacher at North Elmham will take the Leadership role at both schools. The Governors of both schools made this decision after long and careful consideration.

Lots of exciting things have been happening this term.

Rhino class went on a residential trip to Wells in April

Dolphin Class also went on a residential trip in April to Kingswood.

Key Stage 1 had a Creative day with all cluster schools on June 19th and all Key Stage 2 had the day at Gressenhall Rural Life Museum.

Year 6 took their Cycling proficiency, well done to all of them.

The children enjoyed taking part in the Kwik Cricket Tournament at Gt Witchingham again this year. Also a group of Year 3 students took part in sports at Taverham High.

The Girls Football Team enjoyed taking part in the 7 a side Tournament at Cawston and some children from Year 2 took place in a multi-skills day at Reepham High School, during June.

The children enjoyed taking part in the Bawdeswell Fete where they gave a display of country dancing.

It has been a very busy year at the school, thank you to all the staff, governors, friends and parents for the help and support. A big thank you also to Mrs Vaissiere for helping the school to get out of Special Measures and for her hard work in making sure the school is in a good position to enter into the partnership in September.

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Contact: Karin Mason – 01362 688338

Gill Page – 01362 688379





Norfolk based drug and alcohol charity The Matthew Project has received funding from Comic Relief to provide a specialist Young People's service in Norfolk market towns targeting those at risk of developing or already experiencing problems with alcohol. Two youth workers, Sophie Burnett and Martin Torpey, specializing in alcohol harm reduction, will provide information, advice, one-to-one and practical support for young people to help them make informed choices about and reduce the harm caused by alcohol misuse to themselves, their families and the community.

As part of this service the Matthew Project will be bringing their mobile 'Voicebox' unit to Stimpsons Piece (skate park) in Reepham every Friday evening from June to August, 5.30-7.30pm. The caravan will provide a safe welcoming meeting place for young people where they can take part in activities, have refreshments and receive information and advice on alcohol and other issues. There will also be detached youth work in the **Bawdeswell** and Cawston area to inform young people of the service.

The Matthew Project is grateful for the positive encouragement they have already received from the Parish Council, Safer Neighborhood Team and local residents.

For more information, or if you are concerned about a young person, please call Sophie or Martin on 0845 868 8172. The Matthew Project also has a 24/7 confidential helpline: 0800 764 754. www.matthewproject.org

Sophie Burnett
Alcohol Misuse Youth Worker
The Matthew Project

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

If you have any larger toys or play equipment suitable for toddlers that you no longer require please contact Kate.

BAWDESWELL BADGERS PRE – SCHOOL



Hello everyone from Bawdeswell Badgers pre-school. Our summer term is in full swing with holidays firmly on the agenda, so far we have been camping in our garden, prepared and eaten sandwiches on a picnic and we are about to make passports and fly off to who knows where!

Continuing with our natural world theme we have been on a visit to chicken cottage to see and feed some bantams, we plan to follow their progress on a regular basis and ultimately collect their eggs.

We have a small number of vacancies for September so if you would care to come and see us don't hesitate to contact me, we would love to see you. Finally, our pre – school is blessed with a fantastic committee who constantly strive to help us, we are aware how hard you work, thank you.

Carol Taylor

01362 688875

BAWDESWELL FOOTBALL CLUB.

Bawdeswell FC have now completed their league season games with a very creditable 45 pts from 15 wins and 11 losses. The club has far exceeded its target for the season so very well done all of you. 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>

The Steven (Stiffy) Williamson Memorial Trophy 2008

Following our very successful competition last year, details are now in place for 2008. Cawston and Corpusty join our usual four teams, Lyng utd., Reepham res., Foulsham res. and Bawdeswell.

Fixtures 6.45pm	HOME		AWAY
Tuesday 15 th July	Reepham	v	Bawdeswell
	Cawston	v	Lyng
Wednesday 16 th July	Corpusty	v	Foulsham
Tuesday 22 nd July	Foulsham	v	Reepham
	Lyng	v	Corpusty
Wednesday 23 rd July	Cawston	v	Bawdeswell
Tuesday 29 th July	Foulsham	v	Cawston
Wednesday 30 th July	Corpusty	v	Reepham
	Bawdeswell	v	Lyng

Wednesday 13th August – the Final at Foulsham

Saturday 16th August – Presentation night and sport quiz at Great Witchingham Cricket Club 8.00pm

I will be doing our usual very large raffle with tickets on sale at all football matches and the draw taking place at the presentation night. All proceeds as usual to the Children's Fund at the Jenny Lind hospital at the N & N. Anyone wishing to donate a prize for the raffle or make a donation to the charity please contact Phil or Sue On 01603 872145.

Phil Williamson

BECK WI

Aleathia welcomed members, two guests, and last but by no means least, our speaker Anita Carpenter to our June meeting.

Before showing us slides, Anita told us of the history of tapestry and needlepoint, and we were amazed to hear that records show tapestry was woven in 1483 B.C. Some of the slides were of Anita's own beautiful work but the majority were taken of tapestries in N.T. houses, Blickling and Hardwick Hall etc. A most interesting talk.

Anita judged the pieces of needlework brought in by members, 1st Christine, 2nd Ruth. The raffle was won by Doris.

Forthcoming events were discussed and Aleathia spoke of the National A.G.M. she had attended in Liverpool. Our next meeting is on Monday 14th July at 7.30.p.m. when David Morton talks about the Heydon Estate.

The exhibition is an Old Cooking Aid. Hope to see you all. *Mary Humphrey*

BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG)

News – Plans are now being made for activities during the Summer Holidays. We will be open each weekday afternoon from the 4th to the 29th August excluding the Bank Holiday on 25th August. (Don't forget that the 'Summer Club' at Sparham runs from 28th July to 1st August - see page 5 for details)

This year we will try and have a specific activity/event (some may be weather dependant) each day. It is intended this year that, as far as possible, all the activities run by BAG, including materials, will be free of charge although small donations towards the costs will be welcomed. The activities are open to all residents of Bawdeswell, Foxley and surrounding villages. For some activities the numbers may have to be limited. As usual the 'CAFE' will be open every afternoon for hot & cold drinks, sweets & crisps etc.

Further details of the program, opening and event times will be published in the August Reeves Tale. **If there are any particular activities that you would like us to organise please contact our secretary.**

The Group is looking for additional volunteers to help with the events during 2008/9. Please contact our secretary on 01362 688749.

Bawdeswell Activities Group is a result of Project Bawdeswell and gratefully acknowledge grant aid from Norfolk Community Foundation and Breckland Council and a donation from Bawdeswell Parish Council. We have also received some very generous donations of cash and equipment from villagers.



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Friends of Bawdeswell Church

As reported last month, after the May Ball was over and we had all gone home, the marquee was vandalised - slashed along one full length with a sharp knife - well we had to pick up a bill for £250, the excess on the insurance, and this rather dented our profits from the evening.

Windows in the village hall were also broken that night.

If anybody has any information please phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 www.crimestoppers-uk.org (you don't have to say who you are), or the police Crimes Investigation Unit on 0845 456 4567 quoting Crime Reference number CR25938/08/5

FUTURE EVENTS 2008

Coffee Morning and Quarterly Draw	Saturday 5 th July
Harvest Supper Village Hall 7.30pm	Saturday 8 th November
Christmas Concert 4pm	Sunday 14 th December

Keith Loades , made famous by the *Thursford Show*, is appearing at Cromer's *End of the Pier Show* this Christmas, and is to be at our Harvest Supper to entertain us.

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The Bawdeswell Book Club meets at the *Old Workhouse Bar* on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. New members always welcome.

This month we discussed 'Innocent Traitor' by Alison Weir.

The innocent traitor of the title is Lady Jane Grey. Alison Weir is a popular British author and historian who also writes historical biographies which are readable and carefully researched. This is a historical novel based on fact. Most book club readers found it easily readable.

The story is told from the points of view of several people who all seemed to have the same personality. The psychological interpretation of the characters and the accounts written from a child's point of view were particularly unconvincing.

We thought that the story is impossible to spoil so the book was worth reading but I personally prefer Ms Weir's other more detailed and less speculative work. There are other more enjoyable historical blockbusters.

At the July meeting we will discuss
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Hazel Crawley



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Mobile Library Service
Home Library Service

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 2nd July, 23rd July.

Foxley: - The Chequers 3.10 – 3.25pm. Next Visits are 4th July, 25th July.

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.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL-EXTRACTS OF MEETINGS
HELD ON MONDAY 2nd JUNE 2008

PRESENT : Councillors Mason (Chairman) Lilwall, Beane and Cockburn
Mr. G. Bambridge (DC) 5 parishioners

APOLOGIES: Councillors Shannon and Mallen.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Agreed and signed

- Dee Jackson and Doug Bennett, NCC Planning & Transportation Dept. came and told PC about the new systems being put into effect regarding transport in the region and the use of mini buses and 'demand responsive vehicles'. They will be sending PC a questionnaire which will be sent out to all Parishioners to find out how this system can benefit Bawdeswell Parishioners. PC would ideally like to see a bus service to Dereham and Chris Limbach, responsible for bus service timetables, is to be asked to attend a future PC meeting to discuss this.

-Community Car Scheme – Councillor Shannon attended a meeting at Breckland- there are problems at the moment surrounding the current system which left drivers, PC's and Breckland open to personal liability claims. Breckland hope to solve issues shortly and will use Bawdeswell as a test case.

-Folland Court – Transfer of land from Breckland to Flagship to be finalised at meeting on 10th June- PC agreed that covenant on building of PO can be removed so that this can go ahead. Flagship assures PC that if in future they would like PO this can still be built. Flagship attending meeting at Breckland with Highways/Planners/Architect to discuss path around bend into Paradise Road.

- Local Development Framework: Updated base maps of Parish showing various planning 'constraints' received, plus copy of Settlement boundary. Details of Landowners/sites put forward for development to be sent within two weeks. **Future development issues for Bawdeswell will be fully discussed at the 7th July PC meeting when Andrea Long from Breckland will be at meeting.**

- PO stays 'temporarily closed' until end of consultation period 24 June – until then nothing can be decided but PC looking into provision of PO in village or 'outreach facilities' in Hall/Church.

- New Parish Clerk/RFO: Mrs Claire Boer has been appointed as Parish Clerk and will take over from Mrs. Delia Riseborough on 7th July.

- NEXT MEETING; MONDAY 7th JULY AT 7.45pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL. ANDREA LONG FROM BRECKLAND WILL BE ATTENDING AND THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGE WILL BE DISCUSSED. THIS WILL AFFECT EVERYONE LIVING IN BAWDESWELL AND PARISHIONERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL – NOTICES

VANDALISM IN VILLAGE

Over the last few weeks there have been a number of cases of vandalism – marquee slashed on Recreation Field/ several windows in Hall broken – Police have been informed. This behaviour is totally unacceptable. If Parishioners see anyone damaging property etc. would they please inform Police or Parish Clerk. The Police also attended on the evening of Wednesday 11th June when a group of 5 teenagers were throwing stones at the hall and otherwise causing a nuisance and they have all their names.

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

It is hoped to obtain grant aid soon to re-furbish and install the play equipments recovered from RAF Coltishall. In the meantime would all parents please caution their children not to try and use or interfere with this equipment. Any incident to be reported to the Parish Clerk on 688234.

OLD SURVEYORS LAND, REEPHAM ROAD The Parish Council, as Trustees, has elected to sell the Old Surveyors Land (approx. half an acre) under a closed sealed bid system, on the understanding that the Purchaser will be required to pay all legal and administrative fees associated with the sale of the land. Such bids are invited from interested Parties – **to be in the hands of the Parish Council by Friday 25th July 2008.** (For further information contact Clerk on 01362 688234).

VILLAGE HANDYMAN

Bawdeswell Parish Council has a vacancy for a (paid position) part time Handyman in the village. Terms and conditions available on application.

Contact the Parish Clerk on 01362 688234 for further information.



The meeting on 14th June was given a summary of the feedback from the presentation in March about options for the position and design of the village hall which has now been analysed. The preferred site is option 2 between the bowling green and the basketball court. Villagers opted for a traditional and unobtrusive building style which looks like it

belongs in its setting, with a highly environmentally friendly content. See our display board at the village fete for more information. The next step is to develop external plans and an internal layout that will be presented to the village in the autumn.

An enormous amount of effort has been made to obtain funding for the erection of the children's play equipment. This has been very frustrating. The realisation has been made that unfortunately, for insurance and health and safety reasons, we cannot do any of this work ourselves. The equipment will have to be refurbished and installed by the original manufacturers in order to satisfy these requirements. The cost of doing this and providing the correct safety surface and some other equipment suitable for an older age group is in excess of £20,000!! Funding sources have been considered and an application was made to the most likely one at the beginning of May. Unfortunately the time scales are long. An answer to the first stage of the application will not be forthcoming until the end of July. Based on the response there is a 2nd stage to go through and this will take even longer! So sadly this equipment will not be in place for the school holidays. Please remind children not to climb on it because it is unsafe at the moment.

The good news is that the cricket nets will be installed in the next couple of weeks. Luckily volunteers from the village can do this work themselves and Project Bawdeswell is very grateful to the Activities Group team undertaking this job.

We need to increase the momentum of the project but, unfortunately, we are relying on a very small number of villagers who are already heavily involved in the Community.

If you want better facilities, now is the time for your support.

Some work is being done between meetings and behind the scenes by the sub groups but we need more people.

Join us on the 12th July at 10.00 am in the Village Hall. Come along and hear all about the various work streams and share your ideas with us.

More information on www.projectbawdeswell.org.uk or call the Secretary on 688749

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 Aerobics on Monday Evenings, 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 – there is no admission charge for this and light refreshments are available.



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 (NEW)
4 Hours	£30	£25	£15 (NEW)
6 Hours	£45	£35	£25 (NEW)
8 Hours	£50	£40	£30 (NEW)
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 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

Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee is still struggling to keep going and desperately needs more members. There are 800 plus (and growing) 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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Bawdeswell Dates 2008 – all Tuesdays

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 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. Visit www.blood.co.uk for more information.

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Foxley Annual Parish Meeting

Summary of minutes from 20 May 2008 at 7.30 in the village hall.

Present; Mr. J. Harvey Mr N.Mears, Mr D Barrett, Mr N. Hatch ,Mr G Bambridge (DC) 9 parishioners and the clerk.

Apologies: Mrs I Floering Blackman (CC) thro family illness.

Minutes of previous meeting on 18 May 2007 were read, agreed and signed. The Chairman asked those present to support Bill Bryson's campaign, as head of CPRE to consider litter, and points were raised re grass cutting and dog fouling.

Foxley Annual Council Parish Meeting

Election of Officers: Chairman - J Harvey proposed by N Hatch and seconded by D Barrett, Vice Chairman - N Mears proposed by J Harvey & seconded by N Hatch. The co option of a new councillor was discussed. None of the parishioners present were willing to stand but all were encouraged to find someone to fill the vacancy.

Chairman's Report- Apart from sincerely thanking the Councillors, local, District and County, the clerk and those parishioners who support meetings, the Chairman concluded that it had not been a bad year with 5 meetings. The loss of the Natterjack and lack of support from BC were noted.

The Vice Chairman reported on a long and tortuous saga with Anglian Water but the bottom line was that they needed proof over a period of time regarding the flooding. It was agreed that more agencies should be called in to the fray.

Financial Report - Receipts from the precept were £2250 and outgoings were £2616. The extra came from the balance brought forward . The councillors accepted the accounts and they would be sent to the internal auditor.

Village Hall Committee Report - The Chairman, Mrs Whitmore gave an excellent and detailed report on the activities of the Committee and received the sincere thanks of the Council. The hard working helpers were also to be commended.

Foxley Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting on 14 February 2008 were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising: Anglian Water - on going plans re pumping station at Village Hall would hopefully be revealed in June.

A draft Emergency Plan was being circulated for comments.

Correspondence: The clerk had offered her resignation after serving a temporary term of 5 years! The Chairman thanked her on behalf of the council and the village as it is the clerk that enables the Parish Council to function properly. Plans were in force to seek a new clerk.

Planning Applications: Village Hall received permission for alterations.

Mr Woods, Vine Cottage received permission for new garage

Mr & Mrs Wheeler, Fox Hollow were seeking permission for a side & rear extension - there were no objections.

Flora Nova is seeking permission for a multispan polytunnel, new greenhouse and repositioning of existing tunnels. There were no objections raised but the question of

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the overspill from the water used was raised. Had the effect of storm water off the new structures been assessed with regard to the extra pressure on the drainage. Last year it had flooded gardens and poured down the street. The clerk will take this up with BC.

Village Matters: The phantom bottle dropper was around again. A large number of wine bottles were being left on the verge. Serco will come out to collect but it is also important for people to keep their eyes open to see who is dumping them. Please let any member of the council know if you have any idea of the culprit.

Breckland are offering space on their website to be used by villages to advertise any activities they wish.

Finance: The financial report was presented and signed. All outstanding subscriptions, grants and insurance were approved to be paid.

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Norfolk's latest Young Farmers Club got off to a flying start as 14 potential members arrived for the launch at **Bawdeswell** village hall. The guides at the first evening were Andy Jenness and county chairman Rob Proctor, who organised a number of team building activities.

The second evening was a mini rally hosted by Shauna McDougall, Michelle Ritchie and David Ottley.

Everyone enjoyed taking part in a mini competition – wiring a three pin plug, eating as many baked beans as possible with a cocktail stick plus dwile flunking.

At the third they joined Acle RFC on a farm walk at Henry and Holly Alston's Billockby Hall Farm.

The club meets at Bawdeswell village hall from 7.30pm every Tuesday evening.

For programme details call county office 01603 731307 .

Annelise Ford, Norfolk Young Farmers.

LINDAM SAFETY GATE RECALL

Argos has issued the following recall notice.

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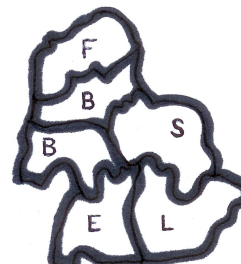
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Benefice News and Events

At the last meeting of the Benefice Ministry Group the dates for the next ladies' lunch and men's breakfast were planned.

The ladies' lunch will be held on 16th August at Foxley village hall. The men's breakfast will be on 27th September in Bawdeswell village hall. Numbers for both events are limited and invitations will be issued nearer the time. Please do not be too disappointed if you don't receive an invitation – your turn will come round again another time. We do try to include everyone but not all at once!

It's a busy time of year for fundraising events and the list for July is as follows:

- 5th Friends of Bawdeswell Church coffee morning 10.30 in the church
- 5th Roundtower Society to visit Bylaugh Church + Church Fete
- 6th Lyng open gardens
- 19/20th Lyng Patronal Festival Weekend
- 19th Elsing joint village hall and church fete 2pm

Details of all events can be found on notice boards around the villages and in the two village magazines.

Fridays at 8pm on 4th July, 18th July, 1st August
 Contact: Susan March 01603 870342



A Prologue from William Law – "The Perfection of all Virtues"

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Baptisms

We had two Baptisms – Jodie Cowling on 25th May and Abigale Webb on 1st June.
 The Rev Tom Candiland baptised them and welcomed them into the family of our
 church.

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

The Organ Appeal was officially launched on Saturday 14 June at a concert given by
 Gerald Gifford, honorary curator of music at the Fitzwilliam Museum. He brought
 along some period keyboard instruments and played amongst other pieces some
 unpublished music by Handel, discovered in the archives of the Fitzwilliam Museum.
 It was a most interesting and unique event. Thank you all who supported it. There
 were visitors from as far afield as Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire. We hope you all
 enjoyed it. The baroque organ and harpsichord sounded very well in our church.
 Many thanks to PCC members for their support as hosts. The buffet and wine were
 much appreciated.

Last month we had a visit from the Diocesan Chancellor, Judge Paul Downes, and the
 Registrar Mr Ian Mayers, to confirm the finer details of the organ project and they
 gave us enthusiastic advice and support.

We are encouraging people to pledge modest donations over a period of time if it is
 easier for them to contribute in this way, as we are borrowing the money to get on
 with the installation and regular payments will help us repay the loan.

The new organ is to be a memorial to anyone nominated by the donors and these
 names will be displayed in the organ gallery.
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RECTOR'S LETTER

The Rector has been on Sabbatical Leave and we thank the Archdeacon of Lynn for writing to us in his place.

Dear All

This is a wonderful time of the year. As I write the weather is less than spring-like but plant and tree life is vibrant and, to use words from a favourite song of mine, "God is playing hide and seek everywhere you turn." (if we have eyes to see!) Taking good care of God's creation is a fundamental responsibility for all of us. As the first two chapters of Genesis suggests, we are stewards of God's creation, entrusted with a most precious gift. As stewards we have been given everything and have a duty to use those gifts responsibly and not to abuse them. We are in partnership with God in looking after our environment and have a responsibility to do all that we can to be good stewards even though it may seem that what we can do as individuals has minimum impact on the global situation.

As Christians, it seems to me that we are bound to warm and respond to such a calling, for stewardship is at the heart of the Christian Gospel. At many Communion services we say, as the bread and wine, our gifts of money and ourselves are offered to God at the offertory, "Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you." We worship a God of infinite generosity and love who has spent himself, sacrificed himself in giving us all the things that we require to live and grow and mature and be at peace with him in his creation.

When we begin to understand something of that generosity and love we can do nothing but respond in thankfulness, living every moment of our lives for him, recognising that in everything we are in partnership with him, instruments of his peace and his love in his world. This of course means that we become even more aware of our shortcomings and therefore our dependence on him for guidance, strength and his forgiveness as we seek to be good stewards of all that he has given us.

The Christian steward seeks no reward for his good stewardship, but the freedom, the peace, the purpose, the hope, the love, that comes from a life centred on God brings the joy and fullness of life that Jesus promised.

With my prayers and very best wishes for a happy and blessed Summer.

Yours ever,
Martin Gray
Archdeacon of Lynn

CHURCH SERVICES
JULY 2008

DATE	6 th	13 th	20 th	23 rd	27 th
Season	7 th after Trinity	8 th after Trinity	9 th after Trinity	Wed	10 th after Trinity
FOXLEY	EP 6.30pm CW	-	HC(PB) 8am TC	-	HC 1030
LYNG	HC 0900 DH	OMS 1030 DH	EP 5pm TC	-	fs 1030 fst
ELSING	MP 1030 TC	-	HC(1) 9am TC	-	HC 1030 TC
BAWDESWELL	HC(1) 10.30 DH	-	GiG 1030	HC(PB) 9am	WP 1030
BYLAUGH	-	HC(PB) 0900 DH	-	-	MP 0900 TC
SPARHAM	Family Service 1030	-	HC(PB) 1030	-	EP 6.30pm

Abbreviations: EP Evening Prayer
 HC(PB) Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
 HC(1) Holy Communion (Order1)
 fs Family Service
 MP Morning Prayer
 EP Evening Prayer
 WP Words & Praise
 OMS One More Step
 GiG God is Good (family service)
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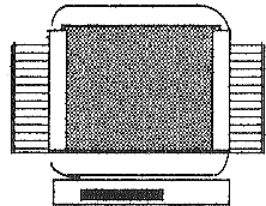
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