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Village Magazine for
Bawdeswell & Foxley

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25th Anniversary Bawdeswell Garden Centre

Congratulations to Peter and Judy Underwood and their dedicated staff on the 25th Anniversary of their Garden Centre.

Whenever you tell someone you live in Bawdeswell, they say "Oh, yes the Garden Centre, we know it well."

Peter and Judy Underwood purchased the garden centre in 1983. It was originally a conifer nursery, but with a team of ambitious and knowledgeable staff it has grown and gone from strength to strength.

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For the Millennium they created a beautiful landscaped garden which has matured into a peaceful area to relax and enjoy running water and stunning shrubs and statues.

Celebrations take place on Sunday 1st June. Do join in.

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LETTERS

Derek Moore - I would like to offer sincere thanks to friends and neighbours who provided support during Derek's illness. I am grateful for the kindness everybody has shown to myself and the family and also for the numerous offers of help over the past months.

Heather Moore, Foxley

(The above letter was received in time for publication last month and the editor apologises sincerely for its omission.)

Christina Ivy Daisy Sparkes

21/09/1909 – 1/04/2008

Christina was cremated at Earlham Crematorium on Friday 2nd May, the service was conducted by the Rev Tom Candeland.

She retired in Norfolk in 1980 after her last position as the Personal Assistant to the Group Captain in charge of RAF Swanton Morley. She enjoyed the community life that she and her husband, Charles, found in Bawdeswell.

After Charles died in 2001 she found it increasingly difficult to manage on her own and so greatly valued and appreciated the help and support that she enjoyed at Hill Barn Residential Home during the time she stayed there.

Christina's main interests were her family, especially the close relationships she had with family abroad, (Canada, Holland and South Africa) gardening, listening to a good "who dunnit" on her cassette tapes and intelligent conversation!

In many ways Christina was not a traditional lady and this is reflected in the fact that she wishes some of her ashes to be scattered over the hills and mountains of England and some to eventually find their way to a little part of India where she was born. The rest of her ashes will be interred with Charles' ashes in Bawdeswell Cemetery.

Charlie and I would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the many cards and kind words and for the donations made to the Macular Disease Society.

Christina trod this earth gently and her footprints have left their mark. She will be sorely missed by her family and by all who were touched by her presence.

Thank you. *Pat Cronin (daughter)*

Tony Shepherd - died last month after an illness which had been with him for some time and forced his eventual retirement.

Tony was a CDT teacher at Greshams, Reepham High and in London before taking on Bawdeswell Garage from his daughter and son-in-law. He was past retirement age then and ran the business very much as a hobby. A real workaholic he took on the running of the post office and manned the petrol pumps at his busy garage in the Street. He was also a hovercraft enthusiast, building, repairing and racing them. He worked well into his seventies or was it eighties? I don't know his exact age. We all miss him.

R.T.

JUNE EVENTS

1 Sun	25 Anniversary Celebrations at Bawdeswell Garden Centre
2 Mon	Back to School – half term over. Bawdeswell Parish Council meeting – 7.45pm, Village Hall
5 Thu	Bawdeswell Book Club 7.30pm at the Old Workhouse Bar
6 Fri	Julian Group meet – 8pm Barwick House
7 Sat	Singing Farmer at Foxley Village Hall 7.30pm
10 Tu	Blood Donor Session at Bawdeswell – see page 11
11 Wed	Mobile Library Bawdeswell – see page 7 for times
13 Fri	Mobile Library Foxley - see page 7 for times
14 Sat	Project Bawdeswell meeting 10am in the Village Hall Gerald Gifford Concert in Bawdeswell Church 7.30pm Elsing Hall Midsummer Picnic 5pm
15 Sun	Reeve's Tale deadline for July issue
16 Mon	Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee meeting 8pm
19 Thu	Wensum Birdwatching Society Nightjar evening – see page 21
20 Fri	Julian Group meet – 8pm Barwick House
22 Sun	Bawdeswell Fair – Fete & Car Boot Sale – 10am onwards
28 Sat	Sparham Garden Party at the Old Rectory – 2.30pm

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



**BAWDESWELL COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

EXCELLENT NEWS!

After our last visit from HMI we are now no longer in “Special Measures”. Congratulations to all the staff and children who have worked extremely hard, and to everyone in the community who has supported us. The full report will be available on the OFSTED website on Tuesday 20th May.

Vouchers for schools

The closing date for Tesco Computers for Schools and Sainsbury Active Kids vouchers is fast approaching. Please forward any vouchers you may have to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Parent & Community Governor Vacancies

Due to Mrs Allen changing her Governor role from Parent to LA, there is a vacancy for a Parent Governor, details to follow. There is also a Community Governor vacancy, if you feel you would enjoy this role, which is a worthwhile role to have, please contact Mrs Vaissiere at the school on 01362 688282. Hopefully these vacancies can be filled as soon as possible.

School closes of Half-Term on Friday 23rd May and re-opens Monday 2nd June

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.



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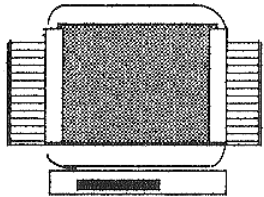
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BAWDESWELL FOOTBALL CLUB.

Bawdeswell FC have now almost completed their league season games with a very creditable 42 pts from 14 wins and 11 losses. The club has far exceeded its target for the season so very well done all of you. At the time of writing they have one match left to play as, unfortunately, a member of Foulsham Reserves whom they were playing on 10th May suffered a broken leg and the game had to be abandoned. Our best wishes go to the Foulsham player for a speedy recovery.



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 BOWLS CLUB.

Bawdeswell has had a very good start to the season winning all of their first 3 matches. They have an excellent venue situated behind the Village Hall and members are invited to join the club.

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



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 11th June, 2nd July, 23rd July.

Foxley: - The Chequers 3.10 – 3.25pm. Next Visits are 13th June, 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.

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

The BAWDESWELL GARDEN CENTRE

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25th Anniversary Celebrations

JAZZ BAND in the Millennium Garden

SUNDAY JUNE 1st



Friends of Bawdeswell Church

Thank you everyone who supported the **May Ball** on 17th May. Two hundred and fifteen tickets were sold which was a tremendous response. We think we cleared £3,000. Our best fund raiser to date. Thank you everyone.

A special thank-you to our Sponsors this year, E-Builders of Reepham (www.ebuilders.co.uk), Thomas Sanderson Blinds (www.thomas-sanderson.co.uk), and Adnams Cellar & Kitchen (www.adnams.co.uk), without whose support we could not stage such a grand event.

The meal was good, the company excellent and the Big Band music full of nostalgia – and what a good Disco too! A memorable evening.

Thanks to one and all for your support. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves and will come again another time..

We must thank the ladies who decorated the marquee and the tables with beautiful flower arrangements, Great Witchingham Cricket Club for running the bar, and the small team of committee members who worked so hard in the background, setting up, running and finally clearing up. It was a lot of work for such a small team.

After the Ball was over and we had all gone home, the marquee was vandalised - slashed along one full length with a sharp knife – mindless damage ruining the marquee, damaging the business of the owner and the name of Bawdeswell. This happened between 2am and 9am and we wouldn't like to think it was someone local, carrying a sharp knife. *If anybody has any information please phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 (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 .*

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Harvest Supper Village Hall 7.30pm	Saturday 4 th October
Christmas Concert 4pm	Sunday 14 th December

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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 (from 13th May), 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!!



Bawdeswell Dates 2008 – all Tuesdays
2008 - 10th June, 19th August, 14th October,
23rd December.

1pm to 3.10pm and 4.30pm to 6.55pm

Do something amazing today

Save a life Give blood

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 National Blood Service on 0845 7 711 711



GRAND FETE & CAR BOOT SALE

11am-4pm SUNDAY 22nd June
*at **Bawdeswell** Recreation Ground*

STALLS MINI FAIRGROUND

HOG ROAST

BAR REFRESHMENTS ICES

GAMES FAMILY SPORTS

FAKENHAM BRASS BAND

GET READY

Fancy Dress for under 5's
Slow Bicycle Race
Decorate a bike age 9 upwards
Space Hopper Race

TAKE PART!

BAWDESWELL GRAND FETE & CAR BOOT SALE

Recreation Ground

Sunday 22 June 2008 11 – 4 (Car Boot starts at 10am)

Proceeds shared equally amongst the organising groups in the village.

Please everyone in the village help with contributions to the following Stalls:-

Produce & Preserves, and items for a **Children's Tombola** Stall to Kate Davis or Sarah Beamis (who can be contacted on Friday mornings at the village hall).

Tombola items and **Plants** for the Plant Stall to Robin and Sandi Taylor at Paradise Lane House or phone 688268 please.

Quality Bric-a-Brac to Susan Ward at Chaucer House in the Street.
Thank you.



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A meeting of the committee was held in the village hall on Saturday 10th May. Reports on the progress of the Hall, Playground and Activities sub-groups were given.

It was agreed that there would be a presentation on the Village Hall feedback at the Village Feté.

We need to increase momentum. Unfortunately, we are relying on a small number of village members 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 14th June at 10.00 am in the Village Hall. Come along and hear all about the various work streams and share your ideas with us.

Go to www.projectbawdeswell.org.uk for more information or call the Secretary on 688749

Children's Play Area

The play equipment from RAF Coltishall is still lying on the play area. A significant sum of money is required to refurbish and install this equipment. We are now looking for donations and people to help to with grant applications.

If anyone out there can spare a few hours to help or surf the web, please contact the Project Bawdeswell Secretary.

There are not enough people to go round so if you want it finished for your children to play on, come and discuss it.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL-EXTRACTS OF TWO MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th MAY 2008 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT : Councillors Mallen, Shannon, Lilwall, Beane , Cockburn and Mason
Mr. G. Bambridge (DC) 8 parishioners

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

-Councillor David Shannon elected as Chairman. Councillor William Mason elected as Vice Chairman.

- The Chairman thanked John Mallen for all his hard work, goodwill and experience over the last year as Chairman and hoped his wise counsel would continue into the future.

- The Accounts for year 2007/08 were agreed and signed. Receipts £18,427.38 – Payments £11,502.77 – leaving the amount of £6,924.61 in Bank accounts. Audit is due end of July 2008.

MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

- Councillor Hipperson has resigned with immediate effect– there is now a vacancy for a Councillor.

- Speed Reactive sign, Norwich Road – EDF will connect electrics 3rd June.

Planning:

- PP granted to Midsummer Cottage – single storey ext./conservatory : and to Kates Cottage, The Street – 2 storey ext. to rear (garage not included in PP).

- There were No Objections to the following two PA's for Wood Farm, Reepham Road – conversion of farm buildings to one dwelling and retention of double garage and garden store / change of use of agricultural land to garden and retention of vehicle storage building.

- Folland Court – there are still concerns about the provision of a footpath around the bad bend on Paradise Road – although NCC carrying out a safety audit of path proposal. Meeting to be arranged between Peddars Way/ Highways/Parishioners in near future.

- PO – nothing heard about Bawdeswell PO – Breckland have arranged meeting with PO officials - Gordon Bambridge will attend and report back to PC.

- Glass recycling credit of £494.94 received to be added to amount reserved for Play equip,

- Two applications received for Clerks vacancy.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 2nd June at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. Representatives from NCC attending to discuss the provision of a bus service to Dereham!! It would be helpful if Parishioners could attend to voice their concerns/views at this meeting.

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).

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL – NOTICES

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.

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.

BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG)

News – Plans are now being made for activities during the Summer Holidays. We hope to be open each weekday afternoon from the 4th to the 29th August excluding the Bank Holiday on 25th August. Further details of the program and opening times will be published in the July 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. Please contact our secretary on 01362 688749.

Bawdeswell Activities Group gratefully acknowledge grant aid from Norfolk Community Foundation, Breckland Council, a donation from Bawdeswell Parish Council and very generous donations of cash and equipment from residents.





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REEPHAM & DISTRICT ROTARY

Club members have decided to donate £500 to the Burma Disaster Appeal and are also looking into other ways of helping, possibly through Aquaboxes.

The Club is also providing further funds to help the First Response Team in Reepham. President Ian Malton is keen to support this local charity. One of the Club members was recently involved in a road accident and the First Response Team were quickly on the scene and of great assistance.

President Ian Malton has been elected onto the Reepham 'Green Team'. Being an architect it was thought that he could help with advising on insulation matters and saving energy.

Several members of the Club are visiting Ross on Wye for a canoeing trip and later in the summer have organised a gliding evening at Tibenham.

Ken Ewing



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Bogus Callers (from Norfolk County Council Website)

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If someone unexpected does call and you can't ignore them follow these steps:

- Make sure your back door is locked
- Use your spyhole or window to check if you recognise the caller. Ask yourself am I expecting anyone?
- If you do not recognise the caller speak through the closed door. If you must open the door use the door chain or bar first.
- If the caller is selling something or offering work on your house or garden tell them you are not interested and ask them to go.
- If they do not leave tell them you will call the Police.
- If necessary ring the Police on 999.
- If the caller seems to have a valid reason for knocking – ask for identification. Take it from the person (through the letter box if necessary) and look at it carefully.
- Ring the company or organisation the caller claims to be from (use the phone book) to confirm their identity.
- Listen to any doubts you or others may have.
- If in any doubt keep them out.

All Quiet on the Banham Front - *No Stink Campaign*

The Rendering Plant at the top of the hill outside Gt Witchingham is quiet. Up to now (9th May) Broadland District Council have not issued a Pollution Prevention and Control Licence to allow Banhams to start rendering. It appears that not all the questions posed to Banhams by the Council have been answered to their satisfaction. Without the Licence there would be no point in appealing against Norfolk County Council's decision in February to reject planning permission. Banhams have until the beginning of September to appeal against Norfolk County Council's decision.



WENSUM VALLEY BIRDWATCHING SOCIETY

AGM time again: chairman Alwyn Jackson gave a short review of the of the year's activities. He reported that the society continues to grow in numbers and recognition. We received invitations to attend two significant events in the valley, the 20th Anniversary of the Pensthorpe Conservation Trust, where prince Phillip enquired about the WVBS (how's that for recognition), and the official opening of the Norfolk Ornithological Association's Reserve at Hempton Marsh. The Society also participated in the Wild About the Wensum event at Pensthorpe and the Wild About Norfolk Conservation Fair in Norwich.

We had some memorable presentations where we were transported to South Africa, Ethiopia, India, Trinidad and Tobago and Costa Rica, enjoying some stunning photography in the process. Outdoor highlights were encounters with nightjars at Marsham Heath, closer encounters with cranes at Pensthorpe, and even closer to birds in the hand during a ringing demonstration at Whitwell, also the spectacle of the corvid roost at Buckenham Marshes and hen harriers coming into roost at Roydon. There were many more. Alwyn finished by thanking the members of the committee and all those who helped make the society run smoothly.

Indoor presentation: After the AGM, coffee and raffle (we know how to live it up) Sophie Barker, the Assistant warden at the NOA's reserve at Holme, talked about her trip to Long Point in Canada. Long Point attracts large numbers of migratory birds who rest and feed before continuing their journey, offering an opportunity to count and monitor many species as they fly north in spring and south in autumn. The different species processed were too numerous to remember but I managed to jot down, northern cardinal, mourning dove, lots of different warblers and our old friend the white crowned sparrow, whose numbers ran into hundreds.

Nightjar Evening: Thursday, June 19th at Marsham Heath. If you have never seen a nightjar now is your chance. I went for the first time last year and it was well worth it. Binoculars available on loan.

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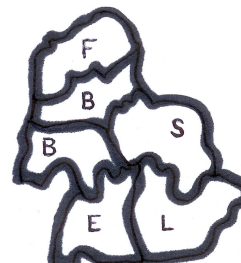
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Benefice News and Events

On 29th June there will be a special St Peter's Day Communion service in Bawdeswell Church with the choir. Afterwards we'll all go to Bawdeswell Village Hall for a bring and share party. (The Rector was going to have a birthday party at the Rectory until he discovered it was the day of the Lyng Moto Cross!) Please bring food to share. Drink will be provided. All welcome.

Walsingham Walk

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the Benefice Walk to Walsingham on 26th April. Not just to those who walked part or all of the way but especially the generous folk who offered accommodation to our visitors from Yorkshire, transport or general back up on the day. This was greatly appreciated.

After a week of indifferent weather the actual day dawned bright & warm with increasing sunshine. It was Norfolk at its best, trees in full blossom, a profusion of wild flowers & even a barn owl quartering. Twenty people gathered at Foxley Church for prayers before setting off on the first five miles to Wood Norton Village Hall & a welcome refreshment break. Seven people continued the walk with a picnic lunch at Croxton & afternoon tea at Thursford Green.

As the day progressed more people joined in until by the time we arrived in Walsingham at 5pm our number had grown to eighteen.

There was just time for a little sight seeing or the opportunity to sit in the beautiful & peaceful garden of the Anglican Shrine before the moving Pilgrims' Eucharist service. Later we all adjourned to the Refectory & shared a meal together. Then weary but happy we were transported home.

Carole Jackson

Events for June

8th Guided country walk and tea Lyng

14th Midsummer Picnic at Elsing Hall

14th Bawdeswell PCC concert with Dr Gerald Gifford 7.30pm

28th Sparham Garden Party Old Rectory

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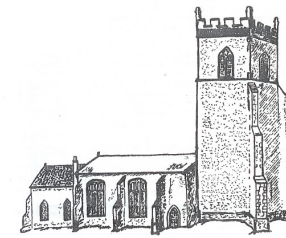
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ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, FOXLEY

Foxley PCC held its Annual Meeting in the church on 28th. April, chaired by the rector. The first part of the proceedings is known as "The Annual Vestry Meeting", during which the churchwardens are elected. We were all pleased to hear that Dr. Tony Rushbrook was willing to join John Harvey, who had been the only churchwarden for several years. Now they will share responsibility for the numerous duties associated with running and maintaining the building and its services, not to mention its role within the Diocese.

We then proceeded to the Annual Parochial Meeting and the Rev. Head gave his report on the Benefice and Foxley, especially thanking the congregation and helpers for all their efforts in the past year.

The Review of the Year was then read out by the Secretary, Diana Harvey, with particular reference to the unfortunate experience of vandalism to the chancel window and our great good fortune that, thanks to John and Mary Fletchers' Open Garden and the "ex gratia" payment from our insurers, we had been able to meet the costs and those of refurbishing the window next to it

The Treasurer's Report, presented by John Harvey, had been adopted at the previous meeting showing a steady financial situation. Mr. Nigel Hatch gave a brief resume of meetings of the Deanery Synod and Mrs Monica Hatch confirmed that the number on the Electoral Roll stood at 18.

The P.C.C. was re-elected en bloc with the welcome addition of Mrs. Christine Rushbrook. All the officers were also re-elected.

Mr. Harvey then thanked the Rev. Head for his ministry to us during the year and wished him well for his forthcoming periods of sabbatical leave. He then thanked one and all for "pitching in and keeping the show on the road" and Mr. Hugh Rose, in turn, expressed the P.C.C.'s thanks to Mr. Harvey for his hard work and commitment.

We look forward to a talk by the Head Gardener at Salle Park, a Ladies' Luncheon in August and Harvest Supper, plus any other fund-raising social occasion we can think of. We need the money for necessary maintenance of the church building and might even manage to resurrect the tradition of bell-ringing, something for which Foxley was well-known in the past.

Diana Harvey
 PCC Secretary



All Saints Church
Bawdeswell

ORGAN APPEAL

Concert

14 June 2008

7:30 pm

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BAWDESWELL

Funerals

There was a good turnout for the funeral of Ken Jarvis on 24th April and he was buried in the Churchyard extension next to his son.

Christina Sparkes also died in April and her funeral took place at Earlam Crematorium. (*See the Letters page*)

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

We now have received a Faculty to proceed and have paid the deposit. Installation should start in September.

The fund stands at just under £12,000, up nearly £1,000 on last month. The Organ Appeal is to be officially launched at a special concert in the church on Saturday 14 June starring Gerald Gifford, curator of music at the Fitzwilliam Museum. He will bring along some period keyboard instruments and play amongst other pieces some unpublished music by Handel discovered in the archives of the Fitzwilliam Museum.

It promises to be an interesting and unique occasion.

We are encouraging people to pledge modest donations over a period of time if it is easier for them to become involved in that way as we are considering borrowing the money to get on with the project, and regular payments would help us repay the loan. The organ will become a memorial to anyone nominated by the donors and these names will be recorded and displayed in the organ gallery.

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

See also the manufacturer's website at www.makinorgans.co.uk where you can listen to samples of music from these advanced instruments.

R.T.



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Put the date in your diary!

From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again,

I was driving on a slow piece of road, when suddenly two finches flew out of the hedge, up and down in front of my windscreen, battling each other. They were so intent on their fight, that they didn't notice the car. They suddenly plunged down in front of it in their "dogfight", and – impossible even at that speed for me to swerve – were probably killed.

Another natural disaster has happened in the world, and I wonder how many fights – or love affairs, or exams or job applications or anything else on which people may become intent – have just been swept aside like those finches. We carry on with our lives, being passionate about things, not knowing what is round the corner. The cyclone in Burma is already being compared to the Boxing Day tsunami. Thousands of fights, about money and love and the position of boundaries and similar things, will have been abruptly ended for those who have died.

But in order to help the living, in the face of a disaster we mustn't fight. As I write, the Burmese regime has been criticised for holding a political referendum in the middle of this disaster, and for delaying foreign aid reaching those worst affected. Sometimes, we have to put aside our differences and focus on the needs of the many who are suffering. Disaster is not a time for point-scoring.

Our day-to-day experiences are important; they are what make up each individual life. Our fights, goals, hopes, loves, are all on a small scale, compared to the whole world. But there is also a "big picture". For some of us it's God, for others fate, for others our common humanity, for others their family or nation, or a mixture of these and other things. There are outside forces that affect us as individuals.

But it is a shame if we are so intent on what is happening to us, and our own concerns, that others get damaged in the process. Sometimes focus on one thing means neglect of others.

God bless you. David Head

CHURCH SERVICES
JUNE 2008

DATE	1 st	8 th	15 th	18 th	22 nd	29 th
Season	2 nd after Trinity	3 rd after Trinity	4 th after Trinity	Wed	5 th after Trinity	Peter & Paul
FOXLEY	EP 6.30pm CW	OMS 1030 TF	HC(PB) 8am TC	-	HC 1030	-
LYNG	HC(2) 0900 TC	-	EP 5pm CW	-	fs 1030 fst	-
ELSING	MP 1030 CW	-	HC(1) 9am TC	-	HC 1030 TC	-
BAWDESWELL	HC(1) 10.30 TC	-	GiG 1030	HC(PB) 9am	WP 1030	HC(1) 1030 DH +choir
BYLAUGH	-	HC(PB) 0900 TC	-	-	MP 0900 DH	-
SPARHAM	Family Service 1030	-	HC(PB) 1030 TC	-	EP 6.30pm	

Abbreviations: EP Evening Prayer
 HC(PB) Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
 HC(1) Holy Communion (Order 1)
 fs Family Service
 MP Morning Prayer
 EP Evening Prayer
 WP Words & Praise
 OMS One More Step
 GiG God is Good (family service)
 DH David Head
 TC Tom Candeland
 TF Bishop Tony Foottit

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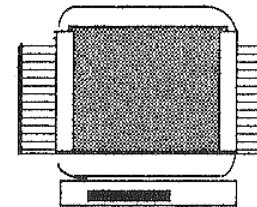


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