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## LETTERS

### Arthur Lee

Dr Robert Wilcox an Australian Neurologist is trying to trace relatives of a **Mr Arthur Lee**, who married Sarah Green and had 8 children in Dersingham. Mr Arthur was the brother of Emily and Rachel Lee. The Lee family was originally from Heacham and Docking. These sisters emigrated to Australia in 1886 and carried with them an unusual genetic condition causing a “whispering” or “choked” off voice and sometime twisting postures or movements of the face and neck. He has found a reference to Record of apprenticeship of indenture of **Arthur Lee** apprenticeship (when aged 18) for four years to George Guymmer of **Bawdeswell**, wheelwright and carpenter 1891. So one of the people he is interested in was probably resident in our village.

If you are related to **Arthur & Sarah Lee** please contact Dr Wilcox who is trying to complete the family tree. Even more importantly if you believe you may suffer from a similar condition to that described and reside in Norfolk then Dr Wilcox would be happy to discuss this privately. He can be contacted on email: [reception@bnneurol.com.au](mailto:reception@bnneurol.com.au) or Dr R Wilcox, Brisbane Northside Neurology, Chermiside Medical Complex, Suite 12, Level 2, 956 Gympie Road, Chermiside, Q4032 & Fax 61-7-3256-3928. Dr Wilcox is visiting England in June 2009.

### Have you seen any aliens?

Invasive non-native plants and animals can have a serious impact on our native wildlife. Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) is working with the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership to support their major new initiative to monitor the impact of invasive non-native species already established in the county.

As part of its Natural Connections project, NWT is running a survey to map the distribution of five key non-native species: Muntjac, American mink, Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam and giant hogweed. The aim is to engage the general public in helping to find out where these species are found in Norfolk and help discover what impact they are having on Norfolk’s countryside.

The survey runs from February till October and can be done online or with a Freepost survey card. If you would like to take part or just want some further information, phone 01603 598333 or visit [www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/naturalconnections](http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/naturalconnections).

Also, take a look at the Norfolk Non-native Species Initiative webpage which is the ‘one-stop shop’ for information on invasive non-native species in Norfolk. The site can be found through the NBP website: [www.norfolkbiobiodiversity.org](http://www.norfolkbiobiodiversity.org)

## MARCH DIARY

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm<br>Lent Course starts at Lyng Rectory – see page 25   |
| Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Bawdeswell Book Club at 8pm Old Workhouse Bar  |
| Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>  | FOBC Quiz Night at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm<br>Meet & Greet Evening at Elsing Village Hall 6.30pm                                     |
| Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>  | WI Meeting 7.30pm Sparham Old School Room<br>Table Tennis Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm   |
| Tu 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Flower Arranging Class, Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm  |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> | Julian Group meet in Bawdeswell 8pm  |
| Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> | Norfolk Birds – talk at Weston Longville see page 23   |
| Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Table Tennis Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm  |
| Tu 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Coffe Morning at Lyng – see page 25  |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> | Bridge for Fun at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm<br>Julian Group meet in Bawdeswell 8pm   |
| Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> | Project Bawdeswell Steering Group Meeting 10am<br>Bridge for Fun match at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm<br>Elsing Hall Musical Evening 8pm |
| Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> | Finley Davis fundraising day at Bawdeswell Village Hall, see page 6<br>Spring Birds – visit to Felbrigg see page 23                      |
| Tu 31 <sup>st</sup>  | Flower Arranging Class, Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm  |

### Regular Weekly Events

#### **Bawdeswell Village Hall**

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

#### **Foxley Village Hall**

|                  |                                  |
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### Ride-on Toys Needed!

A request from Panda Class, if you have any unwanted ride on toys that you could donate to the school it would be very much appreciated. They are very low on stock on this type of toy for the children to use. Thank you.

### Sainsbury's Active Kids

It's Sainsbury's Active Kids time again! We will be collecting vouchers in school between now and June 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is an excellent opportunity for the school to acquire lots of extra equipment that we would not normally be able to purchase. Last year you helped us to collect a fantastic 4396 vouchers, and look forward to your help again this year.

### Cross Country Event – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

A team from both Bawdeswell and North Elmham will be taking part in the Cross Country Event at Costessey High again this year. It is taking place on the afternoon of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

### Cluster Music Event

Reepham High School is hosting a cluster music event on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Children from Dolphins Class will be taking part. They will be performing two songs and an instrumental.

**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS**

## Curious! Interested?

Come to an evening of Clairvoyance, an audience with psychic medium **Ashley George** also • Stalls • Jewellery • and light refreshments.

**Support your local school, proceeds to 'Friends of Bawdeswell School'**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May • Bawdeswell Village Hall (Doors open 6:30pm)  
Ashley George (7:30 - 10:00pm)

**Contact Mrs Moore (01362) 688069 for tickets.**

**£7.00**  
per ticket

### **Parents & Toddlers / Baby Group**

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

Come along for a chat and a coffee & let your child have some fun with play dough, colouring and puzzles plus lots of toys and there are additional activities most weeks. For more information call Kate on 688834.



## FINLEY DAVIS FUNDRAISING DAY

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2009 BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

11AM - 2.30PM

Some of you may be aware that Finley Davis who lives in Foxley has recently been diagnosed with Leukemia and has had to start a course of regular treatments at Addenbrooks Hospital in Cambridge.

His mother Kate, works very hard at fund raising for the Pre-School and runs the Friday morning 'Mother and Toddlers' group. It is therefore our turn as a community to help Kate and her family. This fundraising day is to try and raise some money to help with travel costs of getting Finley to and from Addenbrooks and if enough money is raised allow the family to have a short break at Butlins in the summer holidays.

This is where you can help we are looking for donations as raffle and tombola prizes, superb cooks to make cakes for a cake stall and any good jumble (clothes, books, games etc).

Please bring the family along to this fundraising day and lets try and raise enough money to send this little boy and his family on a fun filled holiday.

### CONTACT

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## Friends of Bawdeswell Church

### Results of the January Quarterly Draw -

£100 Mary Goodman, £25 Charlotte Lilwall, Will Sommerville, D MmColville, Margaret Jervis, £10 Debbie Egmore, Mary Goodman, Steve Catchpole, Jo Porter, Peter Lilwall. Next Draw will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at the 1030 Coffee Morning.

Below is a list of all the fundraising events planned for 2009.

MARCH 7<sup>th</sup> QUIZ & SUPPER in the village hall.

MAY 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> FLOWER FESTIVAL

JUNE 28<sup>th</sup> Participation in THE VILLAGE FETE

OCT 17<sup>th</sup> HARVEST SUPPER

DEC 5<sup>th</sup> SALE OF CHRISTMAS WREATHS & TABLE DECORATIONS

DEC 13<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS CONCERT

### Friends of Bawdeswell Church Quiz night and Supper

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm for 7.30pm  
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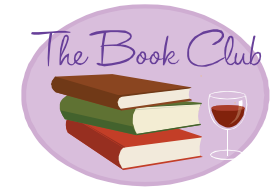
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## Bawdeswell Book Club



Our January book choice was **'The Moonstone'** by Wilkie Collins

T S Eliot called The Moonstone "the first, the longest and the best of modern English detective novels".

The story begins in India in 1799. The Moonstone, a sacred diamond that carries a curse, is vilely plundered by a British soldier during the taking of Seringapatam. He returns with it to England and for 49 years it remains in the strong room of a bank until given to the beautiful and strong-willed heiress, Rachel Verinder, on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. She wears the diamond to her party at the family's country home in Yorkshire where later the same evening it disappears from her bedroom.

The hero of the story, Rachel's dashing cousin Franklin Blake who has been abroad for years, is keen to solve the mystery and together with Lady Verinder employs Scotland Yard's enigmatic detective Sergeant Cuff. However, although there are many suspects, such as an ex-criminal servant girl, three juggling Indians accompanied by a clairvoyant young boy and even Rachel herself, it is not until the end of the novel that the mystery is solved.

The prose is elegant and the characters so well portrayed that you feel you know them. This is particularly so in the case of the five narrators of the story who recall events with which they were most concerned from their own perspective. These include the faithful butler, who believes in the powers of Robinson Crusoe to provide answers to daily difficulties; the spinster cousin, a rather over zealous Christian with her charitable groups such as the Mothers'-Small-Clothes-Conversion Society and the misunderstood doctor's assistant, with his face so much older than his body and his two-tone hair.

Although this is a light-hearted detective story with a romantic thread running through it, Collins manages to comment on the social issues of his era: opium addiction, the Empire, financial difficulties, physiological experiments and Victorian prejudices of race, religion and class.

The Book Club members all thought it an enjoyable book and certainly a classic well worth reading.


Pat Catchpole

The next book club meeting is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at the Workhouse Bar at 8.00pm. We obtain our books through the library book club scheme and welcome new members.


We are currently reading **'The Women's Room'** by Marilyn French.

*The December book choice is reviewed on page 11.*

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### Bawdeswell Book Club .....

December's read was the *Memory Keepers Daughter* by Kim Edwards.

Set in 1960's America the book revolves around the lives of a professional couple, Dr David and Norah Henry, and the events following the birth of their twins Phoebe and Paul.

Shortly after delivering the babies, Dr Henry diagnoses one of the twins, Phoebe, with Downs Syndrome. Reminded of the short and tragic life of his sister, who had been born with a heart defect, he makes the decision to tell his wife the girl had been stillborn whilst instead entrusting her to a nurse who is instructed to take her to an institution to live out her days.

The nurse, Caroline, of course decides to keep Phoebe and embarks on a new life whilst still keeping in secret contact with Phoebe's father as the child matures into a young adult.

Predictably Phoebe's existence does not remain a secret and Dr Henry's deceit is exposed.

Overall it was agreed that the premise for a good story was there but some circumstances and characterisation were just not believable.

Whilst not being a 'page turner' the book was an easy read which did convey a heartbreaking message in parts.

D.E & K.G



### BECK WI

The weather on Monday evening 9th February was depressingly cold and wet. Nevertheless, a good majority of our members turned up to hear Jayne Arnold speak about Aromatherapy. Not only did we listen to Jayne explaining the many uses for the pure essential oils she worked with, but we were invited to smell several of them. Chamomile for instance which is a soothing and comforting oil,

Peppermint - refreshing, Tea Tree which we were please to hear had a stimulating effect (!) and in the cold season is helpful in a room burner, and many more. We were also able to rub into our hands and wrists tiny samples of the various ointments in Jayne's fascinating collection. A most interesting hour.

After the tea/coffee break, Christine read last month's Minutes and Aleathia spoke about forthcoming events, including an organised walk around the Rosary Cemetery on Wednesday evening, 19th August - details later. Members will remember we had an illustrated talk about this Cemetery in Norwich (just off Thorpe Road).

Our speaker next month, Monday 9th March, 7.30 p.m. is Frank Lambert. His subject is Fuchsias and the exhibit is a Plant in a Pot. Hope to see you all.

MARY HUMPHREY

## BAWDESWELL ACTIVITIES GROUP (BAG)

### BAG Adult Activities

#### TABLE TENNIS – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7.30 - 9.30pm

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. We plan to continue these evenings normally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. Please check your Reeve's Tale magazine each month for future dates.

#### BRIDGE FOR FUN AFTERNOONS – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

As a follow up to the Bridge course during the Autumn term, the current second term and the Improvers Seminar, for all those who are interested in getting as many chances to improve their game by playing as often as possible, there will be a bridge 'fun' afternoon once a month on a Friday at Bawdeswell Village Hall from 2 pm - 5pm. The following dates: 27<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**NOTE: On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March we are holding a 'Bridge for Fun' Match between those players who attended the 'Improvers Seminar' in January and those players who are attending the Bridge course. Please come along to the Village Hall at 2pm.**

### MAMA MIA PARTY

*For all the family*

Sing along and Dance to the film on a BIG screen

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

At the 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**

**We cannot guarantee to have any tickets available at the door on the night**

**Call 01362 688749**

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



Project Bawdeswell is at a bit of a cross roads at the moment regarding its own structure and is keen to set up charitable status in order to benefit from gift aid. The application to Biffa for funding towards new equipment for the Children's Play Area is ready to be sent once account technicalities are tied up. Outline

plans for the new village hall have been prepared and were on view at the Wine and Cheese evening held on 23 February. BAG had activities for children during half term and there will be lots of fundraising activities (see below) this year that we hope will appeal to the local community. We plan to seek professional advice in order to access major grant bodies and if there is anyone out there who has fund raising experience/knowledge, we would love to hear from you!

The next steering group meeting will be on Saturdays 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10am at the village hall. Join us and hear all about the various work streams and share your ideas with us.

More information on [www.projectbawdeswell.org.uk](http://www.projectbawdeswell.org.uk) or call the Secretary on 688749

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

**BAG walkers** – will meet every other Saturday at 9.30am at the village hall.

Open to anyone who can walk and talk! Aim is to walk at least 3 miles, ending up back at the village hall. A good activity for improving your health and social life – come as a family, couple, group or on your own. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. £1.00 per person starting **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**BAG bikers** – will meet every other Saturday at 9.30am at the village hall.

If you and your bike are ROAD SAFE then please join us. Aim is to cycle a min. of 3 miles around neighbouring villages, ending up back at the village hall. A great way to improve your fitness and enjoy good company! Ideal for families, bored teenagers, active retired and everyone in between. Please wear cycle helmet and suitable clothing (hi-viz if poor visibility). £1.00 per person starting **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**BAG Basketballers** –will meet EVERY Friday at 5pm on the outside court at the recreation ground. Suitable for ANYONE... male or female, child or adult, novice or superstar! Friendly and Fun. £2 per person starting **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**3 on 3 Basketball Championship** – more details next month.

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

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**FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL-EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2008 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Councillors Harvey, Mears, Barrett, Hatch, Mr G Bambridge, C Boer and 7 Parishioners

**Matters Arising**

**Anglian Water Sewerage Pumping Station:** Clerk confirmed an email had been received 14 Jan, confirming that AW were currently investigating the pumping station location in Chapel Road. AW were due to carry out trial holes in the verge to determine whether there was sufficient room to construct the pumping station in the verge, and therefore at that time could not confirm that the pumping station would not be constructed in the village hall car park.

**Bawdeswell Community Car Scheme:** Clerk confirmed that a meeting between all those involved in getting the scheme launched had been arranged for 19 Feb. All paperwork and procedures should then be finalised and the date of the formal opening of the CCS set; for which Foxley residents would be able to use.

**Agricultural Vehicles Parked on the Verges of Themlethorpe Road:** These vehicles are believed to be only parked on the verges while building works is taking place, the Chairman agreed to speak with the owner of the vehicles to clarify.

**Planning**

**Land South of Cherry Tree Cottage:** The Enforcement Officer at Breckland Council should have visited the site during Dec to ensure that all work had been completed to a satisfactory standard, but the Clerk had not received any notification that this had been done. A query was raised at the meeting as to who is now responsible for the tarmac area in front of the dwellings; residents or Highways.

**Mobile Home at Moor Farm:** PA 3PL/2008/1577/F had been refused by Breckland Council and an appeal had been made. The PC supports Breckland Council's decision and therefore the PC comments to be forwarded for the appeal hearing.

**Village Matters**

**Bottle Bank:** Following a request raised by a parishioner, the PC decided not to pursue the installation of a Bottle Bank in Foxley. This was because the only site for the Bottle Bank would be in the village hall grounds and there was concerns about the amount of space this would consume. If another site could be identified the PC would consider this item again.

**Items Raised at the Meeting:**

- a. Concerns raised about the state of the footpath from Foxley to Bawdeswell. Clerk commissioned to speak to Highways.
- b. Concerns raised about the amount of horse muck that has been left on the footpaths. Clerk commissioned to investigate what can be done about this.
- c. Concerns raised again about the state of the road on the right hand side at the end of Chapel Rd. Highways should have investigated this in Dec, Clerk commissioned to express to Highways the urgency of getting this road repaired following a resident slipping in this area.
- d. Concerns raised about the amount of mud on the road and rat poison on the verges near Moor Farm. Clerk commissioned to investigate.

e. Concerns raised about the state of the field at the start of the village in East Foxley. District Councillor agreed to investigate.

**Date of Next Meeting – Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and first Parish Council Meeting of the new year will be held on Tuesday 12 May 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

**BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL  
DIGEST OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2009**

**Present:** Councillors Shannon, Mason, Beane, Kirby, Lilwall, C Boer and 5 parishioners

**Apologies:** Councillor Cockburn, I Floering-Blackman, Mr G Bambridge

**Project Bawdeswell** – In a progress report to the PC, the Chairman of Project Bawdeswell highlighted that plans had been developed for a new village hall, given that cost implications had ruled out re-development of the existing hall. These plans would be discussed with villagers at a cheese and wine gathering in the village hall scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Investigations were also in hand surrounding the future funding of projects and the financial accounting arrangements for Project Bawdeswell. Meanwhile, a grant application is underway to purchase new equipment for the Children's Play Area, given that the old equipment procured from RAF Coltishall had proved to be too expensive to re-furbish. However, it is hoped to re-furbish and position the second-hand slide shortly using self-help from the village. The Bawdeswell Activities Group had proved to be a great success for Project Bawdeswell, thanks to the generous support of many villagers and 2 grants. Future plans for the BAG include themed film nights, a family quiz night fund raiser, board and card games sessions, and a continuation of the well-supported children's holiday club.

**Ongoing Issues from Previous Meetings**

**Community Car Scheme** – Another resident from Foxley has expressed an interest in becoming a volunteer driver, making a total of 5. The PC would like to thank all those concerned for volunteering their services to what is hoped to be a valuable service to the village. A meeting between Breckland officials, coordinators and drivers has been arranged for 19th Feb, following which the relevant paperwork and procedures will be finalized and the date of the formal opening of the Bawdeswell CCS set.

**Improvement of Public Transport** – The PC has received a response from Norfolk County Council seeking further details on the results of the recent village transport questionnaire in order for the NCC to get a better feel for the demand and level of service needed. The PC has also declared a general interest in an embryonic County-wide Pay-As-You-Go Car Club, subject to finding out more details of the potential scheme.



Highways Outstanding Work – A new metal zig-zag barrier should be in place in the very near future at the end of Billingford Rd. In the meantime residents are reminded not to use this road as vehicle access onto the A1067.

Community Speed Watch – The training date for volunteers is planned for 23 March, and it is hoped to launch the scheme shortly thereafter. Speeding drivers beware!

Adams Pit – Despite the recent Highways work to clear the floodwater from the Old Dereham Road, the problem with drainage from Adams Pit remains. However, Breckland Environmental Health has tested the water on two occasions and has found no impurities in the water. An official from the Norfolk Internal Drainage Board has also recently visited the site but was unable to determine the cause of the flooding or if there was an outlet drain running from the Pit. The PC are continuing their research into the possible existence of outlets from the Pit. Meanwhile, Anglian Water has also visited the site to check all pipes and no evidence of leaks were found. Ed Stocker, Ecologist from Norfolk County Council has been invited to discuss with the PC plans for redeveloping Adams Pit following his visit early last year. It is planned to discuss the redevelopment to Adams Pit in more detail at the next PC meeting. Parishioners are welcome to attend this discussion.

Planning PA 3PL/2009/0048/F - adjacent to Bawdeswell Store; proposed subdivision of 4 bed dwelling house to 3 x 2 bed dwellings: the PC has raised objections to this application concerning vehicular access and parking congestion in the area.

Folland Court – Following a letter received from Peddars Way requesting suggestions for the naming of the two new houses in this development facing the Street, the PC have suggested 1 and 2 Folland Cottages.

Clerks Report - The PC is pleased to report that the outreach postal service in the Church opened at the beginning of January and that this service seems to be well supported. However, the PC continues to encourage the use of the Post Office so this valuable service is not withdrawn.

Any Other Business – The Clerk has been commissioned to investigate what land within the new Folland Court development will be transferred to the Parish following the completion of the development, so that the PC can discuss ideas for its future use and the landscaping of this land. Any suggestions from parishioners would be welcomed once more information has been ascertained.

The next meeting of the PC will take place on **Monday 2 March 2009, at 7.45pm in the Village Hall**. The main item on the agenda will be the redevelopment of Adams Pit. All are welcome to attend.

**Editor's Note: Additional submissions for the Breckland Site Specific Policy have been published and there are 4 more sites in Bawdeswell. This will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting. Details are available on line at <http://consult.breckland.gov.uk/portal/>. Consultation closes on 10<sup>th</sup> March.**

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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                                | <b>£10</b>   |
| 4 Hours         | £30                      | £25                                | <b>£15</b>   |
| 6 Hours         | £45                      | £35                                | <b>£25</b>   |
| 8 Hours         | £50                      | £40                                | <b>£30</b>   |
| 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](mailto:BawdeswellVH@aol.com)**  
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For information about the club please contact Philip Duffield on (01362) 688611

More club information is available online at <http://bawdeswellfc.co.uk/default.aspx>

## BAWDESWELL BOWLS CLUB.



Bawdeswell has 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

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## ICENI CHOIR

On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009 IcenI held its first public workshop taken by Hannah Francis, soprano. Choir members and public alike enjoyed a fun morning learning breathing, control and technique. They sang pieces of music that were looked at from different angles to control the voice and encourage the singer to respond to those around them. We learned to try to listen to the other singers and not judge ourselves. Great fun was had obtaining the higher register while sitting at the same time, a strange way to reach high notes while descending the derriere. All this to help give confidence and assurance that these heights were possible. Those who have lessons with Hannah Francis enjoyed seeing others attaining these new levels that give real pleasure to the listener. Refreshments were served during the half time interval with the spirits being lifted on a bright cold winters morning with some rousing singing. The main topic of conversation being when was the next workshop to be?

IcenI will be holding their Spring Concert Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at St. Mary's Church Great Witchingham 7.30 p.m. Tickets at the door or from James Lilwall 01362 688499 / email: [pjlilwall@hotmail.com](mailto:pjlilwall@hotmail.com)



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## Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

**Indoor meeting:-** A full house for founder member Allan Hale's talk entitled 'The Colorado Chicken Run', an account of a trip to Colorado in search of the Prairie Chicken. Allan transported us through the Rocky Mountain National Park, the Loveland Pass and the Gunnison National Park, an area about the size of England. Excellent pictures of stunning scenery and lots of birds including the greater and lesser Prairie Chickens and the elaborate display of the Sage Grouse (which can be seen on Google Video). Most striking pictures were the Gambel's Quail and the Mountain Bluebird. As always with Allan's talks, well worth turning out for on a cold winter's night.

**Bird Count:-** Twice a year we carry out a bird count with a competitive edge where members split into small teams and set off somewhere in the Wensum Valley ticking off the species. This year's winner was Ray Gribble's team with 72 species. I was not at this event so I (presumably) missed the free round of drinks from team 4 at the local hostelry.

**Note:-** A more detailed account of our trips, talks and list of species are contained in our monthly newsletter, issued free to members.

**Field Trip –** was a visit to the Holkham area. Holkham Hall is set in impressive grounds and is an excellent area for walking and birdwatching – normally. This day however was the exception, a dull overcast day with the wrong type of rain which found its way through what I thought were waterproof clothes. Birds were few and far between and even the deer were sheltering under a few trees that still retained their foliage. Fortunately our dogged leader refused to be discouraged and after lunch the group walked down lady Ann's drive to the nature reserve where, in improving weather, they were rewarded with lots of birds including Common Buzzard, Redwing, Marsh Harrier, Goldeneye. In all 72 species were recorded. So, a satisfactory ending to the day for those who stayed the course of which, I am ashamed to say, I was not one.

### Diary dates:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. 'Norfolk birds and wildlife through the seasons' by Chris Mills. At Weston Longville Village Hall, start 7.30 pm. New faces welcome.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 'Spring Birds', we visit Felbrigg Hall estate with Jacky Pett. Meet at Felbrigg Hall car park at 9.30 a.m. Newcomers welcome, binoculars provided.

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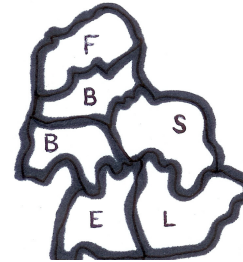
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## Benefice News and Events

A novel start to St Valentine's Day was the ladies of the Benefice serving breakfast to the men. Strikes me it should have been the other way about - perhaps the menfolk made it up to their ladies later on in the day! Our thanks to everyone who cooked, served and washed up and of course to those who supported it. 33 men enjoyed a filling meal and the grand sum of just over £200 was raised for the Norfolk Heart Trust. S.T.

Events for March are as follows:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Friends of Bawdeswell Church quiz night and supper – village hall 7.30pm. Tickets from Robin and Sandi Taylor 01362 688268
- 7<sup>th</sup> Meet and Greet Evening Elsing village hall 6.30pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning at 3 The Paddocks, Lyng 10.30-12 noon
- 28<sup>th</sup> Evening of singing at Elsing Hall 8pm. Tickets £12.50 inc wine and canapés. from 01362 637782/637866/637089

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|           |            |                             |
|-----------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 2 March:  | Obadiah:   | Justice and Judgement       |
| 9 March:  | Nahum:     | God the Avenger             |
| 16 March: | Habakkuk:  | Does God notice the wicked? |
| 23 March: | Zephaniah: | Mish-mash religion          |
| 30 March: | Haggai:    | Building for the future     |

**EACH SESSION IS COMPLETE IN ITSELF.  
PLEASE COME TO ANY OR ALL.**

## From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again,

I don't know how the argument about whether bankers ought to get bonuses will be resolved. It does seem bizarre, that if people were following stupid orders, they should receive the reward they originally negotiated, once everything goes pear-shaped. What level of responsibility do they take for their actions?

But before we get too critical about the bankers, it's good to have a reality-check. Lent, which continues all this month, is a great time for a personal reality-check.

First, there are many things that we have got, that we don't deserve. Sometimes they are gifts from others, sometimes we've been lucky, maybe for some of us our ethics have been a bit shaky. What we have and what we actually deserve may be two very different things.

Second, there are times when, even if we can see that something is stupid, we will go along with it; either to be kind to someone, or to be at one with others, or for an easy life, or because we are not sure how to speak our thoughts.

Third, things have gone wrong in our lives which have been beyond our control. We thought we were going in one direction, and then had to re-think radically. Responsibility does not always mean control. And occasionally someone in authority will accept responsibility when a subordinate has been out of control.

Always, when our thoughts get a bit vengeful, or we want to slap people down, we need to think: "In what way do I do the same kind of thing?" Two wrongs don't make a right, and the bankers may well, in justice, deserve and get no bonuses. If you feel hard done by, first count your blessings; then count the blessings you deserve.

God bless you. David Head



Julian Group – Fridays 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm.  
Contact Susan March 01603 870342

## Deanery Lent Evensong Services

|   |   |             |   |
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| Ash Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February | St Margaret Swannington   | 7.30pm      |   |
|   | Revd David Head   |             | His back: <i>Baptism and crucifixion</i>    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> March                   | St Mary North Elmham  | 6.30pm      |   |
|   | Revd Nicholas Varnon  |             | His feet: <i>Temptation and crucifixion</i> |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> March                   | All Saints Bawdeswell   | 6.30pm      |   |
|   | Miss Susan March  |             | His hands: <i>Healing and crucifixion</i>   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> March                  | St Peter Guestwick  | 6.30pm      |   |
|   | Revd Christopher Morgan-Cromar  |             | His side: <i>Teaching and crucifixion</i>   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> March                  | St Mary Elsing  | 5.00-7.15pm |   |
|   | Lance Pierson – a dramatised presentation of St Mark's Gospel including refreshments in the village hall in the interval. |             |   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> April                   | St Swithin Bintree  | 6.30pm      |   |
|   | Canon Peter Halls   |             | His heart: <i>Ascension and crucifixion</i> |

### March 2009 Church Services

| Date              | 01/03                          | 08/03                          | 15/03                          | 22/03                 | 29/03                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Season            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent | Mothering Sunday      | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent |
| <b>Foxley</b>     | (Deanery)<br>6.30pm            | - - -                          | 8.00 HC<br>PB<br>DH            | 10.30 HC1<br>TC       |                                |
| <b>Lyng</b>       | 9.00 HC1<br>DH                 | - - -                          | (Deanery)                      | 10.30 FS<br>FST       |                                |
| <b>Elsing</b>     | 10.30 MP<br>CW                 | - - -                          | 9.00 HC1<br>DH                 | 10.30 HC1<br>DH       | 10.30 HC<br>DH                 |
| <b>Bawdeswell</b> | 10.30 HC1<br>DH                | (Deanery)<br>6.30pm            | 10.30 WP<br>CW                 | 10.30 GiG<br>GiG Team |                                |
| <b>Bylaugh</b>    | - - - -                        | 9.00 HC<br>PB<br>DH            | - - - -                        | 9.00 MP<br>CW         |                                |
| <b>Sparham</b>    | 10.30 FS<br>FST                | 10.30<br>OMS<br>DH             | 10.30 HC<br>PB<br>DH           | 9.00 HC<br>PB<br>DH   |                                |

### Bawdeswell

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Holy Communion (Prayer Book) 9am

EP Evening Prayer  
 HC(PB) Holy Communion (Prayer Book)  
 HC(1) Holy Communion (Order1)  
 FS Family Service  
 FST Family Service Team  
 MP Morning Prayer

EP Evening Prayer  
 WP Words & Praise  
 OMS One More Step  
 GiG God is Good (family service)  
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