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DECEMBER/JANUARY EVENTS DIARY

Wed 2 nd Dec	Children's Society Coffee Morning Foxley Lodge 10am JayCee Bridge Club at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.15pm Reepham Christmas Lights switch-on
Thu 3 rd Dec	Book Club meets in Old Workhouse Bar New Time 7.30pm
Sat 5 th Dec	Christmas Wreath Sale in Bawdeswell Church 10am – 4 pm
Sun 6 th	Children's Christmas Event Bawdeswell Village Hall - see page 12
Mon 7 th Dec	Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm
Thu 10 th Dec	Craft Afternoon in Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Fri 11 th Dec	Julian Group meet at 8pm JayCee Bridge Club at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2.30pm
Sun 13 th Dec	Christmas Concert 4pm in Bawdeswell Church
Mon 14 th Dec	Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee Meeting 7.30pm W.I. Christmas Dinner
Tue 15 th Dec	JayCee Bridge Club at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.15pm
Wed 16 Dec	Christmas Coffee Morning, Foxley Village Hall 10.30am Carol Singing setting out from Bawdeswell Village Hall at 6pm
Fri 18 th Dec	School Service in Bawdeswell Church 1.30pm
Mon 28 th Dec	Christmas Family Gathering at Foxley Village Hall 8pm
Fri 8 th Jan	JayCee Bridge Club at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2.30pm
Mon 11 th Jan	Table Tennis Fun Evening at Bawdeswell Village Hall
Wed 13 th Jan	JayCee Bridge Club at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.15pm
Thu 14 th Jan	Mobile Police Station in The Street Bawdeswell 11am – 12.30pm Craft Afternoon in Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Mon 18 th Jan	Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 22 nd Jan	JayCee Bridge Club at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2.30pm
Sun 24 th Jan	BAGY Sunday Morning Breakfast 8.30am Bawdeswell Village Hall
Mon 25 th	Table Tennis Fun Evening at Bawdeswell Village Hall
Wed 27 th Jan	Coffee Morning, Foxley Village Hall 10.30am JayCee Bridge Club at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.15pm
Thu 28 th	Craft Afternoon in Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Sat 30 th Jan	Project Bawdeswell Meeting 10am Grease – the movie at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm

Regular Weekly Events

Bawdeswell Village Hall

Young Farmers Tuesdays
 Countrysiders Every other Wednesday
 WeightWatchers Thursdays
 Parents & Toddlers Fridays 9.30am
 Pilates Fridays
 Runners Thursdays 6.30pm
 Basketball Thursdays 5pm

Foxley Village Hall

Exercise Classes
 every Tuesday morning at 9.30am.
 Short Mat Bowls Every Monday & Friday Evening

Bawdeswell Church

ICENI Choir practice Wednesdays 7.30pm



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

WED 16 Dec at 10.30am

**GOODIES, TODDY,
MARDLE & BUMPER RAFFLE**

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COFFEE MORNING

FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

WED 27 Jan at 10.30am

**POT LUCK
CHRISTMAS LEFTOVERS, MARDLE & RAFFLE**

All Welcome

FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

CHRISTMAS FAMILY GATHERING

Mon 28th December at 8pm

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Coffee Mornings:

	Wed 27 Jan, 24 Feb, 31 Mar, 28 Apr thereafter monthly, dates TBA
Sat 10 Apr	Gardeners' Question Time 7.30pm
TBA May	Bluebell Teas in conjunction with NWT
Sun 20 Jun	Open Gardens 2 – 4pm
Sat 10 Jul	Summer BBQ at Longview, Mill Road 12.30pm
Sun 1 Aug	Village Show Vegetables/Fruit/Flowers Crafts (Exhibits 11am Show 2 – 4pm)
Sat 21 Aug	Summer Lunch 12 for 12.30pm
Sun 3 Oct	Children's Harvest Fancy Dress Party 2 – 4pm
Sat 23 Oct	Harvest Supper 7pm
Mon 27 Dec	Annual Family Christmas Party 8pm

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BAWDESWELL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

After School Clubs

We have been lucky enough to have some extra after school clubs available this term. There is French, Spanish, Martial Arts and Football. All have had a good take up and are being enjoyed by the children.

We had a fantastic performance of "A Christmas Carol" in School on 10th November by the Working Space Theatre Ltd. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

FOBS

FOBS have been working hard raising money for the school. They have just purchased Basketball hoops and balls and skipping ropes for the school. They are also putting together again a Calendar for sale. We thank them for all their hard work and providing resources for the school that we would not be able to have if it wasn't for them.

Dates for this Academic Year

1st December - Norfolk Children's Book Centre coming in to school to read with KS1 children. There is a book sale in the school hall for parents to purchase books from 1pm on same day.

8th December - Nativity performance from Panda Class to parents/Grandparents at 9.30am

9th December - Joint Partnership Christmas event at Reepham High School- time to follow.

18th December - Church service at 1.30pm in Bawdeswell Church - All welcome to attend.

Spring Term Monday 4th January to Thursday 1st April 2010

Half Term Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2010

Summer Term Monday 19th April to Friday 23rd July 2010

Half Term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2010

May Day is Monday 3rd May 2010

INSET DAYS Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September 09, Monday 5th October, Monday 2nd November, Monday 4th January 2010, Monday 19th April 2010 are designated as staff development days. **Children do not attend school on these days.**

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. Also there are regular table tennis evenings and a bridge for fun club.



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
See our website – link from www.projectbawdeswell.org.uk/

The next Village Hall Committee Meetings will be held on
Mondays 14th December 2009 & 18th January 2010 - 7.30 pm at the Hall



Unfortunately there are no more sessions planned in 2009 but there are other sessions in nearby villages.

Next Dates

Monday 8th February 2010
Friday 26th February 2010

The Mobile Blood Donor Van (Bloodmobile) visits Bawdeswell regularly 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

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INFORMAL CRAFT AFTERNOONS

WHERE: BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

WHEN: FOLLOWING THURSDAY AFTERNOONS
10th December, 14th & 28th January
(Generally the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month)

TIME: 2.00 to 4.30 pm

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Everyone is invited to join
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Christmas Carols



Wednesday 16 December – 6pm

A horse drawn carriage carrying Father Christmas flanked by
carollers will depart from the Village Hall at 6 pm stopping off
in 12 places around the village to sing carols

All are welcome - join us for all or part of the route and
afterwards at the Village Hall for mince pies, mulled wine, hot
chocolate etc

Bawdeswell Village Hall committee



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All Saints Church, Bawdeswell, 4 pm on Sunday 13th December 2009

A traditional concert for all the family lasting an hour with mulled wine and
mince pies and plenty of opportunities to join in, featuring the Icenii Choir with
a selection of carols and other music directed by James Lilwall, Annette Jude
- Piano, Roger Rayner - Organ, Susie Turner soprano, direct from the West
End and Broadway and June Harrison – soprano.

In aid of The Friends of Bawdeswell Church.

Tickets (including wine & mince pies) are £6 and can be obtained from

James Lilwall on 01362 688499

BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG)

Table Tennis – fun evenings - Mondays 30th November,

11th January, 25th January & 8th February 2010 - It doesn't matter how well you play - come along and have some fun or just come along to socialise. Other games available and the BAG café open for refreshments. Cost - **£1.50 adult or 75p under 18** towards the hire of the hall.

Running Club – will continue to meet over the autumn and winter, although the days and times may vary from week to week due to daylight hours and weather conditions. New (and previous) runners always welcome – call Fel 688876 or Debbie 07867987787 for information.

Children's Christmas Event

Bawdeswell Village Hall

Sunday 6th December

Making Christmas Cards

2pm to 3pm

Party Games and Refreshments

3.30pm – 5.30pm

SANTA has promised to drop in to see us.

BOOK IN ADVANCE BY 30TH NOVEMBER

Admission IS FREE but we must know who is coming so that Santa knows who will be there.

Call Janet on 01362 688749

BAG and Project Bawdeswell

Occasionally, the question is asked "What is Project Bawdeswell doing?", and we thought that we should answer that. Project Bawdeswell is not just about a new hall.

BAG is a direct result of Project Bawdeswell. Apart from the children's activities BAG has organised Bridge lessons resulting in the formation of the JayCee Bridge Club and table tennis evenings resulting in the formation of Bawdeswell Table Tennis club that plays in a Dereham league. We ran Rock at the Rec and plan another next July. We've put on a film and another is being shown in January with discussion on a third film in March. From May 2010 we are looking at the possibility of regular FREE film showings including family films, children's films and some of the old classic films. Funding for this will come from the sale of refreshments.

The planned improvements to the play area are a direct result of Project Bawdeswell.

Without Project Bawdeswell these events would probably not have happened.

The meeting on 3rd November dealt with a few routine matters. The details of the new governance document for Project Bawdeswell and the Village Hall still have to be finalised.

Play Area - We had our designs back from the play companies, and a group of parishioners (mainly young people) looked them over – making notes of what they liked and what they didn't like. The next step is to agree what Company (s) to use and let them get started. To be kept updated on this (and other village events/news) log onto www.projectbawdeswell.org however, more news will be in the February Reeve's Tale.

At that meeting, the group of young people officially formed **BAGY** (Bawdeswell Activities Group Youth). They will organise and run events, specifically to raise funds for the play area. They are officially under the BAG umbrella and Kelsey Baker and Fel Roberts will oversee and help them wherever necessary.

Their first fundraiser is "Sunday Morning Breakfast" to be held at the Bawdeswell Village Hall on Sunday 24th January 2010 – to coincide with the National Farmhouse Breakfast Week. See main ad below. **if you are able to provide any of the ingredients to help keep our costs lower, please contact Kelsey 688401 or Fel 688876. Many thanks.

Project meetings are normally held at the Village Hall at 10am on the last Saturday of each month (except December). All are welcome to attend. The next meetings are scheduled for:- 28th November, 30th January and 27th February.

See our website at www.projectbawdeswell.org.uk for more information.

BAGY (Bawdeswell Activities Group Youth)

Sunday Morning Breakfast

Sunday 24th January 2010 at 8.30am

Bawdeswell Village Hall

Ticket only from Kelsey Baker 688401

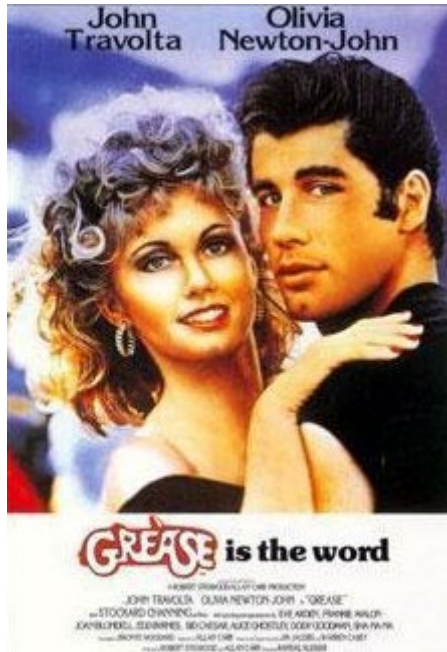
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BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG)
Presents

GREASE – THE MOVIE



Sing along and Dance to the film on a BIG screen

Saturday 30th January

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

**BOOK TICKETS IN ADVANCE: £3.50 adults, £2.50 children U18,
£10 Family (2A+2C) and £1.00 for every extra child - Call 01362 688749
Book early as we had to turn people away from our Mamma Mia Evening.**

The Cafe and a Bar will be open from 7.00 to 10.30 pm. for refreshments

Countdown to Christmas



Christmas can be a busy time of year, especially for your rubbish bin, and the last thing you want to be thinking about is recycling!

So this year, Breckland Council want to say a big thank you for all your recycling efforts. On every recycling collection day in December, a recycling bin will be picked at random, and if all the items in the bin can be collected through our kerbside collection scheme, the lucky householder will receive a £20 shopping voucher.

Here's a quick reminder of the items which can go into your black recycling bin:

- Paper
- Cardboard
- Plastic bottles
- Steel and aluminium cans
- Aerosol cans

So for the chance to receive a £20 shopping voucher, all you need to do is continue recycling and placing your black bin out for collection!

For more information about the Countdown to Christmas, contact Environmental Services on 01362 656878.

Norfolk Constabulary
Keeping Norfolk Safe

MOBILE POLICE OFFICE

The Mobile Police Office will be in 'The Street' Bawdeswell 11am until 12.30pm every 4th Thursday.

This is intended to provide a 'visible' police presence in the village. Please make sure that you visit them if you have a problem or need information. Pop in and find out what's happening in the area.

Dates for the first half of 2010 are
14th January, 11th February, 11th March, 8th April, 6th May & 3rd June

This is a good facility for the village. If the police find that it is not being used then it will be withdrawn.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

DIGEST OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2009

Present: Councillors Shannon, Cockburn, Beane, Lilwall, Mr B Borrett (County Councillor), C Boer and 3 Parishioners

Ongoing Issues from Previous Meetings

Adams Pit: The Trustees are currently finalizing the quote for the creation of the drain and the bund on the Western side. This work will not commence until the results of the wildlife survey, which is being conducted by The Norfolk Wildlife Trust, to ascertain if Adams Pit is a habitat for great crested newts, have been received. These results should be available by the end of November. The PC is mindful that this work needs to be completed as soon as possible so that winter, for the fear that due to the forthcoming months and the possible inclement weather doesn't raise of the water level with a repeat of flooding. Unfortunately, no-one has answered the appeal last month seeking volunteers to help burn the detritus from the tree surgery that has been completed so far. Please, if anyone can spare just a few hours one afternoon to help, contact the Parish Clerk.

Allotments: 2 more parishioners have expressed an interest in having an allotment should this facility become available within the Parish, which brings the list of potential allotment holders to 13.

New Bus Stops: Following the letter to Norfolk County Council from the Parish Council, detailing the concerns about the siting of the proposed two additional bus stops in Bawdeswell, officials from NCC Passenger Transport Group and Mott MacDonald, who are working in partnership with Transport & Development at NCC, have agreed to meet with representatives from the PC and Church to discuss other alternative locations and/or the creation of wider pavements to permit safe access to an from the bus. The Parish Council will suggest at this site meeting the proposed bus stops should be sited near All Saints Court.

Planning

PA 3PL/2009/0610/F: Retrospective planning application for solar panels at Beech Corner, The Street. The Parish Council decided to support this planning application as it was deemed that the solar panels are not obtrusive within the conservation area.

PA 3PL/2009/0799/F: 36 Reepham Road, new conservatory; Planning Permission granted with 6 conditions. The Parish Council raised no objections to this planning application.

Any Other Business of Interest to Parishioners

Adoption of The Red Telephone Box: BT has invited the Parish Council to adopt the red telephone box in The Street, which would result in the removal of the telephone facility and the ownership of the kiosk structure would become that of the Parish Council's. In response the Parish Council has written to BT to express its disappointment that firstly the coin operated facility within this telephone box has already been removed and while not ruling out the possible adoption of the red telephone box in the future, would like to reinforce the need for BT to recognize its sense of duty to the public, particularly in small rural communities, and therefore the Parish Council are opposed to any plans that BT might have to withdraw the public telephone facility from the centre of the village.

Episodes of Burglaries: Unfortunately some residents of Bawdeswell have recently become victims of thieves stealing from their cars and gardens. The Parish Council would remind all residents to be vigilant and ensure that they secure their vehicles and garden sheds etc. Please do not give thieves easy access to your personal belongings.

The date of next meeting is: Monday 7th December 2009 at 7.45pm –

This meeting will include the finalization of the Precept requirements for 2010-2011.

Contact Details for the Parish Clerk - Claire Boer

Tel: 01362 688415/07877955745 Email: cboer.parishclerk@fsmail.net



Bawdeswell Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Association

On the dark wet evening of Thursday 12th November some 20 dedicated villagers met at the village hall to be advised by Karen Kenny, the regional representative of the 'National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners', on the best way to form an Allotment and Leisure Gardens Association in Bawdeswell.

Karen is an enthusiastic and inspirational speaker and by the end of the evening the Bawdeswell Association had been formed and affiliated to the National Society. Subs had been paid and eleven of those gathered had been elected to form a committee.

Our aim is to pressure the Parish Council to provide allotments, as soon as possible and also to encourage gardening throughout our village.

New members will always be welcomed. Please contact the secretary Jayne Bown on 688388 or email Jayne.Bown@NPS.CO.UK

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Platinum Stables

The fund raising sale on the 17 Oct raised the outstanding sum of £505.00.

As always this could not have been achieved without all our supporters donating items for sale, organising and setting up the hall, assisting on the tables and clearing up afterwards and the tea ladies who also sold delicious home made cakes so generously donated by friends, to all of whom we and the horses extend our grateful thanks.

Once again it was a grand day and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Unsold items have been donated to several charities which has spread your kind generosity to other good causes.

Thanks to you all. *Jean and Edie*

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Sparham Church

The Autumn Bazaar was held on Saturday 14th November in spite of strong winds and frequent heavy showers. Visitors were attracted to the well stocked stalls and welcoming refreshment counter. Prizes from the raffle were widely distributed and a profit of £ 272.71 was made for Church funds. Many thanks to all who helped in any way, also to those who came to support us. *Mary Humphrey*

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BRIDGE CLUB

The JayCee Bridge Club has now been running for a couple of months, having been formed for people who have recently learned to play bridge, those who want to brush up rusty skills and others who just want to take the opportunity to play bridge in an informal atmosphere. The intention is that it will provide a venue where people can continually improve their skills and at the same time have an enjoyable and friendly game. More experienced players are generous with their time and patience!

We meet on alternate Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons. As winter approaches and the nights are drawing in, we recognise that it may be necessary to review the viability of Wednesday evenings, but we would still aim to meet at least once a week.

December dates are: Wednesday 2nd & **Tuesday** 15th at 7.15 for 7.30 and Friday 11th at 2.30. On Fridays, we have a break for refreshments. Entry fee is £2.00 for either day. 2010 dates are Fridays 8th & 22nd January & 5th February, Wednesdays 13th & 27th January.

If you think that this might appeal to you, please do come along and see if it's for you!
Call Roger Fryatt on 01362 688627 for more information.



BAWDESWELL BOWLS CLUB.

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

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

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. £1.50 per family includes a free tea/coffee and juice.

For more information call Kate on (01362) 688834



BAWDESWELL FOOTBALL CLUB.

The club plays in the 3rd division of the Crown Fire Central and South Norfolk League. Home games are played at Bawdeswell Recreation Ground. For more information about the club please contact Philip Duffield on (01362) 688611. For information about matches see <http://www.csnleague.co.uk/index.html>.





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November 9th was the date of our Annual Meeting. First of all though, we were thoroughly entertained by new member Margaret Sewell talking about her Character Cats. For ten years or so now, Margaret has been painting cats in all manner of guises. We saw Gardening Cat, Christmas Pudding Cat, the magnificent Chef, little Orphan Kittens, the Vicar and his Lady Wife – this latter print being kindly given as a prize (won by Carole), and many more. Margaret was accompanied throughout by her handsome ginger puppet Tom. All most enjoyable – thank you Margaret.

After the tea / coffee break, Christine read the Annual Report and Carole went through the Financial Statement with us. Margaret Roy, standing in for Aleathia, led us through the procedure of voting for next year's President, with the pleasing result that we are again fortunate in having Aleathia.

The committee remains the same: Carole, Christine, Jennifer and Margaret

Points for exhibits awarded throughout the year showed the winner to be Jennifer, 2nd Doris. We discussed arrangements for our **Christmas Dinner on 14th December** and our annual visit to Norwich's Theatre Royal in early February 2010.

Mary Humphrey



REEPHAM and DISTRICT ROTARY

Our regular Monday meetings continue and recently we have learnt about Norfolk Workhouses and cheese making from our speakers. At the end of September we enjoyed croquet and a hog roast at the home of Peter and Sally Day. Many of our meetings welcome our ladies as guests to enliven proceedings! And we look forward to our annual Christmas Dinner.

We are again providing the annual Christmas tree erected by members in the Market Square as usual at the end of November in time for the switch on at the Christmas in Reepham event on Wednesday 2nd December.

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Last month's book was "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas" by John Boyne. It won two Irish Book Awards, was shortlisted for the British Book Award and has now been made into a feature film. The book was generally enjoyed by all, with a few negative comments about the naivety of the central character, a nine year old German boy called Bruno. He is the son of a Nazi Commandant who moved with his family to Auschwitz during WWII. He makes friends with a boy called Shmuel, an internee of the camp and they conduct a friendship either side of the electric fence. Both children are oblivious to the atrocities going on around them. It culminates in Bruno adopting the striped uniform worn by his friend and breaks into the camp, to help Shmuel find his missing father. The tension mounts as the boys are suddenly herded into the gas chamber. At the same time, the Commandant is desperately searching for his missing son, Bruno. The inevitable happens, the boys are gassed and the grim realisation then dawns on Bruno's father. This is a simple story with a very powerful message.

Our book for next month is "Beloved" by Toni Morrison. We meet at The Old Workhouse Bar on the first Thursday of each month at **THE NEW TIME of 7.30 pm.** New members welcome.
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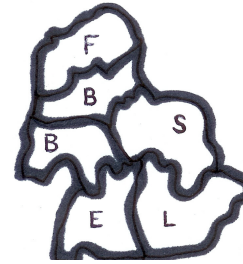
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Benefice News and Events

As this is the last Benefice newsletter of 2009 may we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. Do please note the events that are on this month and give them your support.

2nd Children's Society Coffee Morning at Foxley Lodge 10am - bring your boxes please

5th Christmas wreath sale and refreshments at Bawdeswell church 10am - 4pm.

9th Coffee Morning at Lynghurst Elsing Road, Lyng 10.30am

13th Friends of Bawdeswell Church Christmas concert in the church 4pm

On 15th November **Shelagh Ashe**, wife of John Ashe the Archdeacon of Lynn, was seriously injured in a car accident on the A.1067 near Great Witchingham. This is as much as we know at present. The Archdeacon is likely to be off work for 2 weeks to 1 month. Please pray for them and respect their privacy until we co-ordinate practical help.



Julian Group meets 2nd & last Fridays at 8pm
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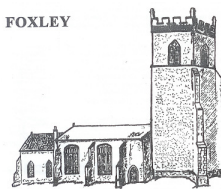
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We shall shortly be in Advent and the lead up to Christmas. The PCC, as usual, at its November meeting, spent much time deciding which Charities to support this year. In view of the continuing horrific injuries suffered by our troops in Afghanistan, we have chosen "Help for Heroes" as the first one. The second, which we always think should be linked with children at this time of year, is "EACH" (East Anglia's Children's Hospices). We have supported their splendid work on several occasions in the past. The collections at our Carol Service at 4.30 pm on Sunday 20th.Dec.and the Christmas Day 10.30am Service will be split equally between the two. Anyone who might not be at these Services, but wishes to give, please contact the Church Treasurer, John Harvey on T/N688650.

Diana Harvey
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The Primary **School** held their **Harvest Service** in the church on 21st October and we look forward to welcoming them back on December 18th for their **Christmas Service**. It is always nice to have them visit the church and have so many mums and dads come along too.

We invite you to join us on Sunday 20th for the church's **Carol Service and Nativity**, and on **Christmas** day for our **Family GiG** Service which is always a very festive occasion.

Leading up to Christmas we have a very special day on Saturday 5th December between 10am and 4pm when the local flower arranging class will be in the church making **Christmas Wreaths** for sale.

There will also be an art exhibition by two local artists, with pictures for sale, and there will be refreshments and other homemade goodies for you to buy.

And don't miss the Annual **Christmas Concert** in the church at 4pm on Sunday 13th December. This year it features The Icení Choir and a return visit of June Harrison and Susie Turner. The music will be from the films and shows and some carols for us all to join in.

This is a ticket only fund raiser event and will include mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets from any of the Church Friends Committee or 01362 688499, or 688268.

Sat 5th Dec. Christmas Wreath Sale & Art Exhibition 10am – 4pm

Sun 13th Dec. Christmas Concert 4pm (ticket event)

Fri 18th Dec. School Christmas Service 1.30pm

Sun 20th Dec. Carol Service & Nativity 10.30am

Thu 24th Dec Christmas Eucharist 9pm

Fri 25th Dec. Christmas Family Service (GiG)

From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again,

Christmas is a time when everybody is happy. Right? Well, no. Lots of people enjoy the whole thing hugely. For others, it can be a bit miserable.

We might be missing people. Some of us might be without a family member for the first time, or worrying about someone in the armed forces or in other kinds of danger. Those who live alone may feel that the world shuts down, and the people they meet in daily life suddenly go absent.

It can be a tense time in families, too. Routines can be disrupted; arguments can flare up. E-numbers or alcohol can make people's behaviour difficult. Living spaces can become crowded, and if you're not enjoying yourself it can be difficult to find your own space.

We might be remembering past Christmases. Maybe they were happier, and we feel a bit let down. Or maybe they were traumatic, and the season brings back unwelcome memories.

Feeling that you *ought* to be happy can make it harder to be happy. If you feel that everybody else is having fun, it may intensify your disappointment. But if you go by the number of people who say they find Christmas difficult, your expectations may be more moderate. Just let happiness *happen*. Try and make it more likely by the things you choose to do, and your attitude, but don't force it.

Celebrating the birth of Jesus should in theory make Christians happy – and many are. The idea that God values humanity so much is heart-warming. But nobody is shielded from life-events that can make us sad.

Do spread happiness this Christmas if you can, but be tactful. Those who find it a difficult time don't want to experience the contrast between their happiness and yours; they'd probably prefer your kindness and friendship. Be gentle with them and yourselves.

God bless you this Christmas. David Head

CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2009 & JANUARY 2010

Date	06/12	13/12	20/12	24/12	25/12	27/12
Season	2 nd of Advent	3 rd of Advent	4 th of Advent	Christmas Eve	Christmas day	St John the Apostle
FOXLEY	1730 EP DH	-	1630 Carols DH	-	1030 HC TC	1030 HC TC
LYNG	0900 HC2 DH	-	1830 Carols DH	1600 Crib Service 2300 HC DH	-	-
ELSING	1030 HC TC	1030 OMS Carols DH	0900 HC1 DH	2300 HC DH	-	-
BAWDESWELL	1030 HC1 DH	-	1030 Carols CW	2100 HC DH	1030 GiG Team	-
BYLAUGH	-	0900 HC(PB) DH	1500 Carols DH	-	0900 HC DH	-
SPARHAM	1030 OASIS Team	-	1030 Carols DH	-	1030 HC DH	-

Date	03/01	10/01	17/01	24/01	31/01
Season	Epiphany	Baptism of Christ	2 nd of Epiphany	3 rd of Epiphany	4th of Epiphany
FOXLEY	1730 EP DH	-	0800 HC(PB) DH	1030 HC(1) DH	-
LYNG	0900 HC1 DH	-	1500 EP DH	1030 FS FST	1030 HC DH
ELSING	1030 HC DH	-	0900 HC1 DH	1030 W&P CW	-
BAWDESWELL	1030 HC1 TC	1030 OMS DH	1030 GiG DH	1030 WP CW	-
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