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NOTICE BOARD

BAWDESWELL FETE & CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 28th June

11am start

12 -1 Penalty Shoot Out

1 -2 Races

Funfair Stalls Hog Roast Bar

GRAND DRAW *A great day out for all the family*

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

So far I have had quite a few photos and newspaper clippings to help me in my quest to create this book – however, I would still like more... especially more up to date ones. I really am interested in ANY photos of the villages. Before the book is printed, we will hold an exhibition to show the collection – in October; more details nearer the time. If you can help in any way, please call Fel Roberts on 01362 688876.

ICENI CHOIR

Spring & Summer Concerts

Saturday 27th June

All Saints Church, East Tuddenham, 7.30 pm

Saturday 4th July

St Thomas' Church, Earlham Road, 7.30 pm

For more details please contact: James Lilwall on 01362 688499

JULY DIARY

Thu 2 nd	Bawdeswell Book Club 8pm at the Old Workhouse Bar
Sat 4 th	ICENI concert at St Thomas' Earlham Road 7.30pm
Mon 6 th	Biking Club 6pm Bawdeswell Village Hall Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm
Fri 10 th	Julian Group meet 8pm
Sat 11 th	Studio Norwich Photographers at Bawdeswell Village Hall
Mon 13 th	Walking Club 6pm Bawdeswell Village Hall Table Tennis & Pool 7.30pm Bawdeswell Village Hall
Wed 15 th	Foxley Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
Sat 18 th	Ladies Pamper evening 4 – 10pm Bawdeswell Village Hall
Mon 20 th	Biking Club 6pm Bawdeswell Village Hall Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee meeting 7.30pm
Wed 22 nd	Football Match Bawdeswell v. Corpusty at Bawdeswell
Fri 24 th	Bridge for Fun 2 – 5pm Bawdeswell Village Hall
Sat 25 th	Project Bawdeswell Meeting 10am B.A.G. Family Quiz Night 6.30pm Bawdeswell Village Hall
Mon 27 th	Summer Club for 5 – 11 yr olds 10 – 12 all week Sparham Walking Club 6pm Bawdeswell Village Hall Table Tennis & Pool 7.30pm Bawdeswell Village Hall
Fri 31 st	Julian Group meet 8pm

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

EVENTS ORGANISERS & CONTRIBUTORS, PLEASE NOTE THAT AUGUST & SEPTEMBER MAGAZINES ARE COMBINED and the deadline is 15 July .

Bawdeswell Activities Group

Family QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 25th July

at 6.30pm

In the

Village Hall



Raising funds for Activities at the Village Hall and Recreation Ground.

Buffet Supper served

£25 Prize for the Winning Team

BAR

RAFFLE

Tickets from 688749

Adult £5 Children 5 to 15 £2.50 Under 5's free

6.30pm for 7pm start

BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG)

News

The [second bay](#) of the [cricket nets](#) has now been erected – thanks again to our donor.

[BAG for BAG](#) collected 118 bags weighing 562kg & raised £224 for the village (£112 for BAG and £112 to Project Bawdeswell). Thanks to all who filled a bag or two! Next collection is Friday 27th November – look out for blue bags a week or so before then. If you can't wait until then to have your clearout, you can drop off any filled bags to 5 Reepham Road, Bawdeswell.

Our [3 on 3 Basketball tournament](#) finished early because of the rain. However we had 11 teams from all over Norfolk who enjoyed the newly painted court and the burgers and helped raise over £100 for Project Bawdeswell. Thank you to Piers, Jayne, Kelsey, Keara, Connor, Dave, Jordan, Paige and Morgan for all your help.

Summer Holiday Activities

Current Activities

[Table Tennis/Pool Evenings](#) – Mondays 13th & 27th July – 7.30 pm

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. Charge of **£1.50** towards the hire of the hall. Check your Reeve's Tale magazine each month for future dates.

[Bridge for Fun Afternoons](#) – Friday 24th July 2pm - 5pm

The following further dates: 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.

Our new clubs have raised over £50 for Project Bawdeswell since they started:

The [Running club](#) meets at the village hall on Thursdays at 6.30pm

The [Basketball club](#) has [moved](#) to Thursdays at 5pm

The [Biking club](#) has [moved](#) to 1st and 3rd Mondays each month at 6pm

The [Walking club](#) has [moved](#) to 2nd and 4th Mondays each month at 6pm

They help raise funds for the new village hall by charging just £1.

For further info, call Fel Roberts 01362 688876

[Sunday 28th June is FETE DAY](#) – this year we are having a prize draw with over **50** prizes including lots of free entry passes to many of the top Norfolk Attractions – Please ensure you buy your tickets to be in with a chance of winning!

[Studio Norwich Photographers](#) will be in the village hall on **Saturday 11th July**

Book your slot to have a family, pet, or grandparent portrait done locally; Fel Roberts 01362 688876. Perfect presents for Christmas.

[Family Quiz Night](#) – This will now be on **25th July** - see separate page.

[Rock at the Rec](#) is **Saturday 15th August** – BBQ, Bar, or bring your own picnic. Adults £2, children under 16 free (when accompanied by an adult).

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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

**The next Village Hall Committee Meeting will be held on
Monday 20th July 2009 -7.30 pm at the Hall**



Bawdeswell 2009

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!

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We have also competed in lots of competitions such as the Senior Quiz, Public Speaking, Exhibits making, Member of the Year, in which Mary Jones our club secretary came 1st for Junior Member of the Year!, and we've also done Farm Events competitions and still to come is the big one – The Rally!

We've had a great year so far and got loads more coming up -!!

After working hard, we also enjoy meeting up with other members at social events across the County.

So for more information and to see what Reepham Young Farmers get up to visit our club website at www.reephamyfc.co.uk or contact Amy 07765 527272

Are you, 10 -16? Why not join our junior branch, Countrysiders, who meet fortnightly on Wednesday at **Bawdeswell Village Hall**.

If these sounds like something you might enjoy please contact on Norfolk YFC on: 01603 731307.

We look forward to meeting you!



At our last meeting on 8th June we were very happy to welcome Lucinda Leonard, who is a Development Officer, Community Assets with Norfolk Rural Community Council, as a guest speaker. She was incredibly informative and helpful in her remarks about our governance and status. There

is a lot to look into legally which is being done with her help and we hope we are getting closer to establishing an operating framework that will be suitable for all future projects. All our usual activities are continuing and a lot is being done in conjunction with BAG for the summer holidays. We are also preparing for the fete on 28 June, which we are sure will be a great event as usual. Our next meetings are on 27 June and 25 July at 10am in the village hall.

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

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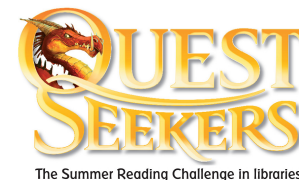
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As a Quest Seeker children will get a cool 'moving image' membership card, fold-out poster, stickers (including some smelly scratch and sniff ones) and some great books to read.

By collecting stickers to complete the pictures on the poster, children taking part will find the golden book and complete the challenge.

Reepham Library will be registering children on 17th July between 3 and 5pm, but if you can't get to the library then you can join the quest at any library or mobile library and find out just how exciting reading can be – and it's all absolutely free. There will be an afternoon of activities connected with the Reading Challenge at Reepham Library on Tuesday 11th August between 2 and 4pm.

For details of other library activities check out www.library.norfolk.gov.uk An interactive Quest Seekers website will launch in mid June and can be found at www.questseekers.org.uk

Research shows how much children enjoy taking part in the reading challenge and those children who take part read widely and develop skills that will benefit them throughout life.

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





Speedwatch is now operating in Bawdeswell. Following concerns raised by many residents about speeding in the village, the Parish Council has facilitated the setting up of a scheme and we are now

one of over 30 villages involved in Norfolk.

Sites being monitored are marked with temporary signs on the approach from both directions and the trained volunteers wear distinctive hi-visibility jackets. Drivers tend to slow down on seeing the prominent signs and the presence of the volunteers, the aim being to encourage drivers to choose to drive at or below the speed limit. For practical purposes, recording of vehicle details are restricted to those significantly exceeding the speed limit.

Offending driver's vehicle details are recorded and forwarded to the Police who arrange for letters to be sent to registered keepers.

A maximum of two letters are sent to the same registered keeper. If reported a third time the vehicle details will be circulated for targeted police intervention with a view to prosecution. As the record keeping is a centralised activity, vehicles may be reported in more than one village.

If you would like to volunteer to help keep your community safer please contact the Parish Clerk on 01362 688415 or come and visit the display at the Village Fete on 28th June.

LADIES PAMPER EVENING

A black and white advertisement for a 'Ladies Pamper Evening'. It features a woman in a black dress sitting on a pedestal. The text is arranged around her, listing various pampering services and ticket information.

Saturday 18th July 4-10
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BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL - DIGEST OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 JUNE 2009

Present: Councillors Mason, Beane, Kirby, C Boer and 2 parishioners.

Ongoing Issues from Previous Meetings

Adams Pit: Investigations into the possible location of a drain from Adams Pit are still not complete, and rising water levels in the Pit increases the urgency of this task. The Parish Council intends to consult parishioners on future plans for the refurbishment of Adams Pit. This will provide the community view we need to support future grant applications for the work, so please put your thinking caps on!

Community Speedwatch Scheme: Fingers crossed, the Community Speedwatch training will take place on 16 June, and the Bawdeswell Scheme will be launched as soon as possible thereafter. Given the ongoing concerns of parishioners about continued speeding of vehicles within the village this will hopefully prove to be a worthwhile scheme, and the Parish Council would once again like to take thank the people who have volunteered their services. This is also an opportune time to ask any other parishioners who feel they could volunteer 1 – 2 hours a week to support the scheme to contact the Parish Clerk.

Any Other Business of Interest to Parishioners

Proposal Submitted to Breckland Council for the “Gladedale” Site: The latest proposal submitted by the landowner to Breckland Council, requests a minor settlement boundary amendment to allow the provision of 10 dwellings on the edge of the Gladedale Site, bordering Two Fields Way. The Parish Council has already commented to Breckland Council, as part of the Site Specifics Study, that it did not support any such extension of the Settlement Boundary but, if there was an overriding additional demand for more affordable/social housing within the village, the Parish Council might look more favourably on a proposal for a limited number of such houses along the northern edge of this site as an exceptional planning application. The Parish Clerk will continue to liaise with Breckland to ensure the Council's view is heard. Any parishioners interested in this latest proposal can view the document on the Breckland Council's website.

Parish Council Closed Meetings: In response to questions raised by parishioners, the Parish Council would like to re-emphasise that the closed Council meetings that normally take place in August and January are non-executive informal sessions to discuss possible ways of improving the efficiency of the Council. No formal Council business is undertaken.

Planning Permission: The Parish Council would also like to remind parishioners that, because of the ever changing regulations regarding what requires planning permission, even for temporary buildings, it is important to seek advice from the Breckland Council Conservation Officer and Planning Officer to ascertain the current regulations. Breckland Council telephone number is 01362 656870.

There is an opportunity for public participation at the Parish Council Meetings, so if any parishioner wishes to add items to the agenda for discussion then please contact the Parish Clerk 01362 688415. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 6th July 2009 at 7.45pm

FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL - EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Harvey, Mears, Barrett, Hatch, Mr G Bambridge, Mrs I Floering-Blackman, C Boer and 19 Parishioners

Matters Arising

Bawdeswell Community Car Scheme: The Clerk confirmed that this scheme was launched on 1st May 2009 and reminded those present at the meeting that this service is available for the parishioners of Foxley to use. Although the scheme does already have one volunteer driver from Foxley the Parish Council would like to ask parishioners for others to come forward to be a volunteer driver. Please contact the Parish Clerk.

Planning

PA 3PL/2009/0210/F: Hernfield, Mill Road; Modifications & extensions to existing bungalow: Planning Permission granted with 4 conditions.

PA 3PL/2009/0230/F: Longacre, Chapel Road West; Construction of double garage and carport including games room and storage: Planning Permission granted with 7 conditions.

PA 3PL/2009/0305/F: Mews Cottage, Single Storey extensions to provide new bedroom, conservatory and kitchen – revisions 3PL/2008/0944/F: Planning Permission granted with 6 conditions.

Mobile Home at Moor Farm: PA 3PL/2008/1577/F Mobile Home (Retrospective). The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council's comments which supported Breckland Council's decision to refuse this Planning Application had been forwarded for the appeal hearing and efforts would be made for members of the Parish Council to attend the appeal hearing on 9 June. (Note from Clerk: This appeal was withdrawn prior to the hearing).

Finance

Donation Letter: Following letters that had been received from the Bawdeswell Badgers Pre-School and the North Elmham Community First Responders requesting a donation from from the Parish Council, it was agreed that unfortunately at this present time the Parish Council were not in a position to be able to make any donations but would again consider these requests in September.

Village Matters

Items Raised at the Meeting:

- a. Concerns raised about the state of the ditch in front of the Natterjack the Clerk commissioned to discuss this with Highways.
- b. It was reported that weeds were already appearing in the newly resurfaced footpath along the A1067, the Clerk was commissioned to discuss with Highways.

**Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 15 July 2009 at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall.**

FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL EXTRACT OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Harvey, Mears, Barrett and Hatch, Mrs I Floering-Blackman, C Boer and 19 Parishioners.

Anglian Water Presentation on the Proposed Anglian Water Sewerage Pumping Stations for Foxley:

Ian Boon an official from Anglian Water gave an overview of the proposed sewerage pumping stations for Foxley. To summarise Mr Boon confirmed that there will two pumping stations one located in West Foxley on the verge at the end of Chapel Road (and not in the village hall car park as originally proposed) the other pumping station will be located in East Foxley on Mr Howell's land . Work is scheduled to commence at the end of August and be completed by the second week of December. Mr Boon confirmed that all parishioners will be invited to a village meeting scheduled to take place in mid July which will be an opportunity for all parishioners to have one-to-one discussion with engineers/contractors etc to discuss individual private connections and any issues relating to the works.

AND THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: As above and Mr G Bambridge.

Parish Councillor Vacancy: The Chairman addressed the co-option of a new Parish Councillor but none of the parishioners present at the meeting were willing to stand but all were encouraged to find someone to fill the the vacancy.

Election of Officers: Councillors Harvey and Mears were re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

Chairmans Report: The digest of the Chairman's report was published in the June Reeve's Tale.

Clerks Financial Report: A Summary of the Parish Council Account for 2008 – 2009: Total income amounted to £5,088.63, which included a balance brought forward from 07/08 of £1,385.15. Total expenditure for the year was £4529.81, leaving a balance to be carried over to year 09/10 of £558.82.

Village Hall Committee Report: The Chairman, Mrs Whitmore gave an excellent and detailed report on the past years activities of the Committee. The Parish Council thanked Mrs Whitmore and the Village Hall Committee for all the sterling work they continue to do in providing an excellent facility for the village.



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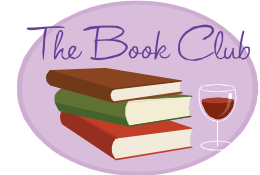


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In the 70s we meet Elizabeth who is interested to find out about Stephen, the grandfather she never knew, and through her we eventually find out more about the rest of his sad life.

The book was spoiled a little for me by an unrealistic event at the end of the war but apart from that it was enjoyed by us all. *KM*

We meet in the bar on the first Thursday of the Month at 8 pm and welcome new members.

Our book choice for July is :- " Nothing to be Frightened of " by Julian Barnes.



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

BAWDESWELL FOOTBALL CLUB.

Following a good start to the season BFC will be disappointed to have come in 7th place in their division. Results for the year were 12 won, 3 drawn, 9 lost with 68 goals for and 62 against. For information about the club please contact Philip Duffield on (01362) 688611



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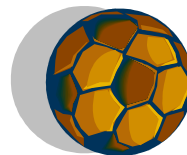
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FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Steve Williamson Memorial Trophy

Arrangements are now in place for our annual football competition in memory of our son Steven, the purpose of which is to raise money for the children's hospital at the N & N.

I can now confirm that the six teams that took part last year are all taking part this year. The fixtures are as follows:-

Tuesday 14 th July	Reepham Res v. Cawston at Reepham
Wednesday 15 th	Corpusty v. Lyng at Corpusty
Thursday 16 th	Foulsham Res v. Bawdeswell at Foulsham
Tuesday 21 st	Lyng v. Reepham at Lyng
Wednesday 22 nd	Bawdeswell v. Corpusty at Bawdeswell
Thursday 23 rd	Cawston v. Foulsham at Cawston
Tuesday 28 th	Corpusty v. Reepham at Corpusty
Wednesday 29 th	Lyng v. Foulsham at Lyng
Thursday 30 th	Cawston v. Bawdeswell at Cawston

The final, Wednesday 5th August at Bawdeswell.

The presentation Saturday 8th August 8pm at Great Witchingham Cricket Club, together with our Raffle and Sport Quiz. Everybody Welcome.

If you wish to donate a raffle prize, please bring it to any of our football games or contact me, Phil, 01603 872145.

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Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

It was great to see so many young visitors at our stand at the 'Wild about the Wensum' fair at Pensthorpe Nature Reserve. Deb Jordan, Pensthorpe's owner, said "It was a phenomenal success, attracting over 4,000 people. This is our third *Wild About The Wensum* and we are delighted that people took the trouble to come and experience the amazing natural world in the valley." To help stimulate young people's interest in nature the event was opened by the CBeebies' star Jelly. Pictures of the event can be seen on The BBC Norfolk website. Money raised will go toward providing improved habitats for Barn Owls.

Our annual Dawn Chorus outing must have struck a chord as several non-members rang me and asked to attend. In fact over thirty people turned up to enjoy the birdsong and the stunning sunrise over mist cloaked lakes and meadows. It felt like we were intruding on nature as sedge warblers scolded us from reed stems and reed buntings kept an eye on us from branches overhanging the river. Several cuckoos were heard and seen in flight and good views of a barn-owl breakfasting in the early morning light. Over 50 species were seen including, garden warbler, whitethroat, sparrowhawk, blackcap (the best song), cettis warbler, sparrowhawk and some suspicious looking cows. The event ends, as always, with a hot bacon bap, a chat and home before the world awakes.

Diary dates: Bird ringing is a serious business with serious purpose. Catching and ringing wild birds requires a license and we have several members who are licensed to do just that. Two of our members will carry out a ringing session during the week-end of July 25th to 27th, depending on the weather. Ring me for details on this event. On Thursday July 16th we have our summer social evening at Weston Longville Village Hall. In August we have our annual visit to Minsmere. More about this in next months report.

All are welcome to any of our events but please note we make a small charge for non-members at all our outdoor and indoor events.

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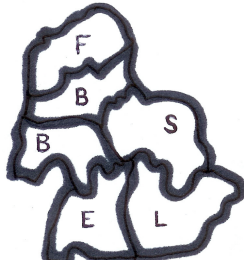
Offers of Raffle or Tombola prizes are always welcome and gratefully received! Any help is greatly received, or if you would like to bring a stall, plants, etc Contact Jan Kemp 01362 638253 or Di 01362 637877

A Thank-you from ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SPARHAM

Sparham's Annual Garden Party, set in the grounds of the Old Rectory by kind permission of Mr and Mrs J. Mainstone, took place on Saturday 6th June and was blessed with periods of sunshine and fluffy white clouds. It attracted a crowd even before the official opening by the Revd. David Head. Visitors headed for the various stalls on offer to pick up a bargain whilst others tried their luck to be a prize winner in one or more of the games. Many enjoyed sitting on the lawn in the sun just to enjoy the music of the jazz band.

David was on hand at the end of the afternoon to announce the prize winners of the various games and handed out the Grand Draw prizes. The first three prizes were won by Zillah Egmore, Mrs G. Underhill-Smith and Ian Parkin, with many other lucky people amongst the long list of prize winners. Thanks to everyone - we raised approx £1300.00 for our village church.

Fred Parkin



Benefice News and Events

The Benefice Walk

What a wonderful day of sunshine for our walk. 10 people left Sparham at 9am after a few words in the church to inspire us on our way. We reached Elsing via the church at Lyng in time for the 10.30 One More Step service. How nice to walk through meadows to church hearing the bells calling us to worship – just as it must have been in days long past. Our lunch stop was at Bylaugh Church then we made our way through Bylaugh Park to Bawdeswell Heath which we crossed to reach Foxley. Our tour finished with afternoon tea at Bawdeswell Church – by now our numbers had reached the 20 mark. Many thanks to Carole Jackson for arranging the walk and trudging her way round it two days before to make sure it would all work. Our thanks, too, to those landowners who allowed us to use their tracks and fields. We saw a wonderful variety of wild flowers and beautiful scenery.

Confirmation

There will be a service of confirmation led by the Bishop of Lynn in Bawdeswell Church on the evening of October 15th. If anyone would like to be confirmed on that date please contact the Rector on 01603 872381

Surplus Hymn Books

Bawdeswell church has a number of hymn books they would like to find a new home for. *With One Voice* and *Hymns Ancient and Modern Revised*. If any of the other churches in the Benefice would like to have any of them please contact Robin Taylor on 01362 688268.

Events for July are as follows:

4th Friends of Bawdeswell Church coffee morning 10.30 in the church
11th Lyng Garden Fete at the Rectory

From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again,

After the European elections, there was a lot of soul-searching about why the BNP got the vote they did. Are we as a society becoming more racist? Or was it a protest vote about the MPs' expenses? Or do we want to leave Europe, and think that UKIP have not delivered enough?

Since the elections, more people are now willing to talk about the issue of immigration. Political correctness used to make people afraid to broach the subject; now they know they have to. The BNP did have a point; some people felt that the way they saw the truth was not allowed to be spoken. And indeed, the MPs' expenses scandal was not just about thefts, but truths that were not being spoken. What may we not say? And are the BNP really victims of a conspiracy to shut them up?

I think the reason that the BNP will not be successful in Britain is because "the oxygen of publicity" will show not only the truths that they wish to expose, but also the truths that they wish to conceal. It isn't enough to claim you're not racist, if most of the rest of what you say suggests you are. What are the truths they avoid, or deny? In what way are they more serious than others' denials of the truth?

A sense that the whole world is our neighbour is implicit not only in Christianity, but also humanism, and many other creeds. We need to look after our neighbour, and that may mean welcoming them where we are; as we hope they would welcome us if disaster struck.

But we are reaching a point where we must talk about things. If we're wrong, then maybe we'll find that out. We must hope to find the truth. Is fear of immigration more than racism? Does our desire for cheap goods and cheap food impoverish other countries, and cause immigration? Does the world have a maximum safe population? Would this country need immigrant labour if we retired at 70? Do we care whether foreigners are safe in their own countries, or not? Do we think about what they need, or only what we need?

God bless you in your search for the truth. David Head

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Elsing	10.30 MP CW	-----	9.00 HC1 DH	10.30 HC1 DH
Bawdeswell	10.30 HC1 DH	-----	10.30 GiG CW	10.30 WP CW
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