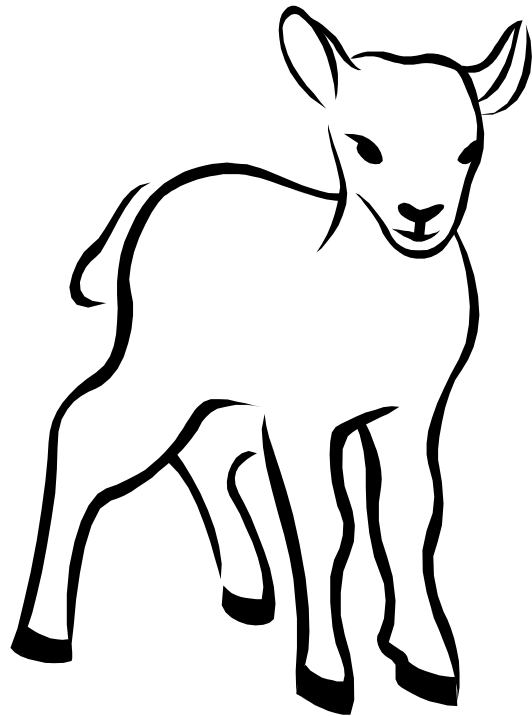


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NOTICE BOARD

Goodbye Banhams! The plant has been sold! The land has been sold! Banhams have gone! The plant - including the chimneys - has been sold to J G Pears a rendering company based in Newark. They will not be able to render at Clay Hall Farm as the land and the building has been sold to Mr Graham Dacre. Mr Dacre has married into the Pimlott family who originally sold the farm to Banham Compost Ltd. and has said that the intention is to return Clay Hall Farm to farmland as his wife intends to farm sheep on that land. He also intends that the building be converted for light industrial use and will be seeking planning permission from Broadland District Council in the near future.

The No Stink Campaign would like to thank all those that have attended the Council meetings, wrote letters and generally supported our Parish Council to rid us of the Rendering Plant. Without you all we would still have the plant on our doorstep.

No Stink Campaign

Parents & Toddlers / Baby Group

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

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- Q1. Name the Place, Days and opening times of the outreach Post Office.
- Q2. Give the Dates for the Bawdeswell flower festival
- Q3. What's on at the Village Hall on 25th April
- Q4. Why might you have to "say cheese" on 11th July
- Q5. When can you go Psychic in Bawdeswell
- Q6. Whose phone number is 0845 7 711 711

APRIL DIARY

Thu 2 nd	Bawdeswell Book Club – 8pm (new time)
Sat 4 th	Friends of Bawdeswell Church Coffee Morning & Draw 10.30am BAG Walkers – <i>see page 8</i> ICENI Concert at Great Witchingham church 7.30pm
Mon 6 th	Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm
Tue 7 th	Flower arranging Class at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2 – 4pm
Wed 8 th	Games for children over 9 at Bawdeswell Village Hall – <i>see page 8</i>
Thu 9 th	Easter Egg haunt for under 8's at Bawdeswell Village Hall – <i>see page 8</i>
Fri 10 th	<i>Good Friday</i> , Elsing to Lyng walk – 3pm start from Elsing church
Sat 11 th	B.A.G. Bikers – <i>see page 8</i>
Sun 12 th	EASTER
Wed 14 th	Biscuit Icing at Bawdeswell village Hall – <i>see page 8</i>
Thu 15 th	Games for children over 9 at Bawdeswell Village Hall – <i>see page 8</i> Blood Donor Session at Bawdeswell 1 - 3.10pm & 4.30 – 6.55pm
Sat 18 th	BAG Walkers – <i>see page 8</i>
Mon 20 th	Beck WI – 'Painting in Africa' 7.30pm Sparham
Thu 23 rd	Children's Society 'Bake & Brew' at Sparham Old Schoolroom 10.30am
Fri 24 th	Bridge for Fun at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2 – 5pm
Sat 25 th	B.A.G. Bikers – <i>see page 8</i> Project Bawdeswell Meeting 10am MAMA MIA at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Mon 27 th	Table Tennis at Bawdeswell Village Hall
Tue 28 th	Flowering Arranging Course at Bawdeswell Village Hall, all day. Bawdeswell Church annual Parish Meeting 7pm – all welcome.

Regular Weekly Events

Bawdeswell Village Hall

Young Farmers	Tuesdays
Countrysiders	Every other Wednesday
WeightWatchers	Thursdays
Parents & Toddlers	Fridays 9.30am
Pilates	Fridays

Foxley Village Hall

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PROJECT BAWDESWELL



It seems from the reports given at our last meeting that the older and younger members of the community are learning new skills. There were lots of activities for the younger members during half term – a pan-cake day and painting with vegetable shapes for the really young, martial arts for the next age group and for the more adult population bridge classes! All these activities were enjoyed and some of them are ongoing. It is also hoped there may be a longer martial arts course in the summer if some funds can be raised to subsidise one evening a week.

Outline plans for the new hall were shown and discussed at the Wine and Cheese evening on 23 February and will be displayed in the village hall. We were delighted with the positive feedback and interest shown by the villagers who attended.

The meeting also spent time considering the future structure of Project Bawdeswell. We need to become a more formal group, rather than the willing band of concerned villagers we are currently. We are part way there with an agreed Constitution but it looks like we are going to have to get more tied up with red tape!! We must take advantage of reclaiming the tax paid on any gifts we receive and to meet the requirements of funders who want to be sure they are making grants to bona fide organisations. We are very pleased that William Mason has agreed to join us to help with this.

The next steering group meeting will be on Saturday 25th April at 10am at the village hall. Join us 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

As part of the 2009 Challenge to raise funds for the New Village Hall, the following events have been organised.

Events for APRIL

BAG walkers – will meet **Saturday 4th April** and again on **Saturday 18th April** at 9.30am at the village hall. If you enjoy walking and talking then this is especially for you. A social and health walk for everyone – family, group, couple or individuals. Meet up with old friends and make some new ones. We will aim to walk at least 3 miles, ending up back at the village hall. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear – and bring some water. £1.00 per person. Dates for May: Saturdays 2nd, 16th & 30th.

BAG bikers – will meet **Saturday 11th April** and again on **Saturday 25th April** at 9.30am at the village hall. Dust off the bike and saddle up... bring a friend or come on your own, this will be fun and fairly leisurely. You and your bike **MUST** be road safe and although everyone is advised to wear a helmet – for U18's it is a non negotiable rule. We will aim to cycle a minimum of 3 miles around neighbouring villages, ending up back at the village hall. A great way to see the area and explore new routes.

All ages welcome. Please wear cycle helmet and suitable clothing £1.00 per person. Dates for May: Saturdays 9th & 23rd.

Events for MAY

BAG Basketballers – starting **Friday 8th May** and meeting **EVERY Friday at 5pm** on the outside court at the recreation ground. Seriously good fun for everyone: couch potatoes, netballers, NBA wannabes! Suitable for ANYONE... male or female, child or adult, novice or superstar! Friendly and Fun. £2 per person.

BAG Runners – If you enjoy running, but fancy some company then come and join us. Starting **Thursday May 7th** at 6.30pm. Distance and routes will depend on who joins us... so PLEASE let us know you are interested before 7th May, so we can organise ourselves! Contact Debbie Lilwall on 688098 (07867987787), or Fel Roberts on 688876 (07957254503).

Events for JUNE

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament – Sunday June 7th. Get together a team of 5 players, register your team*, play for fun – or play to win a **CASH prize**. This tournament is open to ALL Norfolk League Teams and ALL High School Pupils (Male and Female), it is also open to ANYONE else who can get a team together. A great day; on your doorstep venue, BBQ, café, refreshments and music. There could be a Troy Bolton, or Michael Jordan amongst us!

Also needed – CHEERLEADERS – to entertain between games.

*All enquiries to Dave or Fel Roberts – bag3on3@btinternet.com

or call/text 07957 254503. Registration fee £15 per team (adults) or £10 (U16's)

Events for JULY

Studio Norwich Photographers will be in the village hall on **Saturday 11th July**.

For family portraits, groups, grandparents and even your pets!! Why drag the whole family up to Norwich or Dereham when you can have quality framed prints at your convenience on your doorstep? Prices start from just £8.25. Keyrings, mousemats, canvas prints or bumper packs also available. We get commission from the sales of the photos – please support us – every little helps.

To book your appointment for the photos, or for any other information on any of the above, please call Fel Roberts on 688876, text on 07957 254503 or email davenfel@talk21.com



Bawdeswell 2009

15 April, 27 May,
5 August, 16 September

1pm to 3.10pm and 4.30pm to 6.55pm

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

To make an appointment call the National Blood Service on 0845 7 711 711 or visit their web site www.blood.co.uk for more information

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 Table tennis on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 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. Seekers meet on the 1st Saturday morning each month. The Village Hall Committee meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30pm



Hire Charges are unchanged for 2009

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

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

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

For availability, more details and a booking form please contact the booking clerk:-

David Cockburn, Tel: (01362) 688749, Mobile: 07778 835 254, Email: BawdeswellVH@aol.com

Bawdeswell and Foxley – Then and Now, a photographic story through the ages.

The Village Hall Committee would like to produce a book of Bawdeswell and Foxley, with photographs taken recently and from many, many years ago.

We already have some of the old church and the new church being built but would like many more including before, during and after.... The Bypass, Both Churches, Hall Road, Two Fields Way, Saxon Meadows, The Old Village Hall, The current Village Halls, Old Pubs: Natterjack & Silver Jubilee, Bell Inn, The Black Horse, The Old Workhouse, Any of the Old Shops and Post Offices – top shop & bottom shop; Butchers, Garden Centre, The Old Garage, The New Garage When Foxley West and East were ONE, Old Reepham Road, The Street Foxley, Street Parties – Silver Jubilee and Golden Jubilee, Village Fetes, Bawdeswell School, Village Weddings or other events. ALL photos welcomed... those taken yesterday, 5 years ago, 10 years, 50 years etc

Have you any stories to tell? Any old receipts or Ration Books? Etc. Let's make a wonderful collection of Bawdeswell and Foxley History. This will be produced and sold as a fundraiser for the New Village Hall.

Please pass your photos/memorabilia on to Fel Roberts, 5 Reepham Road, Bawdeswell. 688876 or 07957 254503 or email davenfel@talk21.com or any village committee member of any group: ie Village Hall, Project Bawdeswell, BAG Activities Group, Friends of the Church, Friends of the School, Pre School, Parish Clerk. Many thanks.

BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG)

Easter at the Hall

Bawdeswell Village Hall will be open from 2pm – 5 pm on four days during the Easter Holidays. Attendance is open to all residents of Bawdeswell, Foxley and surrounding villages. Two days will be exclusively for children up to the age of 8 and the other two exclusively for children and young adults aged 9 and over. Please see program for details. May we remind you that children aged 8 or under must be accompanied by an adult for the whole session. Those aged 9 and over MUST have a parental consent form. VOLUNTEERS will be in attendance and also run the 'CAFE' during the afternoons serving hot & cold drinks, sweets & crisps etc.

PROGRAM

Wednesday 8th April - Games for children and young adults aged 9 and over only

Thursday 9th April - Easter Egg hunt and games for children up to 8 years old only

Wednesday 14th April - Biscuit icing, indoor/outdoor games for children up to 8 years old only

Thursday 15th April - Outdoor/indoor games and painting for those aged 9 and over only

Tel: 01362 688749 for more information about any of these events

BAG Adult Activities

TABLE TENNIS – Monday 27th April – 8th June & 22nd June

Because of Bank Holidays in April and May and the availability of the Village Hall on the other Mondays, we will only be able to play table tennis on the above dates. If enough people are interested in continuing to play during July and August, we will publish the dates nearer the time. It doesn't matter how well you play - come along and have some fun or just come along to socialise. Other games will be available too. The BAG café will be open for refreshments. There is a charge of **£1.50** towards the hire of the hall. Please check your Reeve's Tale magazine each month for future dates.

BRIDGE FOR FUN AFTERNOONS – Friday 24th April 2pm - 5pm

As a follow up to the Bridge course during the Autumn term, the current second term and the Improvers Seminar, for all those who are interested in getting as many chances to improve their game by playing as often as possible, there will be a bridge 'fun' afternoon once a month on a Friday at Bawdeswell Village Hall from 2pm - 5pm. The following dates: 22nd May, 26th June, 24th July, 25th September, 23rd October and 27th November have been arranged for 2009. There is no charge and you don't need to book, just come along. The cafe will be open for light refreshments.

BAG Fund Raising

We will be holding our annual Family and Friends Quiz Night on Saturday 30th May to raise funds for our programme of free children's activities for the year. Questions for all ages. Please put this date in your diary. The BAG volunteers really appreciate your support.

BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG)

Presents a

MAMMA MIA PARTY

For all the family



Sing along and Dance to the film on a BIG screen

Saturday 25th April

At Bawdeswell Village Hall from 7.00 pm (film starts approx. 7.30 pm)

Please note that we have had to change the date

**BOOK TICKETS IN ADVANCE: £3.50 adults, £2.50 children U18,
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BAWDESWELL BOOK CLUB

The book discussed at our March meeting was The Women's Room by Marilyn French. It was first published in 1977 but is set a decade or so earlier, and was one of the first feminist novels. It created quite a stir when it was published and it created quite a stir among our members. Some gave up after 3 or 4 chapters so fewer members than usual had read the complete book. However, this did not affect our discussion, which was lively. Everyone has strong opinions, emotions and ideas on the male/female relationship!!

The book is basically divided into 2 parts, and follows the life of one woman, Mira. The first part charts her marriage and early years of motherhood and the mundane, non-aspirational lives she and her female neighbours lead as American housewives, but with a strong bond with each other. In the second half she is a single woman again and at Harvard as a mature student where her female friends, again with a strong bond with each other, are aspirational and analyse and question issues and ideas, but who are still coming up against the female role of subordination when it's a choice between his career or her career.

There is a little hope for the future, Mira has introduced her two sons to a wider perspective of the human role, but she resigns herself to a teaching job at a minor college and to life alone.

We all agreed that, thankfully, the lives of most women have improved since that time.

MM

The Book Club meets in the Workhouse Bar on the first Thursday of every month at the new time of 8 pm. New members are always welcome. We mostly obtain books from the library so there is not the expense of buying new books each month. We are reading The Road Home by Rose Tremain for our next meeting on 2nd April.

BAWDESWELL FOOTBALL CLUB.

Following their excellent 2007/8 season Bawdeswell FC is now looking forward to challenging for the Division 3 title in 2008/9.

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.





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Friends of Bawdeswell Church

The response for tickets to the quiz night held on the 7th March was overwhelming and we had a packed hall. The scores were close throughout the night but the winning team, headed by Edwin Speakman, from Lyng beat us all at the end. Well done. The food, as usual, was excellent and much enjoyed. Our thanks to everyone who supported this event and of course to those who organised, cooked and washed up afterwards. These fund raising events wouldn't be so successful without our loyal supporters.

We have the quarterly Coffee Morning and Draw on Saturday 4th April. The next big event will be the **Flower Festival** in May. Full details can be found elsewhere in the magazine on when it is to be and how you can sponsor it if you wish to remember a loved one. We will be looking for volunteers to man the church, bake cakes and serve refreshments. If you feel you can help out or would like to be involved in any way please contact any member of the Friends committee, Sandi and Robin Taylor, Susan and Nicholas Ward, Angela and David Shannon, Sue Lilwall, James Lilwall and Peter Jervis. The more help we have the more successful the weekend will be.

Contributions towards the cost of the flowers from the whole community are being asked for. Please hand in to any of the Friends Committee named above.



I wish to donate £ towards the purchase of flowers for the May
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Thank you for your support.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

DIGEST OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2009

Present: Councillors Shannon, Mason, Beane, Cockburn, Kirby, Mallen, Mr G Bambridge, C Boer and 7 Parishioners

Apologies: Councillor Lilwall and I Floering-Blackman

Adams Pit: Since the last PC meeting, Highways have conducted camera inspections of the area but had found no evidence of any drain from the Pit. A meeting will now be held on 9 March with S Simpson from Highways to discuss the creation of a new drain from Adams Pit. A meeting with Ed Stocker, Ecologist from Norfolk County Council, and members of the PC has also taken place to discuss the longer term refurbishment of Adams Pit. It was agreed that the best plan of action would be to refurbish Adams Pit into 3 phases: first, to solve the current drainage problem; second, to improve the safety boundaries around Adams Pit and, finally, to enhance the wildlife habitat and public access to the area. The PC are currently obtaining quotes and plans from 3 contractors for the refurbishment work, and these plans will be available for parishioners to peruse at a future PC meeting.

Ongoing Issues from Previous Meetings

Community Car Scheme: A meeting between Breckland officials, coordinators and drivers took place on the 19 Feb. A few minor issues arose as a result of that meeting which are now being resolved by the Clerk and Breckland officials. Appropriate CRB, driving licence, insurance and medical checks of the volunteers are also underway. Drivers will also undertake some first aid training. The CRB checks are likely to be the holding factor in the launch of the scheme, but it is hoped to open the scheme for business on or soon after 1 May 2009.

Highways Outstanding Work: The new zig zag barrier at the end of Billingford Rd had now been erected, and Highways Ranger team has been busy in the village undertaking minor highways repairs.

Community Speed Watch – The training date for volunteers is still scheduled for 23 March, and the launch of the scheme will follow shortly thereafter. The PC would like to thank the volunteers already committing time to this scheme and remind any other parishioners interested in joining the Community Speed Watch team to contact the Clerk for further details.

8.3 Folland Court Update: Flagship Housing have confirmed the street lights in Folland Court should be reconnected in the next couple of months, and the contractor is working hard to re-open the public footpath through the site as soon as possible. The PC should soon be in receipt of the landscaped drawing for the land to be transferred to the PC following completion of the Folland Court development. This will assist the PC in discussions of the future use of this land fronting on to The Street. Parishioners are invited to forward any suggests to the PC for consideration.

Correspondence

The PC was invited to forward comments to Breckland District Council by 30 March, on the additional sites for Bawdeswell proposed in the Local

Development Framework Sites Specific Study. Details of these sites are currently displayed on the PC and village shop notice boards. The PC's comments on the sites are as follows:-

Site (004)008 – The PC will continue to oppose major development of this site and would not wish to see the current Settlement Boundary extended to encompass it. However, if there was an overriding demand for additional affordable/social housing within the village, the PC might look more favourably on a limited number of such houses being built along the northern edge of this site as an exceptional planning application.

Site (004)009 – The site is not within the Settlement Boundary but is partially within the Conservation Area. The PC also has concerns about access to and from this site. The PC therefore supports the view of Breckland officials that this site does not conform with Breckland planning policy for Bawdeswell.

Site (004)011 and Site (004)012 – The PC supports Breckland Council's general opposition to back garden in-fill developments.

Planning

PA 3PL/2009/0121/F: Resubmission of Plans to Extend Robinia House - no objection raised by the PC.

Any Other Business of Interest to Parishioners -

- Clerk commissioned to write to BT requesting that the telephone box in the Street be repainted.
- Clerk commissioned to ask the Handyman to replace the broken railway sleepers and tidy up the flower beds near the village sign.
- Concerns were raised about the state of land between Hall Rd and Paradise Rd; the Clerk was commissioned to ask the owner of this land to cut the grass verges and to tidy up this land following recent episodes of fly tipping.

The next meeting of the PC will take place on **Monday 6 April 2009, at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.**

SPARHAM OLD SCHOOL ROOM

WINDMILLS

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BECK WI

Our meeting commenced tonight with the reading of last month's minutes and then Margaret spoke about forth-coming events amongst the regions WIs including the Cathedral Service to celebrate the WI's 90 years in Norfolk.

Our members were eagerly anticipating spring with our talk tonight on fuchsias by Frank Lambert. Frank gave a fascinating talk on growing and showing fuchsias, including hints on using empty storage vessels. Did you know that a glass jam jar, used upside down, with a small cutting in a pot nestled in the lid becomes a mini propagator? We didn't, and members were busy taking notes for future reference. Another tip - use the body of a plastic water bottle painted black, over the plant to encourage a long main stem, when growing standard fuchsias! We were shown how to take cuttings and then grow on the plants. Frank then showed slides of some of his fabulous award-winning exhibition plants and gave an insight into just how time consuming it is to prepare a plant for a flower show. During the refreshments we were able to ask Frank more questions about our own fuchsia problems.

Our meeting next month is on 20th April at 7.30 pm when the speaker is Claire Hill talking about 'Painting in Africa', and the exhibit is a souvenir of Africa. We hope to see you then.

Christine Rushbrook

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Indoor meeting:- Warden Jed Andrews and assistant warden Sophie Barker, from the Holme Bird Observatory, were our guest speakers in a 'two for the price of one' night. First Sophie talked about trapping and recording moths. We learnt that there are over 3,000 species of moths in the UK.

Many are becoming scarce such as the Woolly Bear and the stunning Garden Tiger Moth. We saw pictures demonstrating how both the moth and the caterpillar are masters of disguise, the Buff Tip, which looks like a twig and the Lunar Hornet moth which looks more like a hornet than a moth.

After coffee Jed Andrews spoke about his 14 years as a warden at the Holme Reserve with a talk that encompassed ringing birds of prey, whale watching, sea watching, orchids and fungi. His tips on the differences between poisonous and non-poisonous mushrooms were of interest. He recalled an amusing incident when a pair of Puffins, rescued after a storm, were released from a box in front of a flock of press photographers. Instead of making a dash for freedom we saw a picture of them walking toward the sea like two old gentlemen on an afternoon stroll.

Field Trip – No field trip to report, instead I will put in a plug for our outdoor trips. Ideal for beginners and experts alike. Each trip is led by a club member and there are always experts on hand to help sort out the species. We have binoculars for newcomers to try out. Forthcoming trips, including a day at Minsmere, are listed on our website www.wvbs.co.uk

Diary dates: Thursday 16th April: A short AGM followed by a talk on 'The Wildlife of the Falklands' by David Osborn. At Weston Longville Village Hall, start 7.30 pm. New faces welcome.

Colin Wright 01603 740548

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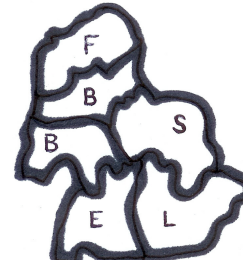
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Benefice News and Events

Some of the members of the Benefice Ministry Group led the One More Step service at Sparham on 8th March as the Rector was still unwell. Thank you to Edwin for playing the organ for this service and to Michael for his reading. Thanks too to everyone who had kind words of thanks for us after the service. It was much appreciated.

The Deanery Lent service held at Bawdeswell that evening was well attended and the music was enhanced by the presence of part of the Icenii choir. Our thanks to James and the choir for their inspiration.

Good Friday Walk

The walk from Elsing to Lyng will take place at 3pm with three stops on the way for reflection. Due to the rain last year not many people took part in the Way of Sorrows in the Rectory Garden. It was described by those who did take part as an uplifting and moving experience.

Events for April are as follows:

4th Friends of Bawdeswell Church coffee morning 10.30 in the church

23rd Children's Society Bake and Brew morning Sparham Old School Room 10.30-

12. Bring and buy a cake.

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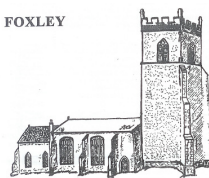


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As usual, at the February Meeting of the PCC, our thoughts were mainly focused on our financial position and the adoption of the Annual Accounts 2008, presented by the Treasurer, John Harvey. They were, in effect, very similar to those of 2007. We are a small congregation, but pay our way and are able to meet our yearly payment to the Diocese, largely used to pay our share of Clergy Stipends and Pensions. In addition we were able to find £888 (from Christmas and special collections), to help various Charities.

Turning to the necessary renovations to the building, Mr. Harvey pointed out that, in the present financial circumstances, it was advisable for us to use the funds, which we had already saved, in the course of the next year or so, before inflation raised its ugly head again. Dr. Rushbrook said that, fortunately, we had already completed minor repairs, as advised by our architect, but the major ones - the porch and the roof and interior of the chancel - were still outstanding. We were most grateful to receive a donation of £2,000 from Brian Waters, in memory of his mother Joyce, our dear friend and Treasurer over many years. The family are very anxious that this be spent on the porch and gifts at Joyce's funeral were also dedicated to this project, in particular to the inscription over the door - "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the House of the Lord". We all feel, that to improve the first impression of our church as people enter it, would be most worthwhile and demonstrate our commitment to our precious "House of the Lord". Our very ancient church is featured in several church guide books, visited by church historians and enthusiasts; surely a building to be maintained to a standard of which we can be proud.

Much fund- raising is obviously still necessary and we hope to organize as many events as possible. Unfortunately, the talk by the Head Gardener at Salle Park has had to be postponed. However:-

Richard and Joan Parfitt are hosting a Coffee Morning at Pol-Na-Chess, Mill Road on Saturday, 6th. June.

The Rushbrooks and Harveys are opening their gardens at Glebe House and Foxley Lodge, Old Fakenham Road on Sunday, 21st. June.

We are planning a Harvest Supper in the Autumn.

Easter Services:- Good Friday, 10th. April at 10-30 am.
Easter Day, 12th. April at 10-30 am. Holy Communion.

Diana Harvey, PCC Secretary

Children's Society - Thursday, 23rd. April 10.30 to 12 noon-
St. George's Day Bake & Brew at Sparham Old School Room.
Enjoy a cuppa & delicious scone & bring & buy a cake (or two)!



Bawdeswell Parochial Church Council

We had a packed church on 8th March for Choral Evensong, part the Deanery Lent Series of services . Our thanks to James Lilwall and members of Icenii choir who led the singing and gave us such inspiration. Due to the Rector's illness the service was led by the Rural Dean, the Reverend Selwyn Tillet. The sermon on the subject of Jesus' hands was

delivered by Miss Susan Marsh.

The annual general meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be held in the church on Tuesday 28th April at 7pm. Two weeks prior to this date the electoral roll will be revised. Details of the revision will be posted up on the church porch notice board. All parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting.

The Post Office continues to have a good number of people supporting it. It's nice to have the church used throughout the week. The over 60's club meets there every Thursday afternoon and the Pebbles club one Saturday morning per month. The Icenii Choir are also meeting there regularly.

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All Saints Church, East Tuddenham, 7.30 pm on Saturday 27th June 2009
St Thomas' Church, Earlham Road, 7.30 pm on Saturday 4th July 2009**

**For More details contact; James Lilwall on 01362 688499 or
pjililwall@hotmail.com**

From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again,

As some of you may know, I've been having some time off sick with shingles. I hope to be back to full strength by the time that you read this, but I've been warned that it may take a bit longer.

"You don't know what it's like till it happens to you." That is something that people often say, and it's pretty much true. There is a lot of stuff I know from books, and statistics, so that I can know the probability of things. And I've been told about other people's experience of life, both good and bad, so that I can hear and imagine what it's like, and be sympathetic and try to empathise. I can be aware that what happens to one person may happen to others. But personal experience is different.

I had no idea that shingles could be so tiring. I now know that when someone says the word "Shingles", I will be much more concerned for them. I didn't imagine, or hear clearly from others, how it would be.

But I've most often heard people saying "You don't know what it's like till it happens" about bereavement; usually, a bereavement that leaves them on their own. And one of the things that they notice is how much more quickly people who have not experienced significant bereavement expect them to be "better", than those who have been through it.

Easter time brings Christians hope. The thought of Jesus rising from the dead is comforting. But we won't know what death will be like, till it happens to us. We won't know what it will be like afterwards, till it happens to us. But there are stories....

Sometimes our experience is unique. But if something can happen to one person, it can happen to another. What we live through, and what others live through and tell us, can help us to imagine other people's needs and hopes better. All that happens to us can help us to understand.

God bless you. David Head

CHURCH SERVICES April 2009

Date	05/04	10/04	11/04	12/04	19/04	26/04
Season	Palm Sunday	Good Friday	Sat	Easter Day	2nd Sunday of Easter	3rd Sunday of Easter
Foxley		10.30 Liturgy DH		10.30 HC TC	8.00 HC PB DH	10.30 HC1 DH
Lyng	9.00 HC2 DH	10.30 Liturgy TC		9.00 HC TC	15.00 EP DH	10.30 FS FST
Elsing	10.30 MP CW	3pm Walk		11.00 HC DH	9.00 HC1 DH	10.30 HC1 TC
Bawdeswell	10.30 HC1 DH		Easter Vigil 8.30pm HC DH	10.30 GiG GiG Team	10.30 WP CW	10.30 WP CW
Bylaugh				9.00 HC PB DH		9.00 MP CW
Sparham	10.30 FS FST	12 noon Liturgy DH		10.00 HC DH	10.30 HC PB DH	9.00 HC PB DH

Last Lent Deanery Service 5th April St Swithin Bintree 6.30pm Canon Peter Halls
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