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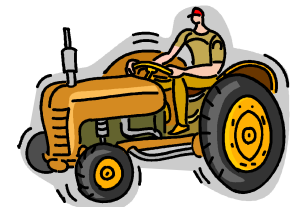
Bawdeswell Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association



The association is lobbying the Parish Council to provide allotments for the village. If you would like to join or would like more information contact Jayne Bown on 01362 688388 or see our website at <http://eoe.xarg.co.uk/balga/>

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Raising Funds for the Bawdeswell Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association

APRIL 2010 EVENTS DIARY

Thu 1st	School Holidays begin Bawdeswell Book Club meets at the Old Workhouse bar 7.30pm
Sat 3rd	Friends of Bawdeswell Church Coffee Morning and Draw 10.30am First Eucharist of Easter, Bawdeswell Church 8.30pm
Sun 4 th	Easter Gig for all the family in Bawdeswell Church 1030am
Wed 7 th	All ages indoor games at Bawdeswell Village Hall 1pm Bridge Club at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.15pm
Thu 8 th	Mobile Police Station in Bawdeswell 11am Craft Afternoon at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Fri 9 th	Icing Easter Biscuits for under 8's at Bawdeswell Village Hall 1pm Julian Group meets in Bawdeswell at 8pm
Sat 10 th	Gardener's Question Time at Foxley Village Hall 7.30pm
Mon 12 th	Glass painting for over 12's at Bawdeswell Village Hall 1pm Beck WI meet at Sparham Old Schoolroom at 7.30pm Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm
Wed 14 th	All ages indoor games at Bawdeswell Village Hall 1pm
Fri 16 th	Multi Crafts (8years and under)
Sat 17 th	Project Bawdeswell Meeting 10am
Sun 18 th	BAGY Breakfast at Bawdeswell Village Hall 8.30am
Mon 19 th	Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee Meeting at 7.30pm
Tue 20 th	Bawdeswell back to school
Wed 21 st	Bridge Club at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.15pm
Thu 22 nd	Craft Afternoon at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Fri 23 rd	Children's Society Bake & Brew in Sparham Old School Room 19.30am
Sun 25 th	Afternoon Teas in Foxley Village Hall
Mon 26 th	Table tennis at Bawdeswell Village Hall
Fri 30 th	Bridge Club at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2.30pm Julian Group meets in Bawdeswell at 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
Seekers 1st Saturday

Bawdeswell Church

ICENI Choir practice Wednesdays 7.30pm

Foxley Village Hall

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



We would like to apologise for the omission of the BAG page from the printed copy of the Reeve's Tale in March. This was due to an error by BAG and was not the fault of the magazine.

Easter At The Hall – note earlier times

Please see below for activities which (including materials) will be **FREE** of charge, although donations towards the costs will be welcomed. These activities at Bawdeswell Village Hall are open to all residents of Bawdeswell, Foxley and surrounding villages. As usual the 'CAFE' will be open every afternoon for hot & cold drinks, sweets & crisps etc. from 1 – 4 pm.

We accept children aged 9 years and over with parental consent (written consent on our specific form - available at the hall or in advance contact 688749 - is required). Children under 9 **MUST** be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult (18 plus). Attendance of unaccompanied children is of course subject to their good behaviour.

Events for children under 9 years – parents bringing children under 9 may bring older children who can join in whilst the parents are there. Pool and table tennis may not be available.

Events for children 9 years and above – parents of children attending may bring younger children but they will need to be closely supervised. No specific activities or equipment other than drawing/painting or similar are likely to be available for the younger children.

PLEASE NOTE : If any parent has concerns about the interaction between their child and another they must speak to one of the volunteers rather than speaking to the other child involved.

The Village Hall will be open for indoor activities between **1pm & 4pm** on the following 5 days:

Wednesday 7th April - All ages indoor games afternoon

Friday 9th April – Icing Easter Biscuits (8 years old and under)

Monday 12th April – Glass Painting (9 years old and over)

Wednesday 14th April - All ages indoor games afternoon

Friday 16th April – Multi Crafts (8 years old and under)

Call Janet on 688749 for more information



Grease Sing-along Evening 30th January – Thank you for the favourable feedback. It is nice to know so many of you enjoyed the evening. We plan to show more films and would appreciate receiving any requests.

BAG has recently submitted a grant application to Norfolk Community Foundation to fund the purchase of our own cinema equipment. If successful we plan to have monthly film shows and form a Cinema Club in the village. If you are interested in running this club please contact David on 688749.

Table Tennis – fun evenings - Mondays 26th April and 24th May 2010 - It doesn't matter how well you play - come along and have some fun or just come along to socialise. Other games available and the BAG café will be open for refreshments. Cost - £1.50 adult or 75p under 18 towards the hire of the hall. Due to Bank Holidays there is only one session each in April & May. Further information from Janet on 688749.

The Running Club is still meeting and would warmly welcome anyone who wishes to join us. Contact Debbie on 688098 or Fel on 688876. We have all signed up to run the Race for Life 5k/10k on May 1st and if anyone would like to sponsor Kelsey and raise money for Cancer Research – please visit her fundraising page: <http://www.raceforlifesporsome.org/kelseybaker1>

The first BAGY Bawdeswell Breakfast was a huge success – many thanks to Paul Davis of Davis Eggs and John & Kath Baker at Bawdeswell Butchers for providing the eggs, sausages and bacon. Thanks to our waitresses and waiter; Keara Baker, Harriet Biss, Paige Roberts and Morgan Roberts and Connor Bakers. Over £50 was raised towards the childrens play area. Our chefs (Kelsey and Fel) would love to hear from anyone who is interested in joining BAGY and helping out at our next Breakfasts, planned for Sunday 18th April, Sunday 18th July and Sunday 17th October.

BAG 4 BAG has been organised for Tuesday 20th April (the day the children go back to school). Your blue bag will be delivered through your door about 1-2 weeks before that date. Please fill it with clothes, bedding, curtains, shoes, bags, belts, hats, cushions etc – good condition please, and no bric a brac. I'll be round to collect them on that TUESDAY morning, so please leave on your doorstep.

Further information is available on our NEW web site at <http://eoe.xarg.co.uk/bag/>



The new PLAY AREA is taking shape and whilst we have achieved lots there is still work to be done. We plan to officially “open” the area at the village fete on SUNDAY JUNE 27th to give the turf and seed time to establish, so would ask everyone to stay off the area until then... it will be worth the wait!

We are running a competition – DESIGN A SIGN (FOR THE PLAY AREA) – for all the children in the village. You can design as many as you like, be as original as you like, but you have to be under 18. The signs should be for whatever you think is important within the area (for example, welcoming people to the play area, to encourage dog mess to be cleared up, to get litter in the bins, to stop the plants being trampled on etc).

The winning designs will be made into actual signs and planted in the area. Be sure to put your name, village and contact number on the entry. You can bring your entries to an Easter At The Hall afternoon or drop them in to 5 Reepham Road or High Windows, Meadow Loke.



(Bawdeswell Activities Group Youth)

Sunday Morning Breakfast

Sunday 18th April 2010 at 8.30am

Bawdeswell Village Hall

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

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

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

For availability, more details and a booking form please contact the booking clerk:-
David Cockburn, Tel: (01362) 688749, Mobile: 07778 835 254, Email: BawdeswellVH@aol.com
See our website – <http://eoe.xarg.co.uk/bawdeswellvillagehall/>

The next Village Hall Committee Meeting will be held on
Monday 19th April 2010 - 7.30 pm at the Hall



More 2010 Dates
Friday 4th June 2010
Wednesday 23rd June 2010

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

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

Bawdeswell Village Hall Entertainment Licence

Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee is applying for a variation to their entertainment licence for the hall which will also include the recreation ground. This is because the number of events that can be held where a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) is required is only 12 which limits the number of functions that can be held. The TEN also costs £21 each time one is applied for. The licence is for the following activities.

The performance of plays, showing of films, playing of indoor sports, provision of live and recorded music, performance of dance and other activities similar to these. The provision of entertainment facilities for the making of music, dancing and other activities similar to these. The sale of alcohol for consumption at organised events.

All of the above between 0800 and 2400.

The provision of late night refreshments from 2300 to 0030.

An extra 2 hours to be added to the terminal hour any Friday, Saturday or Sunday of any Bank Holiday weekend and also on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and also for the May Ball event which would be on a date notified to the licensing authority (and local residents) at least 14 days in advance.

Activities on the recreation ground will be strictly limited to Bawdeswell Village Community organisations only for functions such as the Annual Fete at the end of June, the occasional Bawdeswell Ball in May and the 'Roc at the Rec' concert normally held in July.

Where alcohol is to be sold, this will have to be approved in each case by the Village Hall Committee and strict terms and conditions will be applied.

When we have submitted our application, blue notices will be posted at the hall and recreation ground for 28 days during which anyone can make an objection. An advert will also be placed in the Dereham & Fakenham Times.

Planning Application for Portable Building

Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee is considering applying for planning permission for a portable building to be placed alongside the hall. This would be used as a meeting room, for storage and as a changing room for the soccer club.



The Children's Play area continued to be the main focus at the moment. We are very grateful to the village groups that have pledged to donate to the project, and of course we and all villagers must be extremely grateful to Fel Roberts for the effort and energy she has put into this project. For approximately a year now she has been filling in forms, cajoling grant providers, liaising with contractors, organising work parties, etc. She has used her drive and determination to the benefit of the whole of our community, which makes us very fortunate.

At our last meeting we also covered various other issues - our governance status is continuing slowly, BAG continues to be very active with plenty of future plans. We also discussed ideas for a possible extension to the village hall. There is a long way to go and a masses of money to be found before any dreams of a new hall are realised. There is a lot being done by the committee but we are a small band of people and would appreciate more members. Our next meeting is scheduled for 10.00 am on 27th March in the Village Hall and it would be great to see others there.

Project meetings are normally held at the Village Hall at 10am on the last Saturday of each month (except December). All are welcome to attend. The meeting for 24th April has been provisionally rescheduled to 17th April.

For more information on Project Bawdeswell see our new web site at
<http://eoe.xarg.co.uk/projectbawdeswell/>
or come along to one of our meetings.



BRIDGE CLUB

The Club meets weekly in **Bawdeswell Village Hall**.

Although experienced players are part of the group, and very welcome, many members have recently learnt to play bridge or have not played for a long time and have resumed playing.

The Club meets once a week alternately on every other Wednesday evening at 7.15 p.m. for a 7.30p.m. start, finish 9.30 p.m. and every other Friday afternoon at 2.15 p.m. for a 2.30 p.m. start, finish 5.30 p.m.

April Dates are Friday 30th, Wednesdays 7th & 21st. No session on Friday 16th due to BAG so there will be a meeting at 2.15pm on Thursday 15th instead.

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



BAWDESWELL BOWLS CLUB.

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

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

PARENTS & TODDLERS / BABY GROUP

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

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BAWDESWELL FOOTBALL CLUB.

The club plays in the 3rd division of the Crown Fire Central and South Norfolk League. Home games are played at Bawdeswell Recreation Ground.

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Book Club Review

At our March meeting we discussed *The Bell* by Iris Murdock. Several of us had read it previously, decades ago but could remember very little. Those of us who had re-read it, and those who had read it for the first time found it an easier read than expected.

It is unusual story the characters are living in a religious commune in an isolated country house next to a closed Convent with a large lake further impeding access to the two buildings. This physical isolation also sets the group apart from general society. The characters are a diverse group and are all a bit lost and not quite of this world.

The main action of the novel is the planned ceremony to consecrate a new bell for the Abbey to replace one lost centuries before. Unknown to the majority, two members of the community are also planning a dramatic ill conceived surprise of their own as a highlights. Unsurprisingly even more unexpected events occur when the actual ceremony is in progress.

A main theme is love in various aspects – unrequited, awakening, jealous, homosexual, possessive – this novel has it all!

It is a wonderfully written book and we all enjoyed it (which is pretty unusual) and would recommend it to anyone looking for a well written but easy to read ‘meaty’ thought provoking novel. We hope to read another Iris Murdock novel sometime in the future.

The Book Club meets in the Workhouse Bar on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30 pm. New members are always welcome. We mostly obtain books from the library so there is not the expense of buying new books each month. We are reading Fathers and Sons by Richard Madeley for discussion at the April meeting and A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens for discussion at the May meeting.

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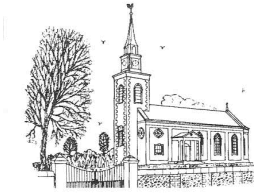
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Past event(s)

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 Sunday **13th December** 4pm "Christmas Concert" **£421.29**
 Saturday **23rd January** 100 club 'thank you & renewal' evening reception **96 renewals**

Finance Report: as at 15/02/10

Total surplus B/fwd 2009 **£3896.31**
 Total cash assets **£4703.80**

Forthcoming event(s) for 2010

February 27 th	Quiz & Supper Village Hall 7.00pm
April 3 rd	Coffee Morning and Draw
May 16 th	Sunday Afternoon Concert with tea, 4pm in the Church
July 3 rd	Coffee Morning and Draw
Oct 2 nd	Coffee Morning and Draw
October 1 st	Flower demonstration by Christal Dyball, with lunch, in the church 10.30am
October 30 th	Harvest Supper with Keith Loades, Village Hall 7.00pm
Dec 11 th	Christmas Wreaths etc for Sale in the church 10 - 4
Dec 12 th	Christmas Concert 4pm

Other:

Total Raised 2009 £5506.20

Donations to the PCC during 2009 - £5488 towards Utilities, Repairs & Insurance

Thank you all for your support, on behalf of the PCC. RT Churchwarden.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

DIGEST OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2010

Present: Councillors Shannon, Mason, Beane, Kirby, C Boer and 4 parishioners.

Visit by Local PCSO: PCSO Angie Powles was pleased to report that from the evidence of the monthly crime figure statistics and incidents reported from parishioners, Bawdeswell is a village that does not experience high levels of crime. However PCSO Angie Powles reiterated the need for parishioners to report any incidents to the Dereham Safer Neighbourhood Team or the Mobile Police Van that visits the village on a monthly basis, so these can be investigated and responded to accordingly.

Ongoing Issues from Previous Meetings

Adams Pit: Volunteers have now burnt most of the remaining detritus left from the final stage of tree surgery, and the topsoil required for the hedging on western side of the pit has been delivered. The preparation work on the bund and the subsequent planting of the hawthorn/blackthorn saplings should be completed by the end of March. Following advice from the NCC Ecologist, the Trustees of the Pit agreed that an adjacent landowner could lower the depth of the newly installed drain from Adams Pit by a further 14 inches, to help drain the surrounding land, at his own expense.

Allotments: The Chairman and Clerk plan to meet with one local landowner in the near future to discuss possible land for allotments, although this is not the area preferred by the parish Council. It is also hoped to arrange similar meetings with other interested landowners in the not too distant future.

Parish Councillor Vacancy: The Parish Council still has a vacancy for a Councillor, and now has clearance to co-opt a person to this position. This is a voluntary post and, as a Councillor, you would be required to attend Parish Council meetings which are normally held on the 1st Monday of the month. You may also be required to spend a few hours a month supporting projects, attending other meetings etc. A Parish Council is a Local Authority that makes decisions on behalf of the residents in the Parish. This is an important role and if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Planning

PA 3PL/2010/0058/LB and 3PL/2010/0059/F: proposed new swimming pool at Bawdeswell Hall; the PC supported this application.

PA 3PL/2009/1159/F: Proposed garage at the rear of Kates Cottage, planning permission granted with 5 conditions.

PA 3PL/2009/0048/F: Further to the appeal made against refusal to grant planning permission for the subdivision of the 4 bed dwelling house to 3 x 2-bed dwellings adjacent to Bawdeswell Store, the Parish Council has received confirmation that the Planning Inspectorate dismissed the appeal on highways safety grounds.

Any Other Business of Interest to Parishioners

Childrens Play Area: Exciting times - work on the new play area is well underway and, despite the bad weather, it is still hoped to complete the project by the deadline of 31st March 2010. Once again, the Parish Council would like to urge anyone who can spare a few hours to help Fel Roberts and her gang of volunteers to undertake some of self-help tasks which are critical to the success of the project. She can be contacted on 68887. Lets keep our fingers crossed that

we have a wonderful summer with lots of sunshine so the children can really enjoy this new play area, which will be formally opened at the Village Fete.

Mobile Fish & Chip Van: Although no formal approval need be granted by the Parish Council, it has written to a businessman who has expressed an interest in bringing his mobile fish & chip van to the village on a weekly/fortnightly basis, expressing support for his endeavours and suggesting that suitable parking spots might be Folland Court and the cul de sac close to Two Fields Way..

Drainage & Surfacing Scheme: The Parish Council has been notified of a NCC Highways plan for future drainage & surfacing repairs along the B1145 Reepham Road within the village. To undertake this work NCC plan to close the Reepham Road, from 'Westbury' to Bawdeswell Bridge, for approximately 25 working days commencing from or soon after 26th July 2010.

Annual Parish Meeting: The Parish Council has decided that this year's Annual Parish Meeting should take place on a different evening to that of the Annual Parish Council and monthly Parish Council meeting. It will take place on 17th May 2010 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall and, in addition to progress reports by the usual speakers, activity groups from with the village will be invited to attend for the benefit of parishioners. More details about the Annual Parish Meeting can be found in the Chairman's Report on the next page.

The date of next meeting is: Monday 12st April 2010 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

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Local Websites

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Ask Jeeves, both of which earn pennies for the Reeve's Tale magazine. Make www.bawdeswell.net your gateway to the Internet and help the parish magazine. Ed

Chairman of Bawdeswell Parish Council Annual Report – April 2010

Dear Parishioner,

In this Annual Report, I hope to give you an insight into how your Parish Council has been spending the funds allocated to us under the 2009/10 Precept, our successes and failures, and what we are hoping to achieve over the next year.

As usual, we will cover these issues in more detail at the **Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall at 6.30 pm on 17th May 2010**. I will chair this event, simply to keep things moving along, but I stress it is not a Parish Council meeting but more a general forum for the whole village. All are welcome, indeed encouraged, to attend to share your views about local issues of importance. As happened last year, there will be an opportunity to listen to, and ask questions of your County and District Councillors, the Headmaster of Bawdeswell School, Project Bawdeswell Staff, the Village Hall Committee and myself. You will also be able to raise other issues for discussion; all we ask is that you inform the Parish Clerk of such issues a week in advance of the meeting to ensure we are all best prepared. We hope to make this year's meeting more of a social gathering by also inviting all the various activity groups within Bawdeswell to bring along publicity material and chat to interested individuals after the main meeting. So, it is very much your chance to find out what is going on in and around the village - please come along!

2009 was another busy year for the Parish Council. It might best be described using the Mastermind question master's saying, "I've started, so I'll finish"! Under Project Bawdeswell, work has started on the new children's' play area in the Recreation Ground. Thanks in great part for this venture must go to Fel Roberts' magnificent efforts in raising some £50,000+ for the project. The formal opening of the play area is planned to coincide with the Village Fete on 27th June. We have also started work on refurbishing Adams Pit, with some very welcome financial help and expert advice from Norfolk County Council. We will break from major work on the Pit at the end of March, to take account of the wildlife breeding season, but hope to engage in further clearance of the pond area itself next September. The Parish Council has also started to address the issue of allotments for the village, in response to requests from the newly-formed Bawdeswell Allotments and Leisure Gardens Society. We can't claim success, as yet, in finding suitable land to lease, but we do have a number of irons in this particular fire!

Meanwhile, Bawdeswell Speedwatch is having some influence on driving practices within the village, although, regrettably, it doesn't seem to dissuade some of the more persistent speedsters in our community. The Community Car Scheme, introduced last May, has also proved to be a great success for Bawdeswell and Foxley residents, but we have yet to see any customers from Bylaugh - perhaps the residents there are just more healthy than the rest of us! Our Scheme is now being promoted by Breckland District Council as a model for others to follow!

Utilisation levels at the Village Hall have gone from strength to strength under the control of its very proactive Management Committee; the net result of its efforts being amongst the final few competing for a coveted Pride of Norfolk Award. We didn't win in 2009, but rest assured, the team will try again to see their sterling efforts recognised. The Bawdeswell Activities Group (BAG) also continues to expand its influence within our community and,

through internal fundraising and a little external help, the Group now provides much-needed support to all age groups in the village, not just the youngsters.

Behind all of these ventures are small but dedicated groups of volunteers who get little in the way of reward, save for the knowledge of a good job - well done; so, on a personal note, let me use this opportunity to thank all of those who have helped serve the community in so many ways over the year and, in particular, David Cockburn who unfortunately has had to retire recently from the Parish Council due to ill health. Regrettably, while the volunteers' workload has been impressive, their numbers have been few- in fact too few if we are to keep some of the activities going. So, let me advertise: apart from a councillor to replace David, the Community Car Scheme urgently needs 2 more drivers if it is to keep going. Likewise, we desperately need more people prepared to give up an hour a week to help our Speedwatch effort, and we continue to need helpers to make Adams Pit a site worth seeing. To all the parents out there whose children might benefit significantly from the new play area, Fel Roberts is also looking for your support. In sum, parishioners of Bawdeswell - "Your Community Needs You"! Please contact the Parish Clerk if you feel you can help in any of the above-mentioned ventures.

Amongst our successes in 2009 we unfortunately also have to count a few failures. While we have a new bus stop in the centre in the village, we have as yet, failed in our bid for improve public transport to Dereham. We also lost the battle with BT to retain the coin facility in our 'red' telephone box, and are having to fight a rearguard action to save the village public telephone service in toto. We are still in the too-lengthy legal process of negotiating the landscaping and handover of the small plot of land in front of the new Folland Court development, the longer term intention being to turn it into a small memorial garden for the benefit of all. Moreover, while the Post Office in All Saints Church has proved to be a great success, and our thanks for this go out to Tony, our sub-postmaster, and the Church Wardens, computer faults have prevented PO operations in recent weeks. We are doing what we can to support Tony in his endeavours to get the problem fixed, but in the meantime I would beg peoples' patience - we need to continue to utilise this service once it is back up and running if we are to keep it.

For those interested in finance, it is estimated that the total income the Parish Council has received for the year 2009/10 is £15303 and it estimated that at the end of this financial year the total expenditure will be £14,618. Due to the continuing recession, we tried our very best to keep the 2009/10 Precept as low as possible - this has meant that money has been very tight this year, and our balance at the end of the year will be less of a comfort blanket than in previous years. However, we did find the little extra needed for the toddlers' play area. Rest assured, we will continue to provide best possible value for your money and have succeeded in setting a comprehensive work programme for 2010/11 with only very minor increases in next year's Precept

So what will be our theme for 2010/11 - well, the short answer is to finish what we have started! In addition, we will continue to battle with bureaucracy over the issues of public transport and telephone services for the village etc.

Thank you for your attention. I hope to see you all on 17th May.

David Shannon
Chairman Bawdeswell Parish Council

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ICENI SPRING CONCERTS

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May 8th.7.00 pm at
St Mary, Great Witchingham

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Christine Humphries, our speaker on 8th March, thoroughly entertained us with her tales of family life in a 1900's Norfolk village. A true story this, as Phoebe, born in the 1880s was Christine's own grandmother. Phoebe married Charles in 1909 and we were shown photographs of the young couple and their growing family. They had 17 children, 10 boys and seven girls (one only died young – a few months old) but we could see from Christine's treasured photographs that the children were well cared for and tidily dressed. Phoebe had to cope with washdays (this took two days each week), ironing (using the old heavy iron heated on the fire), cleaning and baking. Christmases and Easter were always happy events an each child was made to feel extra special on his / her birthday by receiving a small – **very** small – gift. A most interesting talk.

After the interval Christine read the Minutes of the last Meeting and she and Margaret (standing in for Aleathia) told us of forthcoming events. The exhibit – A Victorian item – was won by Jennifer, 2nd Christine. The raffle was won by Anne.

This month – 12th April – our speaker Susan Lee, is talking about **Calcutta rescue – work as a midwife in Kolkata**. This should be most interesting and the exhibit is an item for Calcutta rescue. Hope to see you all 7.30 p.m. in Sparham's OLD SCHOOL ROOM.

Mary Humphrey

Women's World Day of Prayer.

40 ladies and one gentleman came to this years day. We enjoyed a presentation of photos of Cameroon seeing the lives of the women in that Country it makes you feel humble that they choose the theme Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. They took the reading from Acts ch. 16 starting at verse 34. when Paul and Silas were put in prison but they praised the Lord a lesson for us all when we start to moan how difficult life is. A short word how can we in our small villages help these people? well one way is to try and buy goods and food fair-trade look for the label when you shop.

I thank Bawdeswell for hosting us this year. we took £169 70p in our collection much of this gift-aided adding much more to the gift this money goes to head quarters to help buy books in poor nations.

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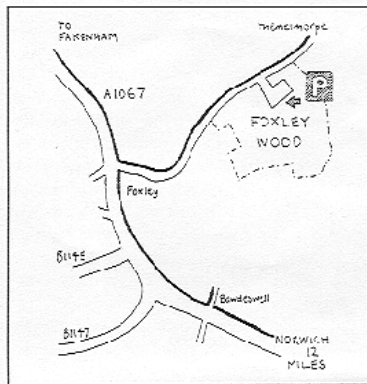
April and May is the time to see the great swathes of Bluebell for which Foxley Wood is famous.

Clearly visible from space, this is the largest remaining block of ancient woodland in Norfolk. The Doomesday Book noted that it was a large enough area for 300 swine. That is said to be a way of measuring it. It is quite possible it was a hunting ground.

In the 1960's the Forestry Commission took over and replaced large areas with conifers for pit props and the paper industry. The continuous shade provided by the commercially grown conifers inhibited the wealth of ground flora and fauna that existed there - much of it quite rare. Happily the Norfolk Wildlife Trust was able to purchase the wood in 1988 and not only opened this delightful area to the public but have done great work in felling the conifers and returning the vast majority of the forest to its original state. One of the major features of Foxley Wood is the series of wide tracks, known as rides, that criss-cross the Wood. These were developed to allow easy removal of timber but now support a tremendous variety of flowers including various St John's wort, orchids, stitchworts and bugle. Some of the rides are dominated by drooping orange-pink flowers of water avens.

And what of the birdlife and animals? Well as you can imagine there is a wealth of this too. Sparrowhawks and tawny owls breed in good numbers and all three species of woodpecker are present. Young coppice supports garden warbler, black cap and whitethroat. Good numbers of bank vole and wood mouse keep the resident weasels, stoats and foxes well supplied. Roe, red and muntjac deer visit the wood. Evidence of wild boar has been found and at least one eye-witness report of a sighting in the vicinity.

Where is it? On the Themelthorpe road less than a mile beyond Foxley East.
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Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

Indoor meeting: Paul Eele (RSPB) gave a talk about the problems affecting the Titchwell reserve on the North Norfolk coast. Titchwell has three basic types of eco-system, salt-marsh, fresh-water marsh and brackish reed beds which makes this area of great importance to a wide range of species, notably waders and other flocks of migrant birds. It also plays a vital role in the conservation of the Bittern and the Avocet. Paul said the main problem at Titchwell is that of coastal erosion, underlined by some dramatic aerial photos of sand bars, sand banks and marine inlets. Major construction work on new sea walls and dams, using latest sea-defence technology, is underway and Large tracts of Titchwell Marsh will be closed to the public this summer (2010) during this work. Some of the old hides have been demolished but the shortage of car parking space has not yet been resolved and visitors will have to continue their secret trick of arriving early. An interesting and informative talk.

Outdoor Meeting: Seventeen members met at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at Welney near Downham Market, for a day's birding. Welney has been improved beyond recognition with its new Eco friendly visitor centre and, with our recent spell of bad weather, this was the perfect place to watch the daily feeding of the wintering wild swan, from the comfort of a centrally heated hide. (My sort of winter birdwatching). Then on to Dunkirk Bridge to see if a reported Great White Egret was still there. A local birdwatcher had spotted the egret and we were able to join him and take in distant views of this fairly rare visitor to Britain. Finally to Denver Sluice, on the River Great Ouse. A thoroughly enjoyable day's birding with 71 species seen which included Tree Sparrow, Reed Bunting, Marsh Harrier and Black-tailed Godwit.

Dates for April: Thursday 15th is our AGM - which will herald the start of our 8th year of existence. This is followed by a talk By Peter Lambley entitled, 'Patagonia – In Darwin's Footsteps'. On Saturday 24th we visit East Norfolk with Ray Gribble. All are welcome, especially beginners, but please note there is a small charge for non-members.

Colin Wright [01603 740548] www.wvbs.co.uk

TALES FROM THE PAST

Last month we read about the Bawdeswell Home Guard during WWII. This month we reprint a letters from one of the London Evacuees billeted in Bawdeswell at the time.

"I was interested and somewhat amused by the reminiscences of Mr. Bugdale regarding the Home Guard. I was one of the "evacuees" to whom he refers, as our family had to move out of London having spent practically all of our nights there in air raid shelters. When we came out of the shelters in the morning, apart from seeing some of the devastation, we boys would drag magnets along to collect the shrapnel from the bombing.

As we lived in the Willows, I had first-hand views of the Home Guard. For most of the war they had no complete uniforms and generally turned up wearing an assortment of civilian clothes with perhaps a battledress blouse. I can still remember one man dressed in work boots and trousers, with a battledress blouse, a flat cap and a white scarf around his neck. Their usual arms were broom handles. Most people thought it was better that they did not carry real weapons as they would have caused more trouble than any Germans who might appear. I remember a group of us boys watching Mr. Lambert who ran the Bell Inn, chopping wood in his barn across the road from the pub. One of us asked him why he did not join the Home Guard. Mr. Lambert looked at us with an expression of amusement and said "me join that lot, if my home needs guarding I will do it myself".

I also recollect that even as a small boy I was surprised that nobody in the village seemed to understand what was going on in London with the bombing and devastation. In fact they seemed to know almost nothing about what went on beyond Dereham and Norwich at the most."

Bryan Donoghue

In 1945 Bawdeswell Home Guard consisted of 44 volunteers from the local area which included Reepham. You can read more letters and see a group photograph of the Bawdeswell Home Guard on The Reeve's Tale Website www.thereevestale.co.uk

NEXT MONTH: The Bawdeswell & Foxley plane crashes.



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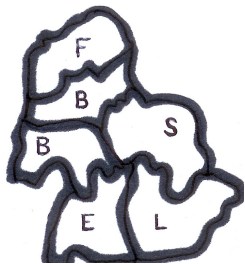
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Maundy Thursday Holy communion at Lyng at 7.30pm (no 9.30 am service)

Good Friday United Liturgy at Sparham at 10.30am

Good Friday walk from Elsing Church to Lyng Church starting at 3pm finishing with tea and hot cross buns at the Rectory and a chance to walk the "Way of Sorrows" in the Rectory garden.

Easter Eve vigil at Bawdeswell at 8.30pm

Events for April:

Saturday 3rd Friends of Bawdeswell church coffee morning and 100 club draw

Friday 23rd at 10.30 am St. George's Day Bake & Brew at Sparham Old School Room, in aid of The Children's Society.

Come along with some home-made cakes for us to sell & enjoy a cup of coffee. OR come anyway!"

Saturday 24th Lyng Church Spring Bazaar in Lyng village hall 10.30am

Tuesday 27th Elsing APCM 6.00 p.m. at The Mermaid - all welcome - followed by a meal there; numbers for meal to Fran please (01362 637782)

NB All churches have to have their annual meeting before May 1st.

BAWDESWELL ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Easter is the time when every confirmed church member should make their communion. At Bawdeswell, we will again be holding the first Eucharist of Easter at 8.30pm on Easter Eve (Saturday 3 April) to give everyone the opportunity to come to communion. This is a special service which marks the end of Lent and the coming of the light of the risen Christ. The service is one which the Church has used since very early times and in it we are also able to renew our baptismal vows (in the early Church, Easter was the occasion when new members were baptised). This is a full service with hymns and sermon and lasts just over an hour - everyone is very welcome.

And on Easter morning at 10.30 there will be the Easter GiG, especially geared to children but at which all ages are made to feel at home. This is not a communion service - there are songs, readings and activities to help us celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The service lasts about three quarters of an hour and is followed by refreshments. WM

We record with sadness the passing away of Bill Flynn, Dulcie Dobbs and Bob Gower.

FOXLEY ST. THOMAS'

At our PCC Meeting on 24th February we discussed several matters, but in particular John Harvey presented the Annual Accounts for 2009 for our approval. Again we had kept up our record of paying in full the Annual Parish Share to the Diocese, now running at £5693. We had added modestly to our Fabric Fund, now standing at £15000, however, this is dwarfed by the amounts needed for the restoration of the bells (see Dr. Tony Rushbrook's separate report below). We hope to get support from various grant-giving bodies and will raise as much as we can with local events, if we can dream up something new and different. Any ideas? We kept up our tradition of Charitable Giving, the principal recipients being Help for Heroes and East Anglia Children's Hospices. We were very grateful for Joan and Richard Parfitt's Coffee Morning, Sylvia McColville's Bridge Afternoon, the Norfolk Churches Cycle Ride sponsors and the new and old Rectorys' Open Gardens. All these special events receipts went to the Restoration Fund.

We shall be decorating for Easter on Saturday 3rd April. Anyone, who just loves arranging flowers, is welcome to join in.

Diana Harvey
PCC Secretary

St Thomas' Foxley - Restoration

Foxley Church has 6 bells dating back to the 1700's and noted for their historical importance. However they haven't been heard very much in the last 60 years because they are in need of a serious overhaul. One bell is badly cracked. So we would like to restore them, but they will all have to come down and be sent away for treatment. The oak bell frame and 16th century bell floor below also need renovation. In the meantime one bell is in a reasonable condition and we will ring that before some church services to welcome people to church. Many people welcome the sound of bells as they are part of our heritage, but if we manage to restore them they will be there for the benefit of Foxley for many generations to come. We are also forming a bell ringers group but hearing them play in Foxley will be some time away yet.

This church also needs a lot of other restoration work in the tower, improvements to chancel heating, and interior and porch decoration, for which we are raising funds. The church has been in the village since Saxon times and the bells are housed in the tower, which was constructed in 1380. It is hard to imagine how old the church building really is when we walk past - it takes us halfway back to the Roman Age and the times of the Norman Conquest. So we can't let it just deteriorate.

Tony Rushbrook (Churchwarden 01362 688494)

From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

One-off events have a way of changing the way we think. Life is bumbling along nicely, and then something out of the ordinary happens. It may be good, like falling in love and realising this is *it*, or having your first child. It may be bad, like a serious illness or the loss of someone you love deeply. It may be a near-miss accident, or losing your job. You might have a time in your life where you can say: “This is a defining moment for me. After this I will never be the same.”

Of course, these moments happen all the time. They can be personal ones, or indeed, they can be national or global ones – 9/11, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the financial meltdown of 2008, the invention of the internet or the car or the iPod. We find ourselves in a different world; and we adapt, or avoid what is new. It’s possible to stay the same, but the world has changed, so we are not in quite the same relation to it.

Christians believe that the first Easter was a defining moment like that. Something that happened in one place and at one time changed the possibilities available to all people. A new world was opened up.

So at Easter, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. It’s the one-off event that, once it makes sense to us, changes the way we think. Many of us can point to the moment in our lives when it all clicked, made sense. For others of us, there were several different one-off moments that brought us by stages to what we believe.

I think that this is true of all of us, whatever we believe. We can remember the times when we had realisations that made sense to us, times when we discovered what we truly believe in. Suddenly, everything was clearer. And we won’t forget the Eureka moment.

Normally we resist if we are aware of people trying to tell us what to think. We may find it useful to know how they think, and why, but we like to make up our own minds. That’s why we need to think for ourselves about one-off events like births, loves, deaths, and yes, resurrection as well, even if we end up agreeing with others.

God bless you this Easter David Head

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FLEBBS Benefice Church Services APRIL 2010

Date	Season	01/04	02/04	03/04	04/04	11/04	18/04	25/04
Foxley					Easter Day 10.30 HC DH	2 nd Sunday of Easter 10.30 OMS DH	3 rd Sunday of Easter 8.00 HC PB DH	4 th Sunday of Easter 10.30 HCl DH
Lying					9.00 HC DH		17.00 EP DH	10.30 FS FST
Elsing			3pm Walk		10.30 HC TC		9.00 HCl DH	10.30 W&P CW
Bawdeswell				20.30 HC DH	10.30 GiG GiG Team		10.30 HC DH	10.30 WP CW
Bylaugh					9.00 HC TC	9.00 HC PB DH		9.00 MP DH
Sparham			10.30 United Liturgy DH		8.00 HC DH		10.30 HC PB TC	10.30 MP CW

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