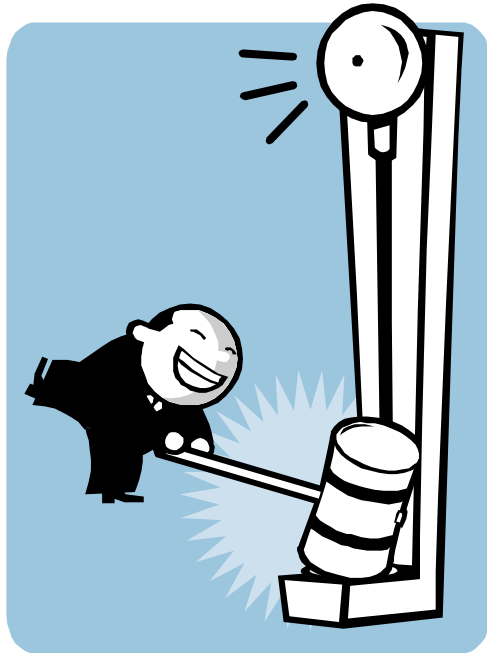


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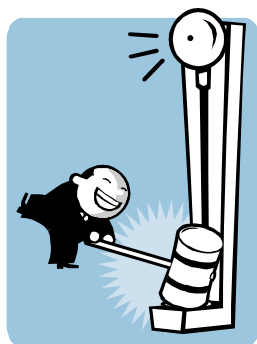
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11am-4pm SUNDAY 28nd June
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JUNE DIARY

Mon 1 st	Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm
Thu 4 th	Bawdeswell Book Club meets at the Old Workhouse Bar 8pm
Sat 6 th	Coffee Morning at Pol-Na-Chess, Mill Road Foxley – 10.30am Sparham Annual Garden Party 2.30pm Children's Fashion Show age 3 – 13 years @ Bawdeswell Village Hall 2.30pm
Mon 8 th	Project Bawdeswell Meeting 10.30am Table Tennis at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Fri 12 th	Julian Group 8pm
Sun 14 th	Benefice Walk, starting at Sparham Church at 9am reaching Bawdeswell at tea time.
Mon 15 th	Bawdeswell Village Hall AGM 7.30pm
Fri 19 th	ICENI at All Saints Wood Norton 7.30pm
Sat 20 th	Picnic at Elsing Hall 7pm
Sun 21 st	Open Gardens at the Old Rectories, Foxley 2pm
Mon 22 nd	Table Tennis at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Fri 26 th	Bridge for Fun at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2 – 5pm Julian Group 8pm
Sat 27 th	ICENI at All Saints East Tuddenham 7.30pm
Sun 28 th	BAWDESWELL FAIR & CAR BOOT SALE Guided Country Walk and Tea at Lyng

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 Fridays 5pm

Foxley Village Hall

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



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!

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.



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 Village Hall Committee AGM will be held on Monday 15th June 2009 -7.30 pm at the Hall

BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG)

Summer Holiday Activities

Planning has started for the summer holiday activities that will take place for 4 weeks during August. Full details in the July edition of the Reeve's Tale.

Current Activities

Table Tennis/Pool Evenings – Mondays 8th June & 22nd June – 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 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 26th June 2pm - 5pm

The following further dates: 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.

Spring is here and its time to get **ACTIVE!** BAG have a number of regular events to help you limber up ready for summer. They also help raise funds for the new village hall by charging just £1. For further info, call Fel Roberts 01362 688876.

Walkers and **Bikers** meet alternate Saturdays at 9.30am at the village hall. Various routes and distances; suitable for any age... even teenagers who are "bored"!

Runners meet every Thursday 6.30pm at the village hall; run at your own pace and enjoy the company. Call Debbie Lilwall on 07867987787 if you wish to join us

Basketball every Friday 5pm at the court – learn some moves and play a game or two – everyone welcome.

You should have had your blue **BAG for BAG** through your door by now. Remember, the more we collect, the more funds we raise. All bags will be collected from your doorstep or can be dropped off at the village hall on **WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE by 10.30am.** For further information, contact Fel Roberts 01362 688876

Don't forget the 3 on 3 basketball tournament on Sunday 7th June.

Games, BBQ, music, prizes, café. Come and cheer on the teams.

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 – sorry we had to cancel 31st May. We're now hoping to go for **1st August.**

Rock at the Rec is **Saturday 15th August** – keep the date free in your diaries – more detailed info next month.

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 6th June 1030am – 2-30pm

Pol-Na-Chess, Mill Road Foxley

Stalls and other attractions

OPEN GARDENS at The Old Rectories Foxley

Sunday 21st June 2 – 5.30pm £2.50
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Sparham Annual Garden Party
Saturday 6th June 2009 starting @ 2.30 p.m.

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contact Gus Underhill-Smith on 01362 688 658
or Fred Parkin 01362 688 878 – for more details.



Bawdeswell Community Primary School

The school has recently had another OFSTED inspection. We are delighted with the outcome which judges us “A Good School, with some outstanding characteristics” The report is a pat on the back for all the hard work that has been invested in the school since it was put in special measures. It is unusual for a school to go from “special measures” to “good” in less than a year and we must congratulate all our governors, teaching, support and ancillary staff who have worked with parents to get the school into the healthy position it is in today.

We are pleased to announce that the Sports Partnership have arranged extra PE provision for us starting 12th May in the form of an Athletics Club after school. The club is running for 6 weeks and is open to years 3,4,5 & 6.

Each Class together with FOBS have been running cake stalls once a month to help raise funds for the school. So far they have been a great success in raising approximately £50 each time. We would like to thank all parent/carers who have helped us to raise this money by either baking cakes or purchasing them and to FOBS who continue to give their time to school.

It is a very busy term for school with the new intake induction day, Year 6 induction day at RHS, Sports Day, Early Years Cluster Day, cycle training, Dolphins Performance and Leavers Assembly. Further details to follow.

Bawdeswell Badgers Pre – School



Hello everyone,

It's a very busy time in the Bawdeswell Badgers Sett, we have been planting our seeds, going on a maths walk and generally having a great time on our new all weather surface. At the moment we are in the throes of learning how to take care of our pets, we have been visited by a snake, Hissing Sid, and are looking forward to tortoise's, dogs and dragons still to come, can't wait.

Our car boot sale was a huge success, thank you all for your hard work, watch out for:

- Children's Fashion Show age 3 – 13 years @ Bawdeswell Village Hall Saturday 6th June 2.30 – 4 o'clock. Contact Kate on 688834.
- Pamper evening Saturday 18th July.
- 80's Night Saturday 19th September.

Details on the above nearer the date. Thanks to all for your continued support.

Carol Taylor, Supervisor 01362 688875

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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.

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



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



Children's Fashion Show – Saturday 6th June -12.30 – 5.30 pm

Raising funds for Bawdeswell Pre-School

ICENI CHOIR

Spring & Summer Concerts

Friday 19th June
All Saints Church, Wood Norton, 7.30 pm

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 or
pjlilwall@hotmail.com

Recital for Charity

Saturday 6th June
St Andrews Church, Eaton at 7 pm

Hannah Francis, the soprano and president of the IcenI Choir, together with **Roger Rayner**, the pianist and accompanist of the choir are giving a concert of popular songs and operatic arias in aid of the "Help Tibet" charity which raises funds to support Tibetans who live in exile in Nepal and India.

There will be a supper after the concert. A selection of jewellery as well as cashmere and silk pashminas will be on sale.

For more information and tickets please contact:
Help Tibet, Kate Cox 01692 538302



Friends of Bawdeswell Church

Our warmest thanks to everyone who helped during the Flower Festival. Hard work is made so much easier with willing help and we are grateful to all of you who arranged flowers, made food, served refreshments, played inspiring music and acted as stewards during the three days.

It was noted that most of the flower arrangers were local ladies and a great credit to them, and of course there were outside friends who also did arrangements. We admired them all.

A special thank-you must go to Crystal Dyball and Sue Lilwall who have been the flower arrangers' teachers over the past few months and without whose guidance, help and encouragement this event would not have been so spectacular.

Thank you to everybody else beavering away in the background. There has been great team spirit.

Last but not least, thank you all who visited the church and supported the Festival. We hope you enjoyed it. With your help we raised nearly £2,000 towards the new organ fund.

The raffle was drawn on Sunday evening and here are the results:-

HAMPER *Gill Page*
£25 voucher for Bawdeswell Garden Centre *Alethia Mann*
£25 voucher for Lilwall Pork *Marie (Mattishall)*
£20 voucher for Butler's of Holt *Peter Bingham*
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Adnams Beer *D Nicholson*

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PROJECT BAWDESWELL



The steering committee met at the end of April and the various work streams reported on their progress. We were encouraged to learn that a couple of halls in Norfolk had received generous lottery funding, so we have our fingers crossed that eventually we will be as lucky. We are keen to seek the advice of a profession fundraiser and would welcome recommendations if anyone knows such a person.

BAG has more plans for half term and the summer holidays and details will be found elsewhere in the Reeve's Tale. There has been an enormous response to the request for old photographs and historical material, which we found very exciting and hope that this material can be sorted and eventually exhibited or published.

Plenty is still going on behind the scenes to get the Children's Play Area refurbished with new equipment, but the red tape is hampering progress.

Our next meeting is to be held on 8 June when the Development Officer Community Projects, Norfolk Rural Community Council will be in attendance to advise us.

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

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If you go down to the coast today...

Wild salt marshes, beautiful sandy beaches, strangely sculpted sandy cliffs, squidgy muddy creeks and crunchy shingle with patterned flints are all just part of the attraction of Norfolk's coastline. Our coast is also home to some amazing plants and animals such as the yellow horned-poppy with its yellow flowers and extraordinary long seed pods which can reach 25cms in length.

This summer Norfolk Wildlife Trust is running a series of events that will help people to discover more about our coastal habitats and the wildlife that make their homes there. From exploring the life in rockpools and building fossils to discovering the nocturnal world of dunes and walks to Blakeney Point there will be something to suit everyone. Event dates can be found by contacting NWT using the details below.

NWT is also asking visitors to the coast to get involved in coastal wildlife conservation by taking part in a simple wildlife survey. They are interested in your sightings of five different animals and plants – grayling butterfly, yellow horned-poppy, harbour porpoise, slipper limpet and sea-holly.

Survey forms are available from Norfolk Wildlife Trust's Information Service on 01603 598333 or you can submit your records on-line at www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/naturalconnections You can also email pictures of your finds to wild@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk and we will confirm your identification.

**BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL DIGEST OF
THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2009**

Present: Councillors Shannon, Mason, Beane, Cockburn and Mallen, Mrs I Floering-Blackman, Mr G Bambridge, C Boer and 8 Parishioners.

Presentations by Mrs I Floering-Blackman (County Councillor) and Mr G Bambridge (District Councillor) gave an overview of the responsibilities and current issues at the County and District levels of local government. Mr Turner (Headmaster of Bawdeswell School) then gave a brief summary on the turnaround in the performance of the School and his perspective on the need for community interaction with the teaching staff and pupils. The Chairman of Bawdeswell PC also gave a resume of the past and future work of the PC. Following each of these presentations, parishioners were given the opportunity to make comment and ask questions. Suggestions received from parishioners on the future use of the land to be transferred to the PC on completion of the Folland Court development included: the need for flower beds, the planting and care of which might be undertaken by interested parishioners and the children of Bawdeswell School; a war memorial and/or a small village green with benches for residents. The Parish Council would take all of these suggestions into account at its future debate on use of the land. Parishioners also received a report from the Bawdeswell Heath Trust that emphasised the requirement for greater voluntary involvement. To this end, the Chairman of the Bawdeswell Heath Trust would be invited to a future PC meeting.

AND THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2009

Present: As above.

Election of Officers: Councillors Mason, Kirby and Mallen were co-opted onto the Parish Council for a further year. Councillors Shannon and Mason were re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

Clerks Report:

A Summary of the Parish Council Accounts for 2008 – 2009: Total income amounted to £21,959.49, which included a balance brought forward from 07/08 of £5828.94. Total expenditure for the year was £10,921.23, leaving a balance to be carried over to year 09/10 of £11,038.26.

A Summary of the Project Bawdeswell Account for 2008 – 2009: Total income amounted to £4095.67, which included a balance brought forward from 07/08 of £1,095.67. The total expenditure for the year was £435, leaving a balance to be carried over to year 09/10 of £3,660.67.

Resume of Work for 2008/2009: Visits to the PC included: NCC Planning & Transportation Staff to discuss improving public transport to rural villages; various Breckland Officials to discuss the Local Development Framework and the introduction of the Community Car Scheme; PSCO Angie Powles to discuss policing issues, and the Ecologist from NCC to discuss the plans for the refurbishment of Adams Pit.

Items to be Addressed in the Forthcoming Year: These will include: the launch of the Community Speedwatch Scheme; discussions on assistance to the Bawdeswell Heath Trust; resolution of the current drainage problem and plans for the refurbishment of Adams Pit; road safety/parking in the village, and finally to discuss the format of future Annual Parish Meetings.

**BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL
DIGEST OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2009**

Present: Councillors Shannon, Mason, Beane, Cockburn, Kirby, Lilwall, Mallen, Mr G Bambridge, C Boer and 2 Parishioners.

Ongoing Issues from Previous Meetings

Adams Pit: Some potential good news: investigations are currently taking place following information received from a resident that there may be a drain in Adams Pit. Also, the Parish Council are investigating the possibility of applying for further grants to help offset the costs of the work required for the refurbishment of Adams Pit and obtaining quotes from contractors.

Community Car Scheme: Success! The Community Car Scheme was launched on the 1 May 2009, and it has already had its first customer. The PC continues to urge parishioners to volunteer their services either as a driver or deputy coordinator; please contact the Parish Clerk if you feel you can help.

Community Speedwatch Scheme: The final training of the team of local volunteers for this Scheme will now take place in the Village Hall on the 16 June. Given the many concerns that have recently been expressed about continued speeding of vehicles along the Reephams and Norwich Roads and the Street, the Police plan to conduct speed checks within these areas in the near future.

Road Sweeping of Paradise Lane: Although the Clerk had not been able to ascertain when the roads in Bawdeswell will next be swept, confirmation has been received that Paradise Lane will be cleaned by Breckland Council in the very near future.

Repairs to the Bus Shelter: The PC has agreed to accept the lower of two quotes for the re-felting and general repairs to the bus shelter near the School; this much-needed repair work should be completed in the near future.

Planning - PA 3PL/2009/0352/E: Property adjacent Bawdeswell Stores, proposed subdivision of 4 bed dwelling house to 1 x 3-bed dwelling and 1 x 2-bed dwelling. The PC had no objections to this proposal providing that all previous Highway's concerns are met.

Finance - Recycling Credit from Breckland Council: £398.31 has been received from Breckland Council for the recycling carried out in Bawdeswell during 2008-2009. As a result of a letter received requesting a donation to help with a literacy project, the Parish Council agreed to donate the recycling money to the Bawdeswell Badgers Pre-School. Keep recycling those bottles; other similar community projects could be helped next year.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 1 June 2009 at 7.45pm

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Foxley Parish Council Digest of the Chairman's Report 2009

The early part of the year was dominated by meetings and concerns over the desire of Anglian Water to site the West Foxley Sewerage Scheme pumping station in the village hall car park, on account of the water main running along the preferred site, on the wide verge diagonally opposite. By good fortune, in the course of work, in putting the supply of electricity underground, it was discovered that the main ran through the car park of the village hall and AW's records were in need of amending! All has been on hold ever since while further efforts have been made to get definitive plans from AW. (A update from AW was received during the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14 May. A report on this update will be in the digest of minutes which will be published in the next issue of the Reeves Tale)

Work on the Emergency Plan was virtually complete, when it was decided that our small village resources would mean we are really entirely reliant on the Emergency Services themselves.

The Local Development Framework came in for much discussion and with the planning emphasis being on housing development taking place in towns/larger villages with suitable existing amenities, our Council agreed with Breckland that the 6 sites applied for in Foxley were 'Unreasonable'.

The Boundary Commission proposals also took much time and councillors attended 3 different meetings looking into the idea of a Unitary Authority. It was felt that there were likely to be major adverse effects on grass root democracy, plus huge costs and the likely dominance of Norwich and our fears were conveyed in 2 submissions.

We had the usual round of Planning Applications and Highway matters, litter, dog and horse fouling, finances, the Bawdeswell Community Car Scheme; enough to make for some busy meetings.

And, at a time when every elected person is under suspicion of "feathering their own nest" at tax-payer expense, may I just say that despite all the phone calls, travelling, postage etc I can confirm none of your councillors claim a single penny!

It is, therefore, with great sincerity that I thank each and every one of them for serving another year and putting in the un-rewarded effort to keep the bottom line of democracy working for Foxley Parish. I would also like to congratulate the clerk on her first year and appreciate her efforts. Thanks also go to Mr G Bambridge our district councillor and Mrs I Floering-Blackman county councillor for all their input over the year.

Lastly, to those parishioners who come from time to time and keep us aware of various problems, thank you too.

J Harvey

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A reminder of what has passed....

The other day I was having dinner (in a pub) with a colleague in Ely. Beside us was an elderly gentleman on his own, who asked if we minded if he talked to us whilst we were all eating.

During the next hour and a half, we pieced together (with a little interpretation) the man's life. It was very difficult to have a two way conversation with him because he was severely deaf but none the less I would like to share with you, my impression of his life.

His is 90. His father probably had seen the terrors of the trenches and he was born as the baby boomer from the First World War, in Newcastle upon Tyne. In his early years he would have seen the depression of the 30's and the Jarrow March. His father bullied him to be a Lawyer, although he wanted to learn the classics and be a writer but was packed off to Cambridge. The Second World War would have broken his training, as I'm sure he would have seen horrors of war himself by serving his country. On returning, he would have had to finish University and return to Newcastle. He married a musician in his late 40's and they had no children. He then supported his beloved community of Newcastle as a Lawyer through the good years but also the catastrophic decline of the Shipbuilding Industry. He has really seen the bad side of life through others. There was also the winter of discontent in the 70's and he retired, late 70's early 80's. Last year he lost his wife after 44 years of marriage and in the last 20 years, slowly losing all his friends including people who are looking after him.

The amazing thing for me was that he was in Ely, on holiday, on his own from Newcastle to go to a concert in the Cathedral as he knew the conductor but also to visit old haunts of Cambridge. That day, he had also had a boat trip and visited 2 churches and a museum. Back home he still drives and seems to still be a member in Newcastle's Writers/Artists Group. He delivers talks on writers and writes his own poetry.

We discussed, as well as we could, art, history, music, the North East (where part of my family originates) and unfortunately also death and loneliness.

There was what I felt, to be an unfortunate reaction to the situation from the staff of the restaurant. Part way though our meal, they tried to move us away from him by offering us seats overlooking the river. They obviously felt that he as annoying us and that they were giving us an opportunity to remove ourselves from the situation. I do understand that they were only trying to help us but we declined.

It was a privilege to meet him and I would have loved to be able to have a proper conversation about his life. He would have seen so many things, good and bad (he even knew Sir John Barbirolli). Been through much and still so lucid. We can still learn from this generation, they have something to give. It is a shame that many of us consider we don't have the time or patience to spare. I, for one, am richer from the experience.

Alex Kirby



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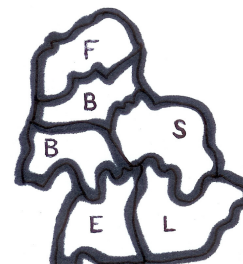
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Benefice News and Events

The Rector has had one or two enquiries and comments about levelling graves. Please note this does not mean laying gravestones flat but where graves are levelled, it is removing the mounds of earth so that graveyards can be easily mown. Maintaining gravestones remains the responsibility of the family. When gravestones have been moved it is only after everybody has been told and no individual gravestone will be moved if somebody disagrees with this.

A reminder about the Benefice walk on 14th June

We will leave Sparham Church at 9am and walk to Elsing Church via Lyng in time for the One More Step service at 10.30am. Refreshments will be served after the Service and then our route will take us by lanes to Bylaugh Church and a packed lunch break. We will then walk (with permission) through Bylaugh Park and over Bawdeswell Heath to Foxley West & on to the Church. From there we will walk the short distance to Bawdeswell Church for afternoon tea.

The whole route is approximately 9 miles but it will be possible to join in or leave at any church along the way.

So why not join us? Everyone welcome.

Offers of help with transport to provide a pick-up service between churches would be appreciated. To register interest or to ask for further information please contact Carole Jackson 01362-637752.

Events for June are as follows:

- 6th Coffee Morning at Pol-na-Chess, Mill Rd Foxley 10.30-12
- 14th Proposed Benefice Walk – see above
- 20th Elsing Picnic at Elsing Hall 7pm
- 21st Open Gardens at Foxley Lodge and Glebe House
- 28th Bawdeswell Village Fete
- 28th Guided Country Walk and tea Lyng



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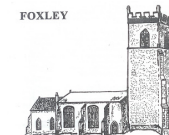
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We held our Annual Meeting in the church on 22nd. April with the Rector in the chair. We went through all the usual formalities, as tradition demands and were all re-elected to our existing offices and agreed to “carry on the good work”. We were heartened to hear in the Rev. Head’s report that at Foxley we are “very stable, settled and friendly”; a gentle but encouraging assessment! The Rector and Churchwardens, John and Tony , also expressed their gratitude to our many helpers, our representatives on Deanery Synod and Benefice Ministry Group, Organist John Fletcher, Groundsman Vic Gathergood, Cleaner Jayne Hough and the Flower Ladies.

Our aims, of course, are to continue in our efforts to renovate our precious old building and to be a home for the infinitely more precious Holy Spirit and Gospel message of Our Lord in our little village.

Now we must get on with fund-raising and have two events planned so far:

Richard and Joan Parfitt are hosting a special coffee morning in their delightful garden at Pol-Na-Chess, Mill Rd. on Saturday, 6th. June, 10-30 –12-30 am.

The Rushbrooks and Harveys are jointly opening their gardens at Glebe House and Foxley Lodge, “The Two Old Rectories” £2.50 children Free 2 - 5.30pm.

COFFEE MORNING

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On 23rd.April, we held a very enjoyable "Bake & Brew" Coffee Morning to celebrate St.George's Day and raise £191 – much needed funds for the Society.

In these difficult times the plight of neglected and abused children and teenagers is likely to worsen; even good parents may fall short under stress.

Grateful thanks to all who helped, not least to Peggy and Mary, who arranged the booking of the hall for us. Moreover, we went away with delicious home-baked cakes, some donated tinned goods (in-date of course!) and bits & bobs from the Sales Table and rhubarb, which proved surprisingly popular!

Diana Harvey



All Saints Church, Bawdeswell

Good wishes go to the family of Tabitha Lily Gurney who was baptised on 10th May and also to the family of Isabell and Joshua Abel for whom a service of thanksgiving and naming was held later the same day.

We send condolences to the family and friends of Dolly Jarvis who died on 20th April and whose funeral was held in Bawdeswell on 11th May.

At the annual meeting of the Parochial Parish Council the PCC members were re-elected en masse. At the preceding Annual Vestry Meeting, Robin Taylor and William Mason were re-elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

On the evening of the 17th May the evening service of *Songs of Praise* was led by Bishop Graham, Bishop of Norwich. This service was the culmination of the three day flower festival and during it the Bishop dedicated the new digital organ.

The PCC would like to thank the *Friends of the Church* and all others for their hard work in putting together such a wonderful weekend and their support at the dedication service. Many people from far and wide thanked us for a most enjoyable event.

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From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again,

We're gradually getting used to the idea that Norwich Union is Aviva. Their adverts have made reference to people in showbiz who have changed their names. Can changing a name change what people think about you? They want us to know that they are a global brand now; though locally, it's a pity that Norwich seems to be downgraded.

The author, who in private life was Eleanor Alice Burford Hibbert, is better known to her readers as Jean Plaidy, Victoria Holt, and Philippa Carr. She had these different pen-names, or "brands", so that her readers would know which of her different types of book to expect.

We've done our own bit of "re-branding" in the benefice here, with the "Gig" service for families (more audience participation, and an acronym for "God is Good"), and the "One More Step" service (a service in which adults are expected to think). We've given them different names to suggest that they aren't traditional services.

Most people, though, don't change their names – often. Many change them on marriage, to say that they are now a slightly different person. Some add a new one at confirmation, others on adoption, or at other times when they want to say where they feel they belong. Occasionally, people change their name because they don't like what their old one seems to say about them.

Every so often, though, we see in the paper about some criminal who has a string of aliases; people who don't steal identities, but make them up in order to defraud. In these cases, people change names, not to give you a better clue of who they think they are, but to hide who they are.

If you were going to give your whole life a makeover, what name would you choose for yourself to say who you were now? If you had to choose different names for the different contexts of your life, what would they be? Or do you feel that who you essentially are is one unit?

God bless you. David Head

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Lyng	9.00 HC2 DH	10.30 OMS DH	17.00 EP DH	10.30 FS FST
Elsing	10.30 MP CW	-----	9.00 HC1 DH	10.30 HC1 TC
Bawdeswell	10.30 HC1 DH	-----	10.30 GiG GiG team	10.30 WP CW
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